

**APPROVED MINUTES  
ALGER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION**

**Regular Meeting**

**May 6, 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, Brian Menghini, & Ryan Barr.

**APPROVAL OF 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 4/15/24 REGULAR MEETING**

A motion was made by Pete Heyrman to approve the minutes of the 4/15/2024 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 May in the amount of \$210,090.78 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**

Ryan Barr would like to build a new garage on Prospect Street in Munising Township. Lindbeck met with him and measured from the center line and it is outside of our right-of-way. With Township setbacks, he is unable to do so and would like a quit claim deed as it was done before on Prospect Street. Lindbeck will work with him and the Township, and this will be on an upcoming agenda if necessary.

**ENGINEER/MANAGER REPORT**

**MDOT Maintenance Work:**

Munising and Limestone crews combined for shoulder work on M-28. The 9-days of work began on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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**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 early May.

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

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

**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. Paving is scheduled for May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Union Negotiations:**

The next negotiating session was held on May 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:45. The union representative will be discussing the Board's offer at their upcoming union meeting.

**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.

**Sign Maintenance Bucket Truck Bids:**

Sealed bids were opened on Wednesday, May 1 at 1:00 for a 2020 model year or newer, used sign maintenance truck.

Our Lead Mechanic, Sign Maintenance worker, and I traveled to Appleton to look at a truck on April 17<sup>th</sup>. The truck was brought to our attention by Alger/Delta Electric. The 2020 truck from RK Enterprises does NOT have the hydraulic capacity to operate or post-driving hammer. I have requested quotations from two boom truck fabricators to increase the pump and hydraulic line capacity. Both companies have informed me that they cannot increase the hydraulics to operate the truck.

Each truck bid submitted by Utility Services requires modifications to meet our needs. The truck that fits our hydraulic capacity best it nearly \$180,000.

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I sent a mass-email to all Road Commissions, requesting information on a used sign truck for sale. Our peer agencies did not have anything available. I also contacted Give-Em-A-Brake signing and Action Traffic. The signing contractors do not have a used truck for sale. Neither UPPCO nor Alger/Delta have bucket trucks available that fit our needs.

I contacted the Emmet County Road Commission, who just purchased a truck from Versa-Lift in Shelby, MI. They referred me to Curt Anderson, the salesman who handled their purchase through MIDEAL. Curt has supplied me with a cost for a **NEW 2024 chassis, equipped with the Versa-Lift SST 40 Boom for \$156,489**. This boom will have a slightly lighter weight capacity than the Emmet County Truck, but will be equal to the RK Enterprises truck that we looked at in Appleton. I believe that, with our limited use of large freeway-type signs, that the SST 40 boom on a new truck is the best option for the Alger County Road Commission. Our budget for a truck is \$140,000. A new truck will have an estimated delivery delay of 6-months from ordering.

I recommend that the Board accept ALL bids and award NONE.

I also recommend that the Board authorize the Engineer-Manager to purchase a NEW truck through the MIDEAL contract, as quoted by Versa-Lift Midwest (The MIDEAL company in Michigan).

## OLD BUSINESS

None.

## NEW BUSINESS

### SIGN MAINTENANCE BUCKET TRUCK BID

A motion was made by John Hermann to accept bids from R.K. Enterprises and USSI Rentals for our Sign Maintenance Bucket Truck Bid. Ayes: Pete Heyrman, Marci Taskey, and John Hermann. Nays-None. Absent-None. Motion Carried.

Bidder	Year/Make/Model	Lift Height	Miles	Diesel Engine Y/N	Hydraulics To the Bucket	Bid Price
R.K. Enterprises	2020 Chevrolet GM515	37 Ft	24,900	Y	*5 Gallons/Minute	\$118,000.00
USSI Rentals	2016 Dodge 5500 4X4	47 Ft	102,857	Y	*5 Gallons/Minute	\$87,250.00
USSI Rentals	2022 Ford F-550 4X2	49 Ft	Not Specified	N	*6 Gallons/Minute	\$174,968.00

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A motion was made by Marci Taskey to not award any bids on the Sign Maintenance Bucket Truck Bid. Supported by John Hermann. Ayes: Pete Heyrman, Marci Taskey, and John Hermann. Nays-None. Absent-None. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by John Hermann to allow the Engineer-Manager to purchase a Sign Maintenance Bucket Truck from Versalift Midwest thru MiDeal for \$156,489.00. Supported by Pete Heyrman. Ayes: Pete Heyrman, Marci Taskey, and John Hermann. Nays-None. Absent-None. Motion Carried.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

## COMMISSIONER TOPICS

John had asked about the MDOT Dumpster being full. Rushford stated that it should be emptied today to begin our summer season.

Marci had asked about the status on the Karvonen Road Bridge at Laughing Whitefish River. Lindbeck stated that we are waiting on Onota Township approval and for David Squier to draw up an easement.

## ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:35 PM.

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Marci Taskey, Chair

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Daniel Rushford, Finance Director