

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

March 6, 2018

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, Fred Sterns, at 3:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioners Sterns, Heise, and Spaulding.  
Absent: None.

Staff present: Larry Orcutt, Managing Director; Curt Gonyea, Superintendent; Julia Patterson, Finance Director/Board Secretary; Jim Florip, Road Commission Attorney.

Others present: Ron McDonald, County Commissioner.

**AGENDA**

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

**MINUTES**

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Heise, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of February 20, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no communications.

**CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD**

Rick Miller, 9790 Clewley Road, appeared before the Board expressing his concern about the gravel on Clewley Road washing away across the road into the lake and driveways. Mr. Miller stated the gravel that was placed last year on the road has helped but still needs service. Managing Director Larry Orcutt responded that the Road Commission did elevation profiles and checked culverts to see if they are aligned appropriately. One of the major problems is the drainage on the private portion where we have no jurisdiction. Road Superintendent Curt Gonyea has met with Ossineke Township Ken Lobert and hope to do a joint township project to change some of the culverts and do ditching to help the water drain.

**MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT**

Managing Director Larry Orcutt presented a brief update on the following:

- Continuing to work on current projects and planning 2019 road projects.
- MDOT has given notification that they have authorized the railway reconstruction project with Lake State Railway on Werth Road. No date has set as to when the project will begin.
- Indian Reserve Road, South of Werth Road, final contract documents were submitted and will be in the April 6<sup>th</sup> bid opening.

- Bloom Road design is nearly completed and should be ready for bidding.
- Attending the 2018 County Road Association Highway Conference in Lansing on Tuesday March 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Road Commission Auditor Susan Sanford will be performing the 2017 Year End Audit starting on Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup>.

**COUNTY ROAD REPORT**

The Superintendent presented the County Road Report for the period February 12, 2018, through February 25, 2018.

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

**PURCHASES**

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Heise, to approve the following purchases in the amount of \$19,607.14:

Item	PO/Inv	Date	Description	Amount
1	330313	2/28/18	AIS Construction Equipment., tail lamps for Gradall #137.	\$560.27
2	21856	2/23/18	Alpena Oil Company, 2,601 gallons nolead gas @\$1.769 per gallon.	\$4,601.17
3	623010	2/28/18	Besser Alpena, Shear parts for Truck #089.	\$830.00
4	0137837-in	2/27/18	Diamond Motors, hydraulic actuator and manifold update kit for Mower #324.	\$2,825.86
5	22818	2/28/18	Gilbertson Construction llc., men's bathroom remodel	\$7,710.50
6	495582	2/22/18	Team Elmer's, 164.88 tons of 23A gravel at \$4.60/ton for county roads.	\$758.44
7	110	3/2/18	Terry's Auto, labor to replace oil pump and gaskets for Pickup #023.	\$570.00
8	7340003776	2/19/18	Tredroc Tire Services, Ten (10) 12R22.5 Tires for Stock.	\$1,750.90
<b>TOTAL PURCHASES</b>				<b>\$19,607.14</b>

Motion carried unanimously.

**CONTRACT PAYMENTS**

There were no contract payments.

**FEBRUARY BILLS**

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Heise, to approve February bills in the amount of \$299,798.47. Motion carried unanimously.

**LONG RAPIDS ROAD AND KING SETTLEMENT ROAD OVERLAY BID**

The following bids were received and opened on Thursday, March 1, 2018 from the following contractors:

Bolen Asphalt Paving . . . . .	\$277,160.89
Rieth-Riley . . . . .	\$386,590.10

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Heise to award the overlay bid to low bidder Bolen Asphalt Paving of East Tawas. Motion carried unanimously.

**CRACK SEAL BID**

The following bids were received opened for an estimated 10.14 miles of crack sealing for county roads:

	<u>Cost per mile</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
Fahrner Asphalt Sealers	\$5,424/mile	\$54,999.36
Scodeller Construction	\$4,373/mile	\$44,342.22
Wolverine Sealing	\$3,480/mile	\$35,287.20

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Heise to award the crack seal bid to low bidder, Wolverine Sealing of Jackson, Michigan for an estimated cost of \$35,287.20. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

Commissioner Heise commented about the importance of safety in the workplace, especially with the Road commission crew on the road.

**MCRCSIP AMICUS SUPPORT**

MCRCSIP, has requested the support of Road Commissions in its attempt to get the legal dispute with the counties of Jackson, Ingham, and Calhoun to be heard before the Michigan Supreme Court. Those counties had eliminated Road Commissions and MCRCSIP's bylaws do not provide financial distributions for Road Commissions if they are longer members of the pool.

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Heise to support MCRCSIP in this legal dispute. Motion carried unanimously.

