

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

March 4, 2025

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, and Lucas.  
Absent: None.

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

Others Present: Tim Gulden, Road Commission Attorney; Rebecca Rivard of Huron Engineering and Surveying; Bill LaHaie and Travis Konarzewski, County Commissioners.

Vendors Present: Roger Hansen and Jim Zaremba from Zaremba Equipment in Gaylord.

**AGENDA**

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

**MINUTES**

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 4, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no communications.

**CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD/PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dave Eastman and Bill Bridge, residents of Lappan Road, attended the meeting to learn more about the Road Commission process.

**TANDEM AXLE TRUCK BIDS/PURCHASE**

Following a review of the bids from the February 4, 2025, board meeting, the staff recommended awarding the bid to Zaremba Equipment. The following bids were opened Friday, January 31, 2025, for furnishing one 66,000 lb. GVWR Truck Chassis:

<u>Stoops Western Star of Michigan</u>	
2026 Western Star Truck 47X . . . . .	\$167,000.00
EW4 7 Yr.250K Miles Warranty (included in price)	
Transmission=Detroit DT12	
Engine = Detroit DD13	
Delivery Date = 180 days	
Total Bid . . . . .	\$167,000.00

Alternate Bid: #2

Stoops Western Star of Michigan

2026 Western Star Truck 47X . . . . . \$172,000.00  
EW4 7 Yr.250K Miles Warranty (included in price)  
Transmission=Alison 4500RDS  
Engine = DD13  
Delivery Date = 180 days  
Total Bid . . . . . \$172,000.00

Zaremba Equipment

2026 International HV615 SBA . . . . . \$ 129,281.00  
7Yr/250K Miles Warranty \$ 8,513.00  
Transmission=International T 14  
Engine = International S-13 515 hp  
Delivery Date = 120 days  
Total Bid . . . . . \$ 147,794.00

Alternate Bid: #2

Zaremba Equipment

2026 International HX520 SFA . . . . . \$ 157,543.00  
6Yr/250K Miles Warranty \$4,175.00  
Transmission= Eaton Endurant XD Pro  
Engine = Cummins X15  
Delivery Date = 120 days  
Total Bid . . . . . \$ 161,718.00

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to award the bid to Zaremba Equipment as recommended, for furnishing one 2026 International HX520 EW4 6 yr./250K mile warranty for a cost of \$161,718.00, per their bid dated January 31,2025. Motion carried unanimously.

**MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT**

Managing Director Ryan Brege reported the following:

- Long Rapids Road Bridge over North Branch of the Thunder Bay River should be in the April bid letting.
- Lake Winyah Road is complete on all but slope restoration.
- Third Street/Tamarack Road plans reviewed and an update in progress.
- Wolf Creek Road resurfacing project. Scheduled for the March bid letting.
- Attended the City of Alpena's meeting on February 18<sup>th</sup> for safety issues about the traffic signal on Third and Hobbs Drive. The same concerns were addressed as in previous Third Street extension meetings. Alternate routes were discussed and asked to participate in a new study. The next meeting is tentatively planned for March 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Attended the MTA meeting on February 24<sup>th</sup> and reported on the Third Street.
- Attended the UP Builders conference in Marquette. Lots of great presentations.
- Attended the County Engineers Workshop with Engineering Tech Jake Heltsley at Shanty Creek in Bellaire.
- Met with EGLE representative Janice Adams to discuss the high salt content in the Charter's water well on the neighboring property. Spoke with Gayle Cummings and Bill Henn from MCRCSIP before the meeting for direction on this issue. Mr. Henn decided to attend the meeting with EGLE.

**COUNTY ROAD REPORT**

The Superintendent presented the Board with an update on the County Roads.

**JANUARY FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Finance Director presented the Cash/Cash Equivalents Financial Report for the month ended January 31, 2025.

