

APPROVED MINUTES
ALGER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
March 18, 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, CJ Custard, Brian Menghini, Roy Aho, Tim Swajanen, Heidi Swajanen, Mickey Rondeau & Jim Rondeau.

APPROVAL/CHANGES TO AGENDA

John Hermann wished to add Item C under New Business: Create a two employee maintenance crew for County only (May thru October). 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 3/04/24 REGULAR MEETING

A motion was made by Marci Taskey to approve the minutes of the 3/04/2024 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 March in the amount of \$206,077.35 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 wanted to thank us for placing the No Parking Signs on Swajanen Road.

Tim and Heidi Swajanen asked that the signs be removed in the off-season.

Jim Rondeau had asked about the March 4, 2024 meeting regarding the Johnson Lane Bridge easement. It was explained that the county road right of way is only 400 feet past the bridge. Onota Township is asking for an easement beyond this point for others to access. With an estimate of \$60,000 worth of work, \$10,000 contribution from David Squier, and Onota Township paying \$60,000 for the structure, they want it to be usable by others.

Brian Menghini had stated that our engineer estimates have been historically under. This is why he has always felt that we need to place a 10% contingency on all projects, but the township should be responsible for 50% of all actual costs.

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:

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 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 5th.

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.

Chipseal Emulsion Bids:

Sealed bids will be opened on Wednesday, April 10th at 1:00 for chipseal and dura-patch emulsion.

Metal Culvert Material Bids:

Sealed bids were opened on March 13th at 1:00 p.m. for the annual metal culvert supply. I recommend award to U.P. Concrete.

Union Negotiations Strategy:

I have proposed April 10th as the first meeting in negotiations, but have not received confirmation of that date from the Union President.

2024 Chipseal Program:

As revealed by correspondence from Delta County Road Commission, their manager has not been pleased with our foremen and I convincing their board continuing our chipseal partnership in 2023. This has resulted in a very positive outcome, as I have formed a new agreement to

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work with Marquette County Road Commission. Their equipment is much newer and they have two rollers to insure compaction.

Schoolcraft County Road Commission Agreement:

I have requested construction staking costs for slope-staking on Chapel Road and 16 Mile Lake Road Projects from both U.P Engineers & Architects and Coleman Engineering. The Survey firms have informed me that their workload is extremely heavy AND they are short on workers. I explained this dilemma to Ian Stampfly, of Schoolcraft County. Mr. Stampfly suggested that his early April workload would allow him to work with me to stake these projects in-house. I estimate nearly 40-hours to complete each of the projects. This further develops the excellent partnership between our adjoining counties. I recommend that the Board approve this agreement with Schoolcraft County Road Commission.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

METAL CULVER BID

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

Metal Culvert Materials for Annual Maintenance Installations

Item	U.P. Concrete Pipe
15" CMP, 12 ga 9 qty, 22' length, 198' Total Length	\$23.61/ft=\$4,675.28
15" CMP, 12 ga 6 qty, 20' length, 120' Total Length	\$23.61/ft=\$2,833.50
15" CMP, 12 ga 4 qty, 30' length, 120' Total Length	\$23.61/ft=\$2,833.50
15" CMP, 12 ga 4 qty, 12' length, 48' Total Length	\$23.61/ft=\$1,133.40
15" Band 11 qty, 2' length, 22' Total Length	\$47.22 ea=\$519.42
18" CMP, 12 ga 4 qty, 20' length, 80' Total Length	\$35.99/ft=\$2,879.00
18" CMP, 12 ga 3 qty, 24' length, 72' Total Length	\$35.99/ft=\$2,591.10
18" CMP, 12 ga 1 qty, 28' length, 28' Total Length	\$35.99/ft=\$1,007.65
18" Band 4 qty, 2' length, 8' Total Length	\$71.98 ea=\$287.92
24" CMP, 12 ga 2 qty, 22' length, 44' Total Length	\$49.49/ft=\$2,177.45
24" Band 1 qty, 2' length, 2' Total Length	\$98.98 ea=\$98.98
48" CMP, 12 ga 1 qty, 30' length, 30' Total Length	\$90.49/ft=\$2,714.63
48" CMP, 12 ga 2 qty, 24' length, 48' Total Length	\$90.49/ft=\$4,343.40
48" Band 1 qty, 2' length, 2' Total Length	\$180.98 ea=\$180.98.00
Total Bid	\$25,442.71

A motion was made by John Hermann to award the Culvert Bid to U.P. Concrete Pipe for \$25,442.71. Supported by Pete Heyrman. Ayes: Pete Heyrman, Marci Taskey & John Hermann. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY ROAD SURVEY HELP AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Pete Heyrman to accept the agreement with the Schoolcraft County Road Commission for Road Survey Help, and authorize the Chair to sign. Supported by Marci Taskey. Ayes: Pete Heyrman, Marci Taskey & John Hermann. Nays: None. Motion carried.

CREATE A TWO EMPLOYEE MAINTENANCE CREW (For County Only May-October)

A motion was made by John Hermann to create a two employee maintenance crew for county work only for the months of May thru October. Supported by Pete Heyrman. Ayes: Pete Heyrman, Marci Taskey & John Hermann. Nays: None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brian Menghini stated that the last meeting minutes posted on our website were from January 15, 2024. He also said that board packets with agendas should be made available on our website.

COMMISSIONER TOPICS

Marci Taskey stated that there is a bad washout on Black Creek Rd in Rock River Township. C.J. Custard stated that both homes are able to gain access from either side and that it is part of the five year plan in Rock River Township.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:35 PM.

Marci Taskey, Chair

Daniel Rushford, Finance Director