

**APPROVED MINUTES**  
**ALGER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**July 1, 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, Cori-Ann Cearley, Sam Landes, Karyn Robare, Sean O'Neill, Mickey Rondeau, Ron Yesney, PJ Costa, Joe Hughes, David Horne, & Don Reed.

**APPROVAL OF 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 6/17/24 REGULAR MEETING**

A motion was made by Pete Heyrman to approve the minutes of the 6/17/2024 Regular meeting. Supported by John Hermann. Ayes: Pete Heyrman & Marci Taskey. Nays: John Hermann. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES 6/25/24 SPECIAL MEETING**

A motion was made by John Hermann to approve the minutes of the 6/25/2024 Special meeting. Supported by Pete Heyrman. 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 July in the amount of \$170,171.03 and to authorize payment when funds are available. Supported by Marci Taskey. Ayes: Pete Heyrman, Marci Taskey & John Hermann. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

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## **ENGINEER/MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **MDOT Maintenance Work:**

All crews continue to mow roadsides and clear-vision areas along State routes.

### **State Bridge Bundling for Woodland Road Bridge and Kivamaki Road Bridge:**

The planning process continues for both structures, with construction delayed until funds become available. Kivamaki Bridge is moving through the State Historic Preservation Office review process.

### **H-58 over the Sucker River Bridge:**

Only one bid was received. The bid was just over \$1.2 million. The project was estimated at \$850,000. The June bid, with a November 1<sup>st</sup> completion date, was not an adequate time-frame for most bidders and surely resulted in an escalated bid. The decision was made to re-bid in early fall 2024, with a completion date of November 1, 2025.

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

Bacco Construction plans to begin earthwork, in late July. 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. Limestone crews have begun placing gravel over the existing pavement. Pulverizing is scheduled for July 15<sup>th</sup>, with paving planned for August 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **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.

### **AuTrain Pit Gravel Crushing:**

Bacco Construction plans to complete the 30,000 tons of 22A gravel production by July 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **H-58 Snowmobile Trail #422 (0.8 miles of trail):**

The concept I would like the Board to consider is to allow up to 5-years of Trail #422 continuing along H-58, provided the MDNR continues its efforts to establish an alternate route AND provided \$200,000 is deposited into an Alger County account prior to August 1, 2024. This sum would be used to overlay the 0.8-miles of roadway in 2029 with a specially designed, wear resistant asphalt material. I recommend that we mandate the ultimate removal of the trail for safety concerns, while we allow it to continue for a finite period, to support the local economy (provided that the MDNR furnishes \$200,000 to repair the eminent damage)

### **Coast Guard Point Road Pavement Marking:**

Burt Township has contacted me to request that we partner with them, once again, for pavement marking on this Local road. The cost is estimated at nearly \$980.00 dollars. This

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would be nearly \$490 of Road Commission expense. I recommend that we pay half of the cost to contract pavement marking.

### OLD BUSINESS

None.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### COAST GUARD POINT PAVEMENT MARKING-BURT TOWNSHIP AGREEMENT

A motion was made by John Hermann to approve the agreement with Burt Township for Pavement Marking on Coast Guard Point. Supported by Marci Taskey. Ayes: Pete Heyrman & Marci Taskey. Nays: John Hermann. Motion carried.

#### H-58 SNOWMOBILE TRAIL 422

Ron Yesney, Trails Coordinator with the Michigan DNR, stated that there is no conservation easement on the prospective trail. The DNR requires a 10 year easement on private property. This property is currently for sale.

Sean O'Neill, Alger SORVA President, had asked about a reduced speed limit in the winter. He would also like to see stud resistant asphalt done now.

Don Reed had asked if we could stop trucking from December until April and suggested we do a change order on the current project.

Sam Landis asked if we would have a trail route. Lindbeck stated that we will know in September.

Cori-Ann Cearley hopes that we can continue to work together as business owners won't hurt as much as the staff. This access is extremely important.

Karyn Robare would like to thank the road commission for their consideration on working with everyone.

The board had offered a 10 year offer for a \$220,000 investment to allow use of H-58 as trail 422. Ron Yesney will bring this offer to the DNR. Yesney will go the snowmobile advisory committee with this and will have an answer by September. John Hermann requests that the DNR update us every six months.

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#### COUNTY ROAD ASSOCIATION (CRA) CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS APPROVAL

A motion was made by John Hermann to approve the County Road Association Constitution and Bylaws. Supported by Pete Heyrman. Supported by Marci Taskey. Ayes: Pete Heyrman & Marci Taskey. Nays: John Hermann. Motion carried.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Mickey Rondeau had spoke with a concerned citizen living on H-58. He asked that we check in with those that live in the neighborhood.

#### COMMISSIONER TOPICS

None.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM.

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Marci Taskey, Chair

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Daniel Rushford, Finance Director