

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

April 4, 2023

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, Gerald Lucas, at 3:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Lucas, MacArthur, and Spaulding.
Absent: None.

Staff present: Ryan Brege, Managing Director; Curt Gonyea, Superintendent; Julia Patterson, Finance Director/Board Secretary; and Kourtney Boldrey, Assistant Finance Director.

Others Present: Dan Florip, Road Commission Attorney; County Engineer Rebecca Rivard and Mark Tolkacz of Huron Engineering and Surveying; Bill LaHaie, Alpena County Commissioner; Ken Lobert, Supervisor of Ossineke Township.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Moved by MacArthur, seconded by Spaulding, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 7, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD/PUBLIC COMMENT

Ossineke Township Supervisor Ken Lobert appeared before the Board to inquire if the Road Commission would be interested in doing two miles of Scott Road instead of the one mile that was budgeted in the Road Commission 2023 budget. Managing Director Ryan Brege explained that the cost for the two miles would be approximately \$300,000 with the Road Commission paying 1/3 and Ossineke Township paying 2/3 of the total cost. He stated that there would be a big cost savings by doing both miles and the Road Commission budget allows for it. Mr. Lobert also asked if the Road Commission would fund the project and allow Ossineke Township to pay it in two installment payments. Mr. Brege will investigate how it was done in past Township Road agreements so the funding options will be consistent.

Moved by MacArthur, seconded by Spaulding, to draw up an agreement with the Ossineke Township to make improvements on two miles of Scott Road and to allow Ossineke Township to pay their cost share

in two annual installment payments with interest and finalize the Road Agreement at the next meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mable and Mike Partyka, 5703 Haken Road, appeared before the Board to question why there is a yield sign and not a stop sign on Haken Road/Villeneuve. Mrs. Partyka stated that she has had close calls several times. Managing Director Ryan Brege responded that sign placement is placed by engineering judgement. He will investigate it. Commissioner Lucas informed the Partykas that they will receive a call back regarding this issue.

MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT

Managing Director Ryan Brege reported the following:

- No update on the projects.
- Made the necessary changes to the Oxcart Permitting System to make it more user-friendly for residential users.
- Spoke with Bill Henn, MCRCSIP attorney, regarding the Charter Township of Alpena's infrastructure damage and the Road Commission is not liable for those damages.
- Continuing to work on Category F grant funding for the Bagley Street project; trying to coordinate the federal aid buyout money with this project also.
- Road Commission was on the docket at 1:15 at the county courthouse for the Tadjewski countersuits; Judge dismissed all countersuits against the Road Commission.
- Attended the County Road Highway Conference in Lansing.

Commissioner MacArthur questioned if the Road Commission had developed a standard for the utility repair excavations for the Charter Township of Alpena. Managing Director Ryan Brege responded that it is very hard to put all of those scenarios in the same category. Commissioner MacArthur stated that \$50,000 in density testing was incurred by the Charter Township of Alpena. Mr. Brege stated we do not want to deviate away from density testing.

COUNTY ROAD REPORT

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

FEBRUARY FINANCIAL REPORT

The Finance Director presented the Cash/Cash Equivalents Financial Report for the month ended February 28, 2023.

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by MacArthur, that all reports become part of the minutes.

BIDS

OVERBAND CRACK SEALING BIDS

The following bids were opened March 27, 2023, for overband crack sealing for 11.8 miles in Alpena County:

Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC.	\$49,678.00
Scodeller Construction.	\$64,982.60

Moved by MacArthur, seconded by Spaulding, to award the bid to the low bidder, Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC of Saginaw, Michigan in the amount of \$49,678.00. Motion carried unanimously.

SHOULDER PAVING BID

One bid was received on March 27, 2023 from Bolen Asphalt Paving, for shoulder paving on 1.86 miles of road across seven different locations.

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by MacArthur, to accept the bid submitted by Bolen Asphalt Paving for \$107,300. Motion carried unanimously.

GRADER BLADE QUOTES

The following two quotes were received for grader blades.

AIS Construction \$2,916.36
Ironhawk Industrial \$3,049.86

Moved by MacArthur, seconded by Spaulding, to receive the quote from AIS Construction Equipment, Traverse City, Michigan for the quote of \$2,916.36. Motion carried unanimously.

