

APPROVED MINUTES
ALGER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
February 19, 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, Dan Carlson, Shane Bugg, Mark Zitnik, Brian Menghini, Heidi Swajanen & Mickey Rondeau.

APPROVAL/CHANGES TO AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES 2/05/24 REGULAR MEETING

A motion was made by Pete Heyrman to approve the minutes of the 2/05/2024 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 February in the amount of \$133,825.84 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

Mickey Rondeau had asked about the DNR Letter in what it was about. Lindbeck explained that it is on our agenda for our board to sign closing a portion of H-58 to snowmobiles for next season.

ENGINEER/MANAGER REPORT

MDOT Maintenance Work:

As winter maintenance lags, our foremen are strategizing to perform tree cutting for MDOT.

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

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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. The EGLE permit is targeted for submittal on January 19th. The goal is to advertise for bids on or about March 15th and award the project in mid-April.

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

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

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

The project has been awarded to Payne & Dolan, Inc. A progress Schedule is included for the February 19th Board Meeting.

Rapid River Truck Trail Pulverizing and Paving Bids:

Sealed bids were opened on February 14th at 1:00 p.m. for the budgeted paving project. I recommend award to the low-bidder, Bacco Construction.

Ridge Road Paving Bids:

Sealed bids were opened on February 14th at 1:30 p.m. for the budgeted paving project, which is scheduled in cooperation with AuTrain Township. This project will allow for pulverizing of the existing 273-foot paved section, extending south from M-28 and re-paving with a 600-foot-long section. I recommend award to the low-bidder, Payne & Dolan.

Wilson and Woodruff Streets Paving Bids:

Sealed bids were opened on February 14th at 2:00 p.m. for the budgeted paving project in Burt Township. I recommend award to the low-bidder, Payne & Dolan.

Johnson Lane Bridge over the Laughing Whitefish River:

Onota Township is deliberating on whether they are interested in the possibility of funding a pre-fabricated bridge as their contribution. Under this scenario, would the Road Commission be interested in facilitating the placement of the bridge? (in the same manner that Onota and ACRC worked together on Risku Road Bridge AND Karvonen Road Bridge). The interested property owner called me on February 14th to inform me that he is willing to contribute 10% of the estimated project cost. He will attend our March 4th meeting.

H-58 Snowmobile Trail #422 at Miners River:

I have received correspondence from Mr. Olson, of the MDNR. I have revised the draft letter for the Board to sign, as directed.

MERS 457 Amendment:

The crew has requested an amendment to our program that will allow employees to borrow against their own personal investment accounts. This does not affect the Alger County Road Commission, so I support the amendment.

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Metal Culvert Material Bids:

Sealed bids are due on March 13th at 1:00 p.m. for the budgeted paving project in Burt Township.

OLD BUSINESS

JOHNSON LANE BRIDGE

Lindbeck talked with Terry Pihlainen, Onota Township Supervisor and it will be on their March 4, 2024 Agenda.

Mark Zitnik is a property owner on Johnson Lane. He feels that it does not make sense to replace a bridge for two people. He had asked about abandoning the road on the other side and Pete Heyrman said that it would likely not gain enough support.

SANDY LANE, BURT TOWNSHIP

Shane Bugg had stated that Burt Township is still discussing money and would like to gravel all the way to the end.

NEW BUSINESS

RAPID RIVER TRUCK TRAIL PAVING BID

A motion was made by John Hermann to accept all both bids and place on file. Supported by Pete Heyrman. Ayes: Pete Heyrman, Marci Taskey & John Hermann. Nays: None. Motion carried.

	Bacco Construction	Payne and Dolan
HMA, LSPV, 5,200 TON	\$79.50/TN = \$413,400.00	\$82.50/TN = \$429,000.00
HMA Base Pulverizing, 33,557 SYD	0.57/SYD=19,127.49	0.50/SYD=16,778.50
TRAFFIC CONTROL, LSUM	500.00	7,975.00
MOBILIZATION, LSUM	12,000.00	5,200.00
TOTAL BID AMOUNT	\$445,027.49	\$458,953.50

A motion was made by John Hermann to award the paving bid for the Rapid River Truck Trail to Bacco Construction for \$445,027.49. Supported by Marci Taskey. Ayes: Taskey & Heyrman. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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RIDGE ROAD PAVING BID

A motion was made by John Hermann to accept all both bids and place on file. Supported by Pete Heyrman. Ayes: Pete Heyrman, Marci Taskey & John Hermann. Nays: None. Motion carried.

	Bacco Construction	Payne and Dolan
HMA, LSPV, 220 TON	\$117.00/TN = \$25,740.00	\$122.00/TN = \$26,840.00
HMA Base Pulverizing, 860 SYD	3.54/SYD=3,044.40	1.60/SYD=1,376.00
TRAFFIC CONTROL, LSUM	500.00	500.00
MOBILIZATION, LSUM	3,400.00	3,000.00
TOTAL BID AMOUNT	\$32,684.40	\$31,716.00

A motion was made by John Hermann to award the paving bid for the Ridge Road (Au Train Township) to Payne & Dolan for \$31,716.00. Supported by Marci Taskey. Ayes: Taskey & Heyrman. Nays: None. Motion carried.

WILSON AND WOODRUFF STEETS PAVING

A motion was made by John Hermann to accept all both bids and place on file. Supported by Marci Taskey. Ayes: Pete Heyrman, Marci Taskey & John Hermann. Nays: None. Motion carried.

	Bacco Construction	Payne and Dolan
HMA, LSPV, 900 TON	\$116.00/TN = \$104,400.00	\$98.00/TN = \$88,200.00
HMA Base Pulverizing, 3,400 SYD	1.48/SYD=5,032.00	0.95/SYD=3,230.00
TRAFFIC CONTROL, LSUM	500.00	500.00
MOBILIZATION, LSUM	6,500.00	10,000.00
TOTAL BID AMOUNT	\$116,432.00	\$101,930.00

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A motion was made by John Hermann to award the paving bid for the Wilson and Woodruff Streets (Burt Township) to Bacco for \$101,930.00. Supported by Marci Taskey. Ayes: Taskey & Heyrman. Nays: None. Motion carried.

H-58 Snowmobile Trail

A motion was made by John Hermann for the board to sign the letter to the DNR closing a portion of H-58 to snowmobile traffic effective next snowmobile season. Supported by Pete Heyrman. Ayes: Taskey & Heyrman. Nays: None. Motion carried.

MERS 457(b) Amendment

A motion was made by Pete Heyrman to amend the MERS 457(b) agreement to allow for employees to take out loans. Supported by Marci Taskey. Ayes: Taskey & Heyrman. Nays: None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Heidi Swajanen wanted to clarify our policy on personally plowing a county road. She also wanted to see that the No Parking Sign would be moved. Lindbeck will look into it.

COMMISSIONER TOPICS


John Hermann mentioned that if the Engineer-Manager is not present that the agenda should be limited. He also asked about the certification maps being digitized, which Lindbeck stated that an electronic version is online with MDOT for our Act 51 requirements.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM.



Marci Taskey, Chair



Daniel Rushford, Finance Director