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

**BIDS, QUOTATIONS, AND PURCHASES**

**ANNUAL REQUIREMENTS**

**1. Aggregate:**

<u>Item</u>	<u>Everett Goodrich</u>	<u>Spec. Stone</u>	<u>Team Elmer's</u>	<u>C &amp; S Carrier</u>
Tailgate Spread Agg.:				
County-Wide	\$20.55/Ton 22A	\$21.15 22A		
	\$19.80/Ton 23A	\$20.50 23A	\$13.95/Ton	\$16.00
Pit Loaded Agg.				
22A	No Bid	\$ 11.24/Ton	\$9.25/Ton	No Bid
23A	No Bid	\$ 10.74/Ton	\$9.00/Ton	No Bid
21AA	No Bid	\$ 10.99/Ton	\$9.25/Ton	No Bid
29A	No Bid	\$ 15.25/Ton	Ck. Availability	No Bid

**2. Bituminous Patching Materials:**

<u>Item</u>	<u>Ace-Saginaw Paving</u>	<u>Everett Goodrich</u>	<u>Unique Paving</u>
	<u>Delivered/At Plant</u>	<u>Trucking</u>	<u>Materials</u>
		<u>Delivered/At Plant</u>	<u>Delivered/At Plant</u>
CP-6	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid
CP-7	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid
CP-7 Appr. Equal	No Bid	No Bid	\$148.82-train/\$125.00/ton
QPR	137.00/\$125.00/ton	\$125.00/\$120.00/ton	

**3. Emulsified Asphalts:**

<u>Item</u>	<u>Bit-Mat Products</u>	<u>Michigan Paving</u>
	<u>Unit Price/Gal.</u>	<u>Unit Price/Gal.</u>
AE-90	\$2.3500	NO BID
AE-90 Alt.	NO BID	\$2.3900
CRS-2m	\$2.4900	\$2.5500
Fog seal	\$1.8500	\$1.7400

**4. Brine Application for Dust Control:**

*Mineral Well > 26%:*

GFL Environmental, Inc. DBA: Northern A-1 Services	\$.0.305/gal.
D & J Bowen, Sterling, MI	\$.0.310/gal.
Bay Dust Control	NO BID
Michigan Chloride Sales	NO BID

**5. Liquid Calcium Chloride, Applied:**

Bay Dust/Liquid Calcium Chloride Sales. . . . . \$0.764/gal.

35% Calcium Chloride Solution,  
Applied, Continuous Application

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to accept all the bids received for furnishing annual requirements allowing staff the

option to purchase material from the firm offering the most economical cost and timely delivery of the product desired. Motion carried unanimously.

**PAVEMENT MARKINGS BIDS**

Three bids were opened on Friday, February 21, 2025, for annual pavement traffic markings:

Michigan Pavement Markings, LLC . . . . .	\$75,317.20
P.K. Contracting. . . . .	\$77,121.21
M & M Pavement Markings . . . . .	\$81,970.68

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to award the lowest bid to Michigan Pavement Markings of Wyoming, Michigan in the amount of \$75,317.20. Motion carried unanimously.

**FEBRUARY BILLS**

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to approve the February 2025 bills in the amount of \$429,800.53. Motion carried unanimously.

**PURCHASES**

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to approve the following purchases in the amount of \$58,849.82:

1	SI25-30490	2/24/25	Detroit Salt Co., 56.60 tons at \$75.02/ton for salt for county roads.	\$4,246.13
2	SI25-30565	2/25/25	Detroit Salt Co., 54.85 tons at \$75.02/ton for salt for county roads.	\$4,114.85
3	SI25-30639	2/26/25	Detroit Salt Co., 54.66 tons at \$75.02/ton for salt for county roads.	\$4,100.59
4	IN-007911A	2/21/25	Forward Distributing, 3,000 gallons of nolead gas at \$2.2085 per gallon.	\$6,625.50
5	337438	2/18/2025	Scotland Oil, 11,1962 winter blend diesel fuel at \$2.4735 per gallon.	\$29,672.11
6	BSO026410	2/10/2025	Truck & Trailer Specialties, 25 wing shoes for stock at \$157.76 per item and 2 air valves for Trucks #094 & 098.	\$4,302.02
7	BSO026879	2/25/2025	Truck & Trailer Specialties, 12 wing shoes for stock at \$157.76 per item and 25 Wing Reverse Blades at \$155.82 per blade.	\$5,788.62
<b>TOTAL PURCHASES</b>				<b>\$58,849.82</b>

Motion carried unanimously.

**CONTRACT PAYMENTS**

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to approve the following contract payments in the amount of \$382,200.00:

1	6876	2/12/2025	Huron Engineering and Surveying, Inc., design services for Third Street & Tamarack.	\$7,200.00
2	591- 11301207	1/29/2025	Michigan Department of Transportation, Advance Construction deposit for Wolf Creek Road Crush & Shape.	\$375,000.00
<b>TOTAL CONTRACT PAYMENTS</b>				<b>\$382,200.00</b>

Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

Commissioner Spaulding commended the crew for a great job for clearing the roads after the last storm. Commissioner Lucas inquired if the trucks had wings and questioned the road width after a snowstorm. Commissioner MacArthur stated that he is strongly against the new plan study that the City of Alpena is proposing. Mr. MacArthur commented that Tamarack Road to Werth Street would be a great addition to the Third Street Extension project.

