

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES
ALGER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION**

Regular Meeting

January 2, 2024

4:00 p.m.

Pursuant to resolution, the Regular Meeting of the Alger County Road Commission was held at the Road Commission Office. The meeting was called to order by Chair Marci Taskey with the following members present: Marci Taskey, Pete Heyrman & John Hermann. Absent: None.

Also present: Finance Director Daniel Rushford & Shane Bugg.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

John Hermann made a motion to nominate Marci Taskey for Chair. Supported by Pete Heyrman. Ayes: John Hermann, Pete Heyrman, & Marci Taskey. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Pete Heyrman mad a motion to nominate John Hermann as Vice Chair. Supported by Marci Taskey. Ayes: John Hermann, Taskey, & Pete Heyrman. Nays: None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL/CHANGES TO AGENDA

John Hermann wanted to add MARESA to the agenda. A motion was made by John Hermann to approve the amended agenda. Supported by Pete Heyrman. Ayes: Pete Heyrman, Marci Taskey & John Hermann. Nays: None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES 12/18/23 BUDGET HEARING & REGULAR MEETING

John Hermann pointed out that Marci Taskey should have been shown as Chair in the minutes. A motion was made by John Hermann to approve the minutes with changes from the 12/18/23 Budget Hearing and Regular meeting. Supported by John Hermann. Ayes: Pete Heyrman, Marci Taskey & John Hermann. Nays: None. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A motion was made by Pete Heyrman to approve the Accounts Payable, which is due in the January in the amount of \$243,131.55 and to authorize payment when funds are available. Supported by John Hermann. Ayes: Pete Heyrman, Marci Taskey & John Hermann. Nays: None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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ENGINEER/MANAGER REPORT

MDOT Maintenance Work:

With the non-winter conditions, our foremen have been strategizing to work on the State highways by removing dead, dying, or at risk trees.

State Bridge Bundling Options for Woodland Road Bridge and Kivamaki Road Bridge:

The planning process continues for both structures, with construction delayed until funds become available.

H-58 over the Sucker River Bridge:

Preliminary plans include a 40-foot span precast concrete arch bridge structure. Final plans and advertisement will likely occur in the spring of 2024. Plans are currently 60 percent complete.

Chapel Road Construction Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) Grant:

Bacco Construction plans to begin earthwork, after weight restrictions are removed in 2024.

Rapid River Truck Trail Pavement Reconstruction 2024:

Paving bids will be advertised in February of 2024. The Contract for nearly \$300,000 of Forest Resource Funds is in place.

2024 H-58 Project (Miners Castle Road to 1.5 miles East):

MDOT has approved the completed design of this 2024 Federal Aid project. It is on schedule for a January 2024 bid letting. An MDOT Agreement is expected, within the next 30-days.

New Plow Truck:

The Western Star 4700 series chassis arrived at U.P. Truck Center, in Iron Mountain, in early December. The truck will be delivered to Truck & Trailer Specialties for installation of the box, plow, and attachments. We will likely have the truck ready for service in April or May. Equipment costs continue to rise and delivery dates are pushed back on nearly every product.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

CREDIT ACCOUNT AUTHORIZED OFFICER

A motion was made by Pete Heyrman to allow Daniel Rushford, Finance Director, to act as Credit Account Authorized Officer on all credit accounts. Supported by Marci Taskey. Ayes: Pete Heyrman, Marci Taskey & John Hermann. Nays: None. Motion carried.

MARESA

John Hermann spoke with Erich Ziegler, CTE Director MARESA, about hosting an internship through their Work Based Learning Program. Mr. Ziegler would like to come to our meeting scheduled for Monday, February 4, 2023. John Hermann asked that it is placed on the agenda.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

COMMISSIONER TOPICS

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Marci Taskey, Chair

Daniel Rushford, Finance Director