PURCHASES

Moved by MacArthur, seconded by Spaulding, to approve the following purchases in the amount of \$164,328.39:

9D. PURCHASES

Item	PO/Inv.	Date	Description	Amount
1	76	3/28/23	Gary Oil & Propane Co., 2,601 gallons nolead gas at \$2.635 per gallon.	\$6,853.64
2	209793	3/24/23	Gary Oil & Propane Co., 11,981 gallons diesel fuel at \$2.904 per gallon.	\$34,792.82
3	6648	4/1/23	MCRCSIP, 2023 Liability and Property Insurance policy for May 1, 2023 thru April 30, 2024.	\$112,527.00
4	R316000164	3/10/23	Stoops, new transmission control unit for Truck #052.	\$2,951.96
5	667716	3/7/23	Team Elmer's, 40.57 tons of 23A road gravel at \$6.05 per ton and 643.11 tons of 21AA limestone gravel at \$6.20/ton.	\$4,232.74
6	668004	3/17/23	Team Elmer's, 490.95 tons of 23A road gravel at \$6.05 per per ton.	\$2,970.23
TOTAL PURCHASES				\$164,328.39

Motion carried unanimously.

CONTRACT PAYMENTS

Moved by MacArthur, seconded by Spaulding, to approve the following contract payments in the amount of \$39,045.69:

9E. CONTRACT PAYMENTS

Item	PO/Inv	Date	Description	Amount
1	030623	3/5/23	Michigan Department of Transportation, Contract payment #16 for Bagley Street Bridge	\$39,045.69
TOTAL CONTRACT PAYMENTS				\$39,045.69

Motion carried unanimously.

MARCH BILLS

Moved by MacArthur, seconded by Spaulding, to approve the February 2023 bills in the amount of \$571,908.70. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

There were no Commissioner comments.

HERRON ROAD

Jeff Allen and Mike Flaughter from Team Elmer's appeared before the Board to answer questions about the discrepancies in the quantity of sand that was used on the Herron Road project in 2022. Mr. Allen stated that more sand was used on the project than the Road Commission was billed for. Early in the project, they realized that more material was needed. 5,172 cubic yards of extra sand was hauled to Herron Road. There are load tickets for sand hauled out of Flanders Pit and tickets from Bolen Pit. 42,000 tons of sand hauled out to Herron Road project but only 34,000 tons of sand were billed to the Road Commission.

Commissioner MacArthur questioned why the Road Commission paid an extra \$58,000. Mr. MacArthur stating that the figures aren't correct since the wrong elevations and wrong slopes were used and therefore the Road Commission should not have to pay the extra money.

Managing Director Ryan Brege gave the following rough estimates to repair the Herron Road failure:

1. Excavate out to the bottom of the sub-base and rebuild the project back up-\$125,000.
2. Cutting the asphalt out and bringing the grade up with gravel and repave-\$30,000-\$35,000.
3. Do a crushing and shaping-\$42,000.
4. Wedge and overlay for-\$22,000.

Mr. Brege recommended the wedge and overlay for an estimated cost of \$22,000 but stated that it was the Board's decision on which scenario to choose. County Engineer Rebecca Rivard was asked which scenario she felt was the best choice. Ms. Rivard responded she felt it was most appropriate to remove the failed asphalt, re-gravel, and leave that portion open for the summer to be monitored. Moved by Spaulding, seconded by MacArthur, to go with the scenario to cut the asphalt out, bring up the grade with gravel, and leave the gravel area open through August to settle and then re-pave. Motion carried unanimously.

ANNUAL ACT 51 FINANCIAL REPORT

Moved by MacArthur, seconded by Spaulding, to approve the Annual Act 51 Financial Report for the year ended December 31, 2022, as presented by the Finance Director Julia Patterson. Patterson will review it at the next regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

TOWNSHIP DUST CONTROL AGREEMENTS

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by MacArthur, to approve the following Road Agreements for Dust Control:

	Township	ACRC	Total
	<u>Match</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Estimate</u>
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF ALPENA			
2023 Local Road Dust Control Program			
35% Solution/Brine	\$33,000.00	\$0.00	\$33,000.00
GREEN TOWNSHIP			
2023 Local Road Dust Control Program			
35% Solution/Brine	\$19,800.00	\$0.00	\$19,800.00
OSSINEKE TOWNSHIP			
2023 Local Road Dust Control Program			
35% Solution/Brine	\$20,300.00	\$0.00	\$20,300.00
SANBORN TOWNSHIP			
2023 Local Road Dust Control Program			
35% Solution/Brine	\$30,500.00	\$0.00	\$30,500.00
WELLINGTON TOWNSHIP			
2023 Local Road Dust Control Program			
35% Solution/Brine	\$6,500.00	\$0.00	\$6,500.00
WILSON TOWNSHIP			
2023 Local Road Dust Control Program			
35% Solution/Brine	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	\$40,000.00

Motion carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting of the Alpena County Road Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, 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 4:20 p.m.

Gerald Lucas, Chairman

Julia G. Patterson,
Board Secretary