**LONG RAPIDS ROAD BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING**

Since the Road Commission does not have all the necessary engineering equipment/program (MDOT will not allow the Field Manager program) to properly track the Long Rapids Road Bridge construction engineering, Managing Director Ryan Brege is recommending LS Engineering. MDOT now utilizes a program called Ashtoware and Engineering Tech Jake Heltsley is not trained in that program. Heltsley would still be the head one onsite. LS Engineering assisted with the construction engineering of the Bagley Street/Long Rapids Road intersection traffic signal project in 2023.

**CAMERAS FOR TRUCKS/ROAD EQUIPMENT**

Managing Director Ryan Brege informed the Board that the Road Commission is switching from Verizon to Samsara for \$19.99 per month per unit for the trucks and road equipment. Front-facing cameras have not been discussed in length with the crew. County Commissioner Travis Konarzewski offered to share his positive experience with the crew with the cameras on his business road equipment.

**PLOW QUOTE FOR TRUCK #035**

Moved by Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Commissioner Spaulding, to accept the quote of \$9,194.00 from Freese Hydraulics and Equipment Repair, Inc. for a Western Plow for truck #035. Motion carried unanimously.

**LOCAL BRIDGE RESOLUTION-STATE STREET BRIDGE**

Moved by Commissioner Spaulding, supported by Commissioner Lucas, that Managing Director Ryan Brege file an application for State/Federal financial assistance in funding for the reconstruction of the State Street Bridge over Devil's River. Due to its age and level of deterioration, risking closure or restrictions of this crossing would have a major impact on the motoring public. This impact is primarily the result of this bridge being the only means of ingress/egress to several homes and recreational areas.

It is resolved that the Board of County Road Commissioners for Alpena County supports the rehabilitation project; and whereas the Alpena County Road Commission is actively seeking participation in the rehabilitation of this structure; and whereas the Alpena County Road Commission will commit the necessary funds for design and construction engineering and the required five percent matching funds for rehabilitation of the structure if approved. Motion carried unanimously.

**LOCAL BRIDGE RESOLUTION-HUBBARD LAKE ROAD BRIDGE**

Moved by Commissioner Spaulding, supported by Commissioner Lucas, that Managing Director Ryan Brege file an application for State/Federal financial assistance in funding for the reconstruction of the Hubbard Lake Road Bridge over the lower South branch of the Thunder Bay River. Due to its age and level of deterioration, risking closure or restrictions of this crossing would have a major impact on the motoring public. This impact is primarily the result of this bridge being a County primary road classified as a major collector.

It is resolved that the Board of County Road Commissioners for Alpena County supports the rehabilitation project; and whereas the Alpena County Road Commission is actively seeking participation in the rehabilitation of this structure; and whereas the Alpena County Road Commission will commit the necessary funds for design and construction engineering and the required five percent matching funds for rehabilitation of the structure if approved. Motion carried unanimously.

**2024 COUNTY-WIDE AND URBAN-AREA MILEAGE  
ANNUAL CERTIFICATION**

Moved by Commissioner Spaulding, supported by Commissioner Lucas, to adopt the following resolution.

In accordance with the provisions of Act 51, Public Acts of 1951, as amended, the Board of County Road Commissioners of Alpena County, Michigan, does hereby certify to the Michigan Department of Transportation that, as of December 31, 2024, the Alpena County Road System included 209.52 miles in the County-Wide Primary Road System, of which 11.28 miles are Urban Primary Roads, and included 450.74 miles in the County-Wide Local Road System, of which 47.71 miles are Urban Local Roads; and does further certify that said County-Wide Primary and Local Road Systems are under the jurisdiction of the Alpena County Road Commission and are normally open to automobile traffic during the months of May through October. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Lappan Road Resident Dave Eastman inquired about the process for having the drainage improved on Bloom Road.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next regular meeting of the Alpena County Road Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. in the lower level of the Alpena County Road Commission.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

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Gerry MacArthur, Chairman

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Julia G. Patterson,  
Board Secretary