

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

June 6, 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; John Bygden, Superintendent; Julia Patterson, Finance Director/Board Secretary.

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

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by MacArthur, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 2, 2023 and the minutes of the Special Meeting of May 16, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter dated May 11, 2023 from Tom Doty, Chair of the CRASIF Board of Trustees, asking for Board of Trustee Candidates for the upcoming election.

APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD/PUBLIC COMMENT

Bonnie Krajniak, 14848 Hull Road, attended the Board meeting to offer her congratulations to Road Superintendent Curt Gonyea on his upcoming retirement.

Jerry Kaschner, 3621 Werth Road, appeared before the Board to discuss the water drainage on his property. Mr. Kaschner wants the laws that were referred to in previous meetings regarding the water flow on his property. Managing Director Ryan Brege responded that the DEQ consider that water to be a creek or stream and that water cannot be redirected. Mr. Kaschner was advised to get an attorney.

Adrian MacArthur appeared before the Board to discuss the James Road issue.

MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT

Managing Director Ryan Brege reported the following:

- Pre-con for Spruce Road is scheduled for June 8th at 9:00 a.m. Reviewed all the GI plans and submitted preliminary plans.
- Hired three summer college students.
- Attended Managers' Retreat on May 5th and 6th.
- Met with Airport Manager Steve Smigelski and County Administrator Mary Catherine Hannah to discuss the Airport Road resurfacing project in 2024.
- Received a memo from MCRCSIP regarding removing dead deer from the County right-of-way. The DNR are instructing Road Commissions that deer may be pulled off the roadway but must be taken to an approved disposal landfill. Fines may be given if this rule is violated.
- Attended the Intergovernmental meeting and the Council wants to revisit the road needs study for our area and update the 2003 Road Needs Study. Nico Tucker from NEMCOG will try to secure funding to pay to update that study. Third Street and Tamarack Street bypass were discussed but they want to wait for the updated study. Commissioner Spaulding stated that he received a phone call from a teacher that is concerned about there being only one way out of the Thunder Bay School. He suggested getting the project on the schedule. Mr. Brege responded that since it is a local road, the Road Commission can only pay 50% of the project. Many grants may be available, but they are not a good fit for this type of project. A Federal grant outside the traditional transportation grant would be the best solution.

COUNTY ROAD REPORT

The Superintendent 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 ended April 30, 2023.

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

BIDS

TRUCK HOIST REPLACEMENT BID

There were no sealed bids received for the truck hoist replacement. Managing Director Ryan Brege stated he will re-advertise it for bids.

HERRON ROAD REPAIR

No bids were received for the Herron Road repair. Managing Director Ryan Brege stated that the best option would still be the wedge and overlay. Bolen Asphalt Paving would do the work for the same cost of the asphalt used in the project in 2022. If the project fails again, it can be scheduled for 2024 with a different process.

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by MacArthur, to have Bolen Asphalt Paving do the wedge and overlay with per unit contract prices from 2022. Road Commission will supply traffic control. Commissioner MacArthur was a nay vote. Motion carried.

SCOTT ROAD OVERLAY

One sealed bid was received for overlaying Scott Road from Wolf Creek Road to Hubbard Lake Road. Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to award the project to Bolen Asphalt Paving for a bid of \$313,706.34. Motion carried unanimously.

HERBICIDE APPLICATION

Thunder Bay Tree Service submitted the only bid for 5,500 gallons of intermittent brush spraying at a bid of \$8.50 per gallon plus two-man crew at \$111.00 per hour. Moved by MacArthur, seconded by Spaulding, to accept the bid from Thunder Bay Tree Service. Motion carried unanimously.

