

UNAPPROVED MINUTES
ALGER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
February 20, 2023
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 Jack Hubbard with the following members present: Pete Heyrman, Jack Hubbard, & Marci Taskey. Absent: None.

Also present: Engineer/Manager, Robert Lindbeck, Dan Rushford, Roy Aho, Jim Rondeau, Mickey Rondeau, Tim Swajanen, Heidi Swajanen, Trevor Case, Brice Burge, CJ Custard, Shane Bugg, & Dan Carlson.

APPROVAL/CHANGES TO AGENDA

A motion was made by Taskey to approve the agenda as presented. Supported by Heyrman. Ayes: Heyrman, Taskey, & Hubbard. Nays: None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES 02/06/23 REGULAR MEETING

Heyrman made a motion to approve the minutes from the 02/06/23 Regular meeting as presented. Supported by Taskey. Ayes: Taskey, Hubbard, Heyrman. Nays: None. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Roger Safford, PE of HNTB Corporation emailed Lindbeck about the Kivamaki Bridge. Because of the potential Section 106 historical adverse effect issues, we are to expect delays on its replacement.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A motion was made by Taskey to approve the Accounts Payable, which is due in the February in the amount of \$173,815.42 and to authorize payment when funds are available. Supported by Heyrman. Ayes: Heyrman, Taskey & Hubbard. Nays: None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Rondeau asked about our usage of brine. Lindbeck and Custard explained that we have a brine system at the Limestone garage and currently have one truck equipped to use it on the State Highways. It helps salt react at colder temperatures than the usual 17°F.

ENGINEER/MANAGER REPORT

MDOT Maintenance Work:

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Winter maintenance continues. Roadside park maintenance contracts services have been advertised. Bids are due on March 1st. Bids must be awarded by the Road Commission, pending MDOT approval.

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

The Woodland Bridge removal has been advanced to a September 1, 2023 bid letting. Preliminary plans have not yet been completed. Both projects are under design. Soil borings for Kivamaki Road were completed on February 9th. The consultant working for MDOT has informed me that historic review requirements may postpone the Kivamaki Bridge to 2024 construction. I expect an update on that process very soon.

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 fall of 2023, with construction in 2024.

Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) Grant:

The MDOT Agreement will be forthcoming. We should anticipate an April bid letting, through MDOT. The project will have an August 30, 2023 completion date.

2022 Plow Trucks:

Our first truck is targeted for April 1st completion, and the second truck estimated to be in service May.

2023 Federal Aid Buyout (Eben-Trenary Road, extending 2.10-miles south from M-94):

MDOT has approved supplying the Road Commission with 90% of the federal transportation dollar amount. A State-Local contract has not yet been received. The plans are complete. It is my goal to bid the project in February of 2023.

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Discretionary Grant Programs:

The Rebuilding American Infrastructure for Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) for Chapel Road paving will be submitted in advance of the February 28th deadline.

Connors Road Ultra-thin Overlay Paving Bids:

Sealed bids were opened on February 15th at 1:30 p.m. for the budgeted paving project. I recommend award to the low bidder.

Perry Road & Grove Street Paving Bids:

Sealed bids were opened on February 15th at 1:00 p.m. for the budgeted paving project, which is scheduled in cooperation with AuTrain Township. I recommend award to the low bidder.

Metal Culvert Material Bids:

Sealed bids were opened on February 15th at 2:00 p.m. for the annual supply of maintenance culverts. I recommend award to the low bidder.

County Road Association Annual Legislative Conference:

The 2023 Highway Conference has been scheduled for March 21, 22, and 23 in Lansing. A Legislative banquet will be hosted by the U.P. County Road Commissions on March 21st. Please notify me if commissioners plan to attend.

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OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

AU TRAIN TOWNSHIP PAVING BID

A motion was made by Heyrman to accept the Au Train Township paving bids from Bacco and Payne & Dolan. Supported by Taskey. Ayes: Heyrman, Taskey & Hubbard. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Taskey to award the bid to Bacco. Supported by Heyrman. Ayes: Heyrman, Taskey & Hubbard. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

CONNORS ROAD PAVING BID

A motion was made by Taskey to accept the Connors Road paving bids from Bacco and Payne & Dolan. Supported by Heyrman. Ayes: Heyrman, Taskey & Hubbard. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Taskey to award the bid to Bacco. Supported by Heyrman. Ayes: Heyrman, Taskey & Hubbard. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

CULVERT MATERIALS BID

A motion was made by Taskey to accept the Culvert Materials bids from Miller Products and U.P. Concrete Pipe. Supported by Heyrman. Ayes: Heyrman, Taskey & Hubbard. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Heyrman to award the bid to U.P. Concrete Pipe. Supported by Taskey. Ayes: Heyrman, Taskey & Hubbard. Ayes: Heyrman, Taskey & Hubbard. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

COMMISSIONER TOPICS

Taskey suggested the the Engineer-Manager attend a Mathias Township meeting each fall to discuss road projects. Lindbeck explained that he had contacted the Township Supervisor last

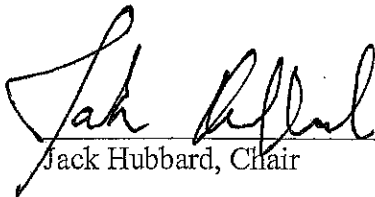
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fall and it was decided that the Road Commission would complete the current township project, then check back in with them to discuss future priorities.

Heyrman explained that the school bus driver had contacted him to requested a larger plowed area at the turnaround on Johnson Road ease of H-15. Carlson said that he would address the situation.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM.



Jack Hubbard, Chair



Daniel Rushford, Administrative Assistant