**LOCAL BRIDGE PROGRAM  
RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT BAGLEY  
STREET AT THUNDER BAY RIVER BRIDGE REHABILITATION  
APPLICATION FOR LOCAL BRIDGE PROGRAM FUNDS**

Moved by Commissioner Spaulding, supported by Commissioner Heise, that the Managing Director, Larry Orcutt, file an application for State/Federal financial assistance in funding for the rehabilitation of the Bagley Street at Thunder Bay River Bridge. Due to deterioration and increased traffic, restrictions of this crossing would have a major impact to the motoring public.

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 the structure if approved;

WHEREAS, the Bagley Street at Thunder Bay Bridge is vital to the safety and welfare of the residents of Alpena Area, motoring public, including heavy commercial traffic, as well as the critically important to the economy of Northeast Michigan.

WHEREAS, due to the age and deterioration of the structure, it is imperative that the structure be rehabilitated to adequately service motorized and nonmotorized traffic utilizing the crossing.

Be it resolved that the Board of County Road Commissioners for Alpena County supports the rehabilitation project; and

Be it further resolved that the priority for the bridge rehabilitation projects for consideration for Local Bridge Program funds is as follows:

<u>Priority</u>	<u>MDOT Bridge Identification</u>	<u>Road Name</u>
1	0420003301B01	Bagley Street

Motion carried by a vote as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Spaulding, Heise and Sterns.  
Nays: None.

#### **LOCAL ROAD PAVEMENTS**

Elden Drive, Pohl Road, Meyers Road, and Burk Manor Subdivision in Alpena Township are deteriorating beyond repair. Managing Director Larry Orcutt recommends sending a letter to the residents of these roads informing them that the roads are to be pulverized and then maintained as a gravel road. The letter would also include information about the special assessment process for resurfacing the roads if the property owners are interested in pursuing.

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Heise to support Mr. Orcutt's recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **ROAD RECONSTRUCTION DESIGN PROPOSALS**

In anticipation of future road projects, proposals were requested for survey and design for the following projects:

- Herron Road, M-32 to 1 mile North, estimated cost for the work is \$13,070, with a not-to-exceed fee of \$15,000.
- Wolf Creek Road, Nicholson Hill Road to Scott Road, estimated cost for the work is \$26,840, with a not-to-exceed fee of \$29,000.
- Herron Road, from Thunder Bay River to one mile South, estimated cost for the work is \$13,070, with a not-to-exceed fee of \$15,000.

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Heise to approve all three proposals from Huron Engineering and Surveying, Inc. of Alpena with a total not-to-exceed fee of \$59,000. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **2018 SUPPLEMENTAL STATE FUNDING**

The House and Senate approved an additional \$175 million for road funding and when the Governor's approves, the Alpena County Road Commission could receive approximately \$340,000. The extra revenue could be distributed according to the Act 51 formula and must be used for construction and preservation of roads. Sealcoating, overlays, and gravel resurfacing are some of the preservation services that the Alpena County Road Commission anticipates to do when the State supplemental funding is distributed. At the current time, how and when it will be distributed has not been determined and expect to learn more about it at the CRA Conference next week in Lansing.

Managing Director Larry Orcutt suggested the following options for the extra State supplemental funding:

-Additional four miles of sealcoat	\$ 90,000
-Crack seal bids over budgeted amount	\$ 10,000
-Bloom Rd. construction over budget	<u>\$150,000</u>
Total	\$250,000

Also, Mr. Orcutt would like to meet and discuss with the Township Supervisors, the possibility of increasing the township match to get the most work out of this \$340,000.

Board action was not needed at this time awaiting the distribution of the supplemental funding, which could happen by April.

#### **FUTURE PRIMARY ROAD PROJECTS**

Managing Director Larry Orcutt presented a two page document to the Board listing the primary roads that need improvement or reconstruction in Alpena County totaling over \$12 million. Some of the projects that are listed are in the planning process and have grant money that has been designated for them. Also, listed are two bridges that need repair totaling \$7.1 million.

#### **NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners of Alpena will be Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. in the lower level of the Road Commission building.

#### **BOARD RECESS**

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 3:47 p.m. for recess to address the media.

#### **BOARD RECONVENED**

The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

#### **BLOOM ROAD INFORMATIONAL SESSION**

Managing Director welcomed the residents in attendance and described the details of the Bloom Road reconstruction project. Mr. Orcutt explained the project was originally planned to run 0.62 mile East of Wessel to Samp Road and entails upgrading from gravel to pavement. As the design and surveying process began, Samp Road was not a good spot to end so it was extended 1,100 past Samp Road. The Alpena County Road Commission is asking property owners for 17' of additional right-of-way to have a uniform right-of-way throughout the project.

The design was completed by Huron Engineering and Surveying. The project has an estimated \$600,000 cost with an anticipated September 14, 2018 completion date.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

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Fred Sterns, Chairman

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Julia G. Patterson,  
Board Secretary