

**APPROVED MINUTES**  
**ALGER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**March 4, 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, CJ Custart, John Rayle, Mike Nettleton, Tim Swajanen, Heidi Swajanen, David Squier, Mark Squier, Brian Bresette, Terry Pihlainen & Jim Rondeau.

**APPROVAL/CHANGES TO-AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES 2/19/24 REGULAR MEETING**

A motion was made by John Hermann to approve the minutes of the 2/19/2024 Regular meeting. Supported by Pete Heyrman. 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 March in the amount of \$122,249.79 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**

John Rayle voiced his concerns on Crossover Road in Au Train Township. Lindbeck and Carlson inspected the roadway earlier today and will continue to monitor the situation.

**ENGINEER/MANAGER REPORT**

**MDOT Maintenance Work:**

Road Commission foremen are strategizing to perform additional 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. The goal is to advertise for bids on or about March 15<sup>th</sup> 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. Construction is planned to begin on August 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Rapid River Truck Trail Pulverizing and Paving Bids:**

The project has been awarded to Bacco Construction.

**Ridge Road Paving Bids:**

The 600-foot section of roadway, extending south from M-28 has been awarded to Payne & Dolan. The Road Commission will coordinate preparatory work, prior to paving.

**Wilson and Woodruff Streets Paving Bids:**

The Township has decided to CANCEL this project!

**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)

**Pavement Marking Bids:**

Sealed bids were opened on Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> for annual pavement marking. I recommend award to P.K. Contracting.

**Chipseal Aggregate MDOT Specification 31A Bids:**

Sealed bids were opened on Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> for annual chipseal aggregate 31A material. I recommend award to A. Lindberg & Sons, Inc.

**Metal Culvert Material Bids:**

Sealed bids are due on March 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. for the annual metal culvert supply.

**Union Negotiations Strategy:**

I have prepared a letter to the Union with a request to begin negotiations on April 10<sup>th</sup>. I have worked with our Finance Director to prepare our typical U.P. Wage and Benefit Survey and would like to discuss necessary contract changes.

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**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**JOHNSON LANE BRIDGE AGREEMENT**

Both Brian Bresette and Terry Pihlainen of the Onota Township Board are in support of building the bridge to help with development of properties. They would need to work on an easement on the other side for a plow turnaround. David Squier is willing to pay \$10,000 towards the project. A motion was made by Pete Heyrman to approve the Johnson Lane Bridge Agreement, pending Onota Township Approval. Supported by Marci Taskey. Ayes: Pete Heyrman, Marci Taskey. Nays: John Hermann. Motion carried.

**BRIDGE APPLICATION RESOLUTION (DUE APRIL 1, 2024)**

A motion was made by John Hermann to approve the Bridge Application Resolution. Supported by Marci Taskey. Ayes: Pete Heyrman & Marci Taskey. Nays: John Hermann. Motion carried.

**AU TRAIN-ONOTA ROAD PAVING AGREEMENT**

A motion was made by Marci Taskey to approve the Au Train-Onota Road Paving Agreement pending Onota Township Approval. Supported by John Hermann. Ayes: Pete Heyrman, Marci Taskey & John Hermann. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**31A CHIP BID**

A motion was made by Pete Heyrman to accept the bid from A Lindberg and Sons, Inc. and place on file. Supported by John Hermann. Ayes: Pete Heyrman, Marci Taskey & John Hermann. Nays: None. Motion carried.

	<b>A Lindberg &amp; Sons, Inc.</b>
<b>1,300 Ton Processed Stone Chips, 31A</b>	<b>\$17.00/ton</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$22,100.00</b>

A motion was made by John Hermann to award the bid to A Lindberg and Sons, Inc. for \$17.00 per ton. Supported by Pete Heyrman. Ayes: Pete Heyrman, Marci Taskey & John Hermann. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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**PAVEMENT MARKING BID**

A motion was made by John Hermann to accept the Pavement Marking Bid from P.K. Contracting and place it on file. Supported by Marci Taskey. Ayes: Pete Heyrman, Marci Taskey & John Hermann. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Bidder	Bid Amount
P.K. Contracting	Yellow: \$0.068/LFT White: \$0.068/LFT

A motion was made by John Hermann to award the Pavement Marking Bid to P.K. Contracting. Supported by Pete Heyrman. Ayes: Pete Heyrman, Marci Taskey & John Hermann. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**UNION NEGOTIATIONS STRATEGY**

A motion was made by Marci Taskey to go into closed session to discuss Union Negotiations Strategy. Supported by John Hermann. Ayes: Pete Heyrman, Marci Taskey & John Hermann. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Went into Closed Session at 4:45 p.m.  
Returned to Open Session at 5:25 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

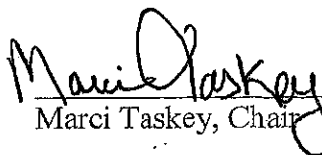
None.

**COMMISSIONER TOPICS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.

  
Marci Taskey, Chair

  
Daniel Rushford, Finance Director