

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

November 5, 2024

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; John Bygden, Road Superintendent; and Julia Patterson, Finance Director/Board Secretary.

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

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 October 8, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD/PUBLIC COMMENT

Gary Goren, 109 Glenridge Street, Alpena, appeared before the Board to express his continuing concern with the Third Street Extension project.

Chad McNeal, 10690 Washington, Ossineke, stated that his neighbor is blocking his ditch and causing the ditch to not drain.

Jim, Kelley, 6874 Samp Road, Alpena, appeared before the Board to ask the Board to not remove his stone fence that has been on Samp Road for over 75 years. The stone fence is the Road Commission right-of-way and needs to be removed so the Road Commission crew may move forward with the ditching project.

MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT

Managing Director Ryan Brege reported the following:

- Long Rapids Road Bridge's G.I. scheduled for November 14th.
- Lake Winyah Road work is taking place on the entire project.
- Received plans for the Third Street Extension on Friday and plans were reviewed and update is in progress.
- Wolf Creek Road Resurfacing working on preliminary plans.
- Working on 2025 Budget contingent on Third Street plan.
- Lake Winyah completion date was November 1st but since there were delays with the donor's contribution, leaving it up to contractor, MacArthur Construction, if he wants to pave this week or wait until the spring to complete.

COUNTY ROAD REPORT

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

SEPTEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

The Finance Director presented the Cash/Cash Equivalents Financial Report for the month ended September 30, 2024.

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

RECEIVE Z TIRE CHAIN QUOTES

The following three quotes were received for Z Tire Chains:

Fastenal	\$ 3,403.01
McDonald Auto	\$ 5,184.90
Larry's Truck	\$ 2,213.23

Moved by MacArthur, seconded by Spaulding, to receive all quotes since there were various sizes of tire chains, and the mechanics can select which ones will work for the trucks. Motion carried unanimously.

OCTOBER BILLS

Moved by MacArthur, seconded by Spaulding, to approve the October 2024 bills in the amount of \$ 595,612.80. Motion carried unanimously.

PURCHASES

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by MacArthur, to approve the following purchases in the amount of \$116,797.19:

9C. PURCHASES				
Item	PO/Inv.	Date	Description	Amount
1	25133	10/21/24	Cadillac Culvert, Inc., various culverts for inventory.	\$7,439.40
2	1386360	10/18/24	Compass Minerals, 947.73 tons at \$63.98 per ton of county salt.	\$60,635.77
3	77933	10/20/24	Cogitate Software, PFA Support for 110/1/24 thru 1/31/25	\$2,854.00
4	PO 134	10/14/24	Forward Distributing, 2,600 gallons of nolead gas at	

			\$2.252 per gallon.	\$5,855.20
5	1500023872	10/29/24	Pomp's Tire Service, Eight (8) 12R22.5/16 tires at \$479.59 per tire for inventory.	\$3,836.72
6	X316015585	10/31/24	Stoops, clamp for diesel exhaust filter for truck #095.	\$5,260.04
7	738581	10/21/24	Team Elmer's, 502.34 tons of 23A Road Gravel at 7.80 per ton for County Road Projects.	\$3,918.26
8	873029	10/11/24	Team Elmer's, 1,356.8 tons of 23A Road Gravel at \$12.59 per ton for MDOT M-65 Shoulder gravel.	\$17,082.11
9	873113	10/18/24	Team Elmer's, 500.09 tons of 23A Road Gravel at \$12.59 per ton for MDOT M-65 Shoulder gravel.	\$6,296.13
10	738637	10/22/24	Team Elmer's, 464.05 tons of 23A Road Gravel at \$7.80 per ton for County Road Projects.	\$3,619.56
TOTAL PURCHASES				\$116,797.19

Motion carried unanimously.

CONTRACT PAYMENTS

Moved by MacArthur, seconded by Spaulding, to approve the following contract payments in the amount of \$445,360.40:

9D. CONTRACT PAYMENTS

Item	PO/Inv	Date	Description	Amount
1	100824	10/28/24	Give'em A Brake Safety, LLC, Progress Billing #1 for Long Rapids Road Signing Project.	\$78,709.00
2	6669	10/7/24	Huron Engineering and Surveying, Inc., Design engineering services for Third & Tamarack.	\$11,802.00
3	6670	10/7/24	Huron Engineering and Surveying, Inc., Construction testing, and survey services for Lake Winyah Road.	\$4,216.00
4	110124	11/1/2024	MacArthur Construction Inc., Progress Billing #1 for Lake Winyah Road in the Charter Township of Alpena.	\$277,931.12
5	110124	11/1/24	MacArthur Construction Inc., Progress Billing #1 for Lake Winyah Road in the Maple Ridge Township	\$34,776.28
6	16163	10/18/24	Wolverine Sealcoating Inc., overband crack seal for Werth Road, Long Lake Road, and Piper Road.	\$37,926.00
TOTAL CONTRACT PAYMENTS				\$445,360.40

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Lucas asked Road Superintendent John Bygden when the roads will be graded now that it has rained. Commissioner Spaulding commented that the crew did an excellent job maintaining Keating Road.

THIRD STREET EXTENSION

Managing Director Ryan Brege informed the Board that there are deadlines that need to be met for the project and would like to advertise for bids. Commissioner MacArthur stated that he does not like the ten-foot wide culvert for \$250,000 in the preliminary plans. Brege responded that is a DEQ requirement and permit will not be approved without it. MacArthur also commented that he does not want the roundabout but to use a three-way stop sign at that

intersection, and to install a speed limit sign to reduce the speeding.
Moved by Spaulding, seconded by MacArthur, to advertise the Third Street Extension contingent on notification of Charter Township of Alpena matching share of the project. MacArthur Nay. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZATION TO ORDER ROAD NAME SIGNS

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by MacArthur, to authorize Managing Director Ryan Brege to order the necessary road name signs after the quotes are received. Motion carried unanimously.

SUPPLEMENTAL WEIGHMASTER SERVICE

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by MacArthur, to contract with Michigan State Police (MSP) for supplemental enforcement for the road systems during weight restriction season for a maximum of ten hours per week at approximately \$89.51 per hour.
Motion carried unanimously.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT APPEAL AND REQUEST

Moved by MacArthur, seconded by Spaulding, to deny the Freedom of Information Act Appeal and Request submitted by a resident of the Geronimo Road. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gary Goren and Dawn Gentry commented that they are disappointed in the decision to go forward with the Third Street Extension project.
Jim Keller commented that the decision to remove his stone fence should be taken into consideration because of the length of time it was there.

2025 BUDGET WORKSHOP

Moved by MacArthur, seconded by Spaulding, to schedule the 2025 Budget Workshop to Tuesday, November 26, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting of the Alpena County Road Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. in the lower level of the Alpena County Road Commission.

Gerald Lucas, Chairman

Julia G. Patterson,
Board Secretary