

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ALPENA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION**

June 2, 2026

The Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Alpena met in regular session on the above date. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Gerry MacArthur, at 3:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners MacArthur, Spaulding, Lucas, Augustyn, and Hein.

Absent: None.

Staff present: Ryan Brege, Managing Director; John Bygden, Road Superintendent; Julia Patterson, Finance Director/Board Secretary.

Others Present: Dan Florip, Road Commission Attorney; Bill LaHaie, Alpena County Commissioner.

AGENDA

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Augustyn, to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Augustyn, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 5, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter dated May 28, 2026, from Mable Partyka regarding the road signs placed on Haken Road and Villeneuve Road. The Board directed Managing Director Ryan Brege to send a letter to Ms. Partyka to inform her that no action was taken.

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to make the communications a part of the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD/PUBLIC COMMENT

Victor Patzer, 12895 Hubbard Lake Road, appeared before the Board to inquire if the speed limit signs could be moved further north on Hubbard Lake Road.

MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT

Managing Director Ryan Brege reported the following:

- Long Rapids Road Bridge over North Branch of the Thunder Bay River is complete.
- Jack's Landing Road, from South end of HMA to M-32, crush and shape is complete.
- Spruce Road Overlay, from Nicholson Hill to Precour, was

awarded to Bolen Asphalt for \$567,205. The start date has yet to be determined.

- Grand Lake Road Overlay, from US-23 to County Line, was awarded to Bolen Asphalt for \$130,976.20. No start date has of yet but will coordinate with Monaghan Point Road Overlay.
- Old Ossineke Road Overlay bid letting was on May 4th and awarded to Ace-Saginaw Paving for \$130,976.20 and approved by MDOT.
- Attended Managers Retreat.
- Attended safe routes to school meeting with the City and Thunder Bay Schools at their request.
- Attended a meeting with the sub-consultant for the MDOT local agency bridge inspection five-year program.
- Due to the Emergency Management Office failing to share the deadline for the flood for FEMA, the deadline was missed but was able to get an extension to submit the necessary documents to start the process.
- Received the plans for the beam garage columns but haven't sent out bids yet.

COUNTY ROAD REPORT

Road Superintendent John Bygden presented the Board with an update on the County Roads.

APRIL FINANCIAL REPORT

The Finance Director presented the Cash/Cash Equivalents Financial Report for the month ending April 30, 2026.

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, that all reports become part of the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

BIDS, QUOTATIONS, AND PURCHASES

MAY BILLS

Moved by Augustyn, seconded by Spaulding, to approve the May 2026 bills in the amount of \$637,823.42. Motion carried unanimously.

PURCHASES

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to approve the following purchases in the amount of \$133,520.74:

9B. PURCHASES				
Item	PO/Inv.	Date	Description	Amount
1	26-186	5/11/26	A-1 Tree Service LLC., tree removal on US-23 S. for MDOT	\$8,000.00
2	537385	5/20/26	AIS Construction Equip, 900 grader bits at \$14.91 per bit.	\$13,425.00
3	202627-01	5/13/26	CRASIF, First Quarter Workers' Comp Premium.	\$8,049.00
4	PO 192	5/26/26	Crystal Flash, 2,500 gallons nolead gas at \$ 3.606 per gallon.	\$9,017.83
5	37789	5/12/26	Everett Goodrich Trucking, gravel removal, grading, traffic control and pavement for Genschaw and Golf Course Roads.	\$5,365.00
6	01P137994	4/6/26	Michigan Truckspring, beam and saddle assembly for Truck #089.	\$5,644.49
7	84670	04/30/26	Schulze, Oswald, Miller & Edwards PC, for 2025 year-end audit and implementation of GASB 102.	\$12,750.00

8	105982	5/28/26	Soils & Structures, engineering services for beam inspection.	\$5,600.00
9	R316004953	5/13/26	Stoops, labor and materials to program new CPC for Truck #095.	\$2,785.72
10	881315	4/30/26	Team Elmer's, emergency culvert/labor for Golf Course Road.	\$24,503.34
11	881314	4/30/26	Team Elmer's, emergency work for Genshaw Road.	\$13,869.09
12	787766	5/12/26	Team Elmer's, 589.23 tons of 23A gravel at \$9.25 per ton for county roads.	\$5,450.47
13	881698	5/22/26	Team Elmer's, 1,251.53 tons of 23A gravel tailgate spread at \$15.23 per ton for county roads.	\$19,060.80
				TOTAL PURCHASES \$133,520.74

Motion carried unanimously.

CONTRACT PAYMENTS

There were no contract payments.

