

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

May 6, 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, Road Superintendent; Julia Patterson, Finance Director/Board Secretary.

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

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 April 1, 2025 and the Alpena County Board of Commissioners meeting on April 22, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD/PUBLIC COMMENT

Kristy Schulze, CPA from Schulze, Oswald, Miller, and Edwards PC appeared before the Board to present a summary of the Annual Financial Report for the year ended December 31, 2024. Ms. Schulze noted there were no significant issues during the audit and that the Alpena County Road Commission is in sound financial condition.

Gary Goren, 109 Glenridge, appeared before the Board to thank Managing Director Ryan Brege and the Alpena County Road Commission crew for the ice storm clean up.

Jerry Kaschner, 3621 Werth Road, inquired why some of the trees were picked up out of his ditch and others were left. Commissioner MacArthur responded that most of the ditches are still full of wood and it was not intentional. Road Superintendent John Bygden responded that the trees that were left were too big for the chipper.

MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT

Managing Director Ryan Brege reported the following:

- Long Rapids Road over North Branch of the Thunder Bay River contract was awarded to Grand River Construction with a bid of \$1,787,792.10. Pre-con scheduled for May 13th at 10:00 a.m.
- Lake Winyah Road is complete on all but slope restoration.
- Continuing to work on the Third Street/Tamarack Road plans with an update in progress.
- Wolf Creek Road’s resurfacing project contractor is Pyramid Paving with a bid of \$1,625,714.42.
- Met with FEMA representatives for the County wide ice storm cleanup and did ride-along to estimate the cost of damages for the Federal disaster declaration grant. FEMA representatives spoke highly of the Alpena County Road Commission. The National Guard didn’t help the crew since roads were open enough. Others needed the National Guard more.

COUNTY ROAD REPORT

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

MARCH FINANCIAL REPORT

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

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

APRIL BILLS

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to approve the April 2025 bills in the amount of \$619,272.10 Motion carried unanimously.

PURCHASES

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to approve the following purchases in the amount of \$83,414.19

1	T62355	3/18/25	AIS Construction Equipment, 900 grader bits at \$6.18 per bit.	\$5,564.85
2	25-124	4/9/25	A1 Tree Service, Right-of-way brush clean up	\$9,000.00
3	3917365	3/31/25	Blarney Castle Oil Co., 1592.20 gallons nolead gas at \$2.481 per gallon.	\$3,950.60
4	78915	4/20/25	Cogitate Software, ProFund Accounting Software Support.	\$2,854.00
5	INV81163	4/11/25	Dornbos Signs, Inc. miscellaneous street signs and posts.	\$5,142.38
6	PO 153	4/14/25	Forward Distributing, 2,600 gallons of nolead gas at \$2.1765 per gallon.	\$5,658.90
7	ACRC	4/9/25	J. Main Services LLC, Ossineke subdivision tree and brush clean up.	\$3,200.00
8	1719641	4/19/25	Michigan CAT, machine rental to assist in ice storm damage.	\$7,464.00

9	PO 154	4/28/25	Scotland Oil Co., 12,000 gallons diesel fuel at \$2.2960 per gallon.	\$27,552.00
10	X316018597	3/19/25	Stoops Western Star, diesel exhaust filter for truck #052	\$5,139.46
11	BS0026876	4/10/25	Truck & Trailer Specialties, 50 wing plow shoes at \$157.76 per plow shoe for inventory.	\$7,888.00
TOTAL PURCHASES				\$83,414.19

Motion carried unanimously.

CONTRACT PAYMENTS

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to approve the following contract payments in the amount of \$10,000:

1	83491	3/31/2025	Schulze, Oswald, Miller & Edwards PC, progress billing for 2024 year end audit.	\$10,000.00
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Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Lucas questioned if the grading of the primary roads have started. Commissioner Spaulding inquired how many trucks have carbide blades and the belly blades do a great job cutting the road.

TOWNSHIP DUST CONTROL AGREEMENTS

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

	Township	ACRC	Total
	<u>Match</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Estimate</u>
Wellington Township			
2025 Local Road Dust Control Program			
35% Solution/Brine	\$6,500.00	\$0.00	\$6,500.00

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting of the Alpena County Road Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, June 3, 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 3:45 p.m.

Gerry MacArthur, Chairman

Julia G. Patterson,
Board Secretary