PURCHASES

Moved by MacArthur, seconded by Spaulding, to approve the following purchases in the amount of \$ 559,247.52:

Item	PO/Inv.	Date	Description	Amount
1	T03061	5/4/23	AIS Construction Equipment, 180 grader bits @ \$6.08 per bit and four grader boards for Grader #115 at \$2256.36.	\$3,351.36
2	22116	5/23/23	Cadillac Culvert Inc., various culverts for inventory.	\$6,277.50
3	22102	5/18/23	Cadillac Culvert Inc., various culverts for inventory.	\$11,466.40
4	CRA0008541	6/5/23	CRASIF, 1st quarter workers' comp premium for July 1, 2023 thru June 30, 2024.	\$11,264.00
5	34684	4/30/23	Everett Goodrich Trucking Inc., Trucking charge for 345.50 tons at \$5.25 per ton to Brilinski Road Stockpile and 699.2 tons at \$4.47 per ton to Long Rapids Church. Stockpile for county sealcoat projects.	\$4,939.20
6	34758	5/24/23	Everett Goodrich Trucking Inc., 1898.06 tons of 13A asphalt at \$100.00 per ton and 13 hours of lead rental at \$130.00 per hour for MDOT TWA project.	\$191,496.00
7	83	5/25/23	Forward Energy Corp. (formerly Gary Oil Co.) 2,800 gallons nolead gas at \$2.644 per gallon.	\$7,403.20
8	18434	5/23/23	Lois Kay Contracting Co., 8 hours at \$650.00 per hour for milling on US-23 for the MDOT TWA #233048 project	\$5,200.00
9	52183	5/17/23	Northern Energy, Inc., 160 bulk 15W40 @ \$11.50 per gallon and 82 bulk gallons AW46 Hydraulic Oil at \$9.99 per gallon.	\$2,659.18
10	81178	4/30/23	Schulze, Oswald, Miller & Edwards PC, final invoice for 2022 year-end auditing services.	\$2,645.00
11	VM316000028	5/10/23	Stoops Western Star of Michigan, 2024 Western Star tandem truck (ordered in 2022)	\$138,500.00
12	671482	5/2/23	Team Elmer's, 489.55 tons of 23A road gravel at \$6.85 per per ton for county roads.	\$3,353.45
13	864907	5/12/23	Team Elmer's, 5,159.63 tons of tailgate 23A road gravel at \$13.20 per ton for Township Road projects.	\$68,107.11
14	865183	5/26/23	Team Elmer's, 7,771.6 tons of tailgate 23A road gravel at \$13.20 per ton for Township Road projects.	\$102,585.12
TOTAL PURCHASES				\$559,247.52

Motion carried unanimously.

CONTRACT PAYMENTS

There were no contract payments.

MAY BILLS

Moved by MacArthur, seconded by Spaulding, to approve the May 2023 bills in the amount of \$358,911.86. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

There were no Commissioners comments.

JAMES ROAD

At the May 2, 2023 regular Board meeting, Nico Tucker of NEMCOG had indicated to Managing Director Ryan Brege that Adrian MacArthur had applied for a special use permit to open a mining operation on James Road in Green Township. After a short discussion, it was moved by Spaulding, seconded by MacArthur, to not improve James Road and to keep it in its present state and to meet the requirements of the special use permit. Motion carried unanimously.

MDOT ENGINEERING REIMBURSEMENT

Moved by MacArthur, seconded by Spaulding, to request reimbursement from the Michigan Department of Transportation in the amount of \$10,000.00 for payments made during the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 to licensed professional engineers employed or retained by this Commission, in accordance with Sec. 12(2) of Act 51, as amended. Motion carried unanimously

OSSINEKE TOWNSHIP-SCOTT ROAD AGREEMENT

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by MacArthur, to approve the Ossineke Township Road Agreement for the Scott Road, Wolf Creek to Hubbard Lake Road for 2 miles. Total cost was estimated at \$315,000 with Ossineke Township paying \$210,105 and the Alpena County Road Commission paying \$104,895. Motion carried unanimously.

CROWN CASTLE TOWER LEASE

Crown Castle has reached out to begin the process of extending their current lease (on 1400 N. Bagley Street) which expires October of 2024. Moved by MacArthur, seconded by Lucas, to extend the Crown Castle lease with these modifications: Increase monthly rent to \$1,000 and a one-time payment of \$15,000 for early signing, increase prior written notice for termination in Section 3 from 90 days to 120 days. The new lease expiration would be October 11, 2049. Motion carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting of the Alpena County Road Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. in the lower level of the Alpena County Road Commission building.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

Gerald Lucas, Chairman

Julia G. Patterson,
Board Secretary