MONAGHAN POINT ROAD OVERLAY BIDS

One bid was received on June 2, 2026, for Monaghan Point Road Overlay:

Bolen Asphalt Paving \$114,602.50

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Hein, to accept the bid from Bolen Asphalt Paving for a price of \$114,602.50. Motion carried unanimously.

STOCKPILING 29A

Moved by Augustyn, seconded by Spaulding, to allow Managing Director Ryan Brege to get prices for stockpiling 29A and authorize Mr. Brege to accept the lowest bid in the best interest of the Road Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Lucas commented that the roads in Wellington Township were horrible but now in the best shape ever. Commissioner Augustyn suggested that the employment ads highlight the benefit package such as the health insurance and the vacation package that the Road Commission offers.

NEW HIRES, RETIRES, AND TRANSFERS

Managing Director Ryan Brege reported that the Road Commission is still looking to hire truck drivers, a mechanic, and engineering tech.

KEETCH ROAD ABANDONMENT

Road Commission Attorney Dan Florip reported that there is no update as they are still in the process of contacting property owners for signatures.

TRANSPORTATION PLAN

At the safe routes to school meeting, it was stated that the current transportation plan is outdated. The Road Commission Board

had decided previously to not participate in the cost of a new plan. Nico Tucker, Transportation and Resource Planner at NEMCOG, stated that the cost could be an estimated \$200,000 with a required 20% match. An email was received by Heidi Planeuf who is the grant coordinator for NEMCOG stating MDOT will pay the 20%.

MDOT ENGINEERING REIMBURSEMENT

Moved by Augustyn, seconded by Lucas, to request reimbursement from the Michigan Department of Transportation in the amount up to \$10,000.00 for payments made during the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 to licensed professional engineers employed or retained by this Commission, in accordance with Sec. 12(2) of Act 51, as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

RURAL ROAD ALLIANCE MEMBERSHIP

Managing Director Ryan Brege informed the Board of this newly formed Rural Road Alliance organization. This organization advocates for the Northern Michigan and Upper Peninsula Road Commissions to help them be represented in Lansing. The Alpena County Road Commission was asked to join this organization. This issue was tabled until a further meeting.

TOWNSHIP DUST CONTROL AGREEMENT

Moved by Augustyn, seconded by Spaulding, to approve the following Road Agreement for Dust Control:

	Township	ACRC	Total
	<u>Match</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Estimate</u>
<i>Charter Township of Alpena</i>			
2026 Local Road Dust Control Program			
35% Solution/Brine	\$34,650.00	\$0.00	\$34,650.00
<i>Green Township</i>			
2026 Local Road Dust Control Program			
35% Solution/Brine	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00
<i>Long Rapids Township</i>			
2026 Local Road Dust Control Program			
35% Solution/Brine	\$24,500.00	\$0.00	\$24,500.00
<i>Wilson Township</i>			
2026 Local Road Dust Control Program			
35% Solution/Brine	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	\$40,000.00
Motion carried unanimously.			

TOWNSHIP ROAD AGREEMENTS

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to approve the following Road Agreements:

	Township	ACRC	Total
	<u>Share</u>	<u>Share</u>	<u>Estimate</u>
<u>CHARTER TOWNSHIP of ALPENA:</u>			

Surface Gravel:

Lay Rd @ Werth Rd 0.28 mi.	\$ 4,930	\$ 4,930	\$ 9,860
Tamarack Rd. @ M-32 0.49 mi.	\$ 8,524	\$ 8,524	\$ 17,048
Naylor Rd. @ French Rd 0.49 mi.	\$ 9,300	\$ 9,300	\$ 18,600

Seal Coats and Overlay:

Monaghan Point Rd Overlay 0.83 mi.	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 120,000
Woodview, Sandy, Timber, Woodcrest, Crestview, and Woodland-Maint. Seal	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 60,000

TOTAL CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF ALPENA:	\$ 112,754	\$ 112,754	\$ 225,508
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	<u>Township Share</u>	<u>ACRC Share</u>	<u>Total Estimate</u>
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OSSINEKE TOWNSHIP:

Chip Coat Seals:

Scott Rd. @ 2,765' E. of Osburn. 1.48 mi.	\$ 51,067	\$ 3,933	\$ 55,000
Nicholson Hill Rd @ Wolf Creek then W. .92 mi.	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 40,000

TOTAL OSSINEKE TOWNSHIP:	\$ 71,067	\$ 23,933	\$ 95,000
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Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The Alpena County Road Commissioners' next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 7, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. in the lower level of the Alpena County Road Commission.

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

Gerry MacArthur, Chairman

Julia G. Patterson,
Board Secretary