

**APPROVED MINUTES**  
**ALGER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**April 15, 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, Brian Menghini, Tim Swajanen, Heidi Swajanen, Kim Rabitoy, Mike Rabitoy, Mickey Rondeau, Brice Burge & Sarah Witmer.

**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 4/01/24 REGULAR MEETING**

A motion was made by Pete Heyrman to approve the minutes of the 4/01/2024 Regular meeting. Supported by John Hermann. Ayes: Pete Heyrman & Marci Taskey. Nays: John Hermann. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

A motion was made by John Hermann to approve the Accounts Payable, which is due in the April in the amount of \$607,634.35 and to authorize payment when funds are available. Supported by Pete Heyrman. Ayes: Pete Heyrman, Marci Taskey & John Hermann. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mickey Rondeau had asked about the No Parking Signs being taken down on Swajanen Road at the end of the Ice Caves Season, and inquired about Frey Road signs being taken down in the summer. Lindbeck said that there has been no request from the property owner. Heidi Swajanen stated that she would be fine with the signs remaining all year on Ice Caves Road.

Kim Rabitoy said that she was last at one of our meetings in June of 2023, and Stella Lake Road still has not been graded. Lindbeck explained that it will not be graded when road restrictions are in effect.

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## ENGINEER/MANAGER REPORT

### MDOT Maintenance Work:

Road Commission foremen continue to schedule additional tree cutting for MDOT. We have plans to begin shoulder work on M-28 on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### 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. I will be performing construction staking in early April.

### 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. I will be performing construction survey work on this project.

### 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 were opened on Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 for chipseal and dura-patch emulsion. I recommend award to the duo of Fahrner and Flint Hills for delivery and application.

### Union Negotiations:

The first negotiating session was held on April 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00. I suggest the Board enter closed session to discuss negotiation details.

### 2025 H-58 Project (Rosemund Road to 1.75 miles West):

I have started the design process and will be working through the MDOT Local Agency Programs process to deliver the job to bid letting in January of 2025.

### Spring Safety and Operations Meeting:

I prepared an agenda for our spring Safety Meeting. The May 3<sup>rd</sup> program will include presentations from both MCRCSIP and CRASIF.

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**U.P. Road Builders' Meeting:**

The annual, summer meeting will be held in Bay Mills on June 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Please notify Dan Rushford if you will be staying the night. Early registration is required, to insure hotel rooms.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MERS HCSP AMENDMENT**

A motion was made by John Hermann to approve the closure of MERS HCSP accounts 300792, 300887, and 301081. Supported by Marci Taskey. Ayes: Pete Heyrman, Marci Taskey, and John Hermann. Nays-None. Absent-None. Motion Carried.

**ASPHALT EMULSION BID**

A motion was made by John Hermann to accept bids from Flint Hills and Fahrner Asphalt Sealers for our Asphalt Emulsion Bid. Ayes: Pete Heyrman, Marci Taskey, and John Hermann. Nays-None. Absent-None. Motion Carried.

	Net Furnished	Applied
Bidder	Flint Hills	Fahrner Asphalt Sealers
42,200 gallons of CRS-2 delivered and applied	\$2.01/Gallon = \$84,822.00	\$0.46/Gallon Application Fee = \$19,412.00
5,000 gallons delivered to the Storage Tank at the Munising Garage	\$2.47/Gallon = \$12,350.00	N/A

A motion was made by Marci Taskey to award the Asphalt Emulsion to Flint Hills and the application to Fahrner Asphalt Sealers. Supported by John Hermann. Ayes: Pete Heyrman, Marci Taskey, and John Hermann. Nays-None. Absent-None. Motion Carried.

**MDOT RESOLUTION FOR DETOUR SIGNING**

A motion was made by Marci Taskey to adopt the MDOT Resolution authorizing the Engineer-Manager to sign. Supported by John Hermann. Ayes: Pete Heyrman, Marci Taskey, and John Hermann. Nays-None. Absent-None. Motion Carried.

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**SPEED ENFORCEMENT EBEN-TRENNARY ROAD**

Brice Burge had spoke of the recent stops by the Michigan State Police on the Eben-Trenary Road and gave a recent presentation.

**ALGERROADS.ORG WEBSITE**

Lindbeck stated that Wendy Hardt of MCRC SIP said that there is no legal requirement to post meeting minutes or agendas on our website. The recommendation remains not to post the agenda and to post meeting minutes monthly. A motion was made by John Hermann to post the agenda to our website, along with minutes monthly. Supported by Marci Taskey. Ayes: John Hermann & Marci Taskey. Nays-Pete Heyrman. Absent-None. Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Heidi Swajanen would like to meet with the Michigan State Police the next time parking is discussed on Swajanen Road

**COMMISSIONER TOPICS**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**UNION NEGOTIATIONS STRATEGY**

CLOSED SESSION: Union Negotiations Strategy – (OMA 15.268, Section 8e)

A motion to **go into closed session** was made by John Hermann, and supported by Marci Taskey. Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Pete Heyrman, Marci Taskey, and John Hermann. Nays-None. Absent-None. Motion Carried. Closed Session began at 4:50 p.m.

\*\*\*\*\*CLOSED SESSION\*\*\*\*\*

A motion to **come out of closed session** was made by Marci Taskey, and supported by John Herman. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Pete Heyrman, Marci Taskey, and John Hermann. Nays-None. Absent-None. Motion Carried. Closed Session ended at 5:08 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:11 PM.

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Marci Taskey, Chair

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Daniel Rushford, Finance Director