

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES**  
**ALGER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**November 6, 2023**  
**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: Pete Heyrman & John Hermann. Absent: Marci Taskey.

Also present: Engineer/Manager, Robert Lindbeck, Finance Director Daniel Rushford, Shane Bugg, Dan Carlson, Kim Roehrig, Jude Holloway, Brice Burge, Mickey Rondeau, Heidi Swajanan & Brian Menghini.

**APPROVAL/CHANGES TO 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 10/16/23 REGULAR MEETING**

A motion was made by Pete Heyrman to approve the minutes from the 10/16/23 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 John Hermann to approve the Accounts Payable, which is due in the November in the amount of \$181,067.95 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**

Jude Holloway is concerned about a trench across 16 Mile Lake Rd. Lindbeck and Carlson will address the issue right away and add maintenance gravel.

**ENGINEER/MANAGER REPORT**

**MDOT Maintenance Work:**

We are in winter maintenance now. Night shift is in effect. Salt deliveries have been received.

**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 beyond 2023. Correspondence is included with this meeting.

**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.

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

Bacco Construction has completed clearing this fall. Construction will begin, after weight restrictions are removed in 2024.

**Rapid River Truck Trail Pavement Reconstruction 2024:**

Paving bids will be advertised in February of 2024.

**William Hill Road and Sandy Lane (Burt Township Projects):**

The project is COMPLETE.

**Rock River Township 2024 Project Agreement:**

The Township has indicated that they would like to proceed with two sections of gravel road improvements. I recommend that the Road Commission approves the Agreement and authorizes the Engineer-Manager and Finance Director to sign.

**Luce County Road 407 Detour and Haul Route via H-58:**

The damaged pavement, on H-58, has been repaired by Luce County's contractor.

**Harju Road Pit Purchase Offer:**

As discussed in the October 16<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting, Mr. Forehand, of Manulife investments, advised me that it would best to first pursue the Harju Road (36 +/- acres), and that the last transaction that was approved by the public pension fund was \$2,200 per acre. He explained that an offer of \$2,200 would be considered a reasonable offer and that I must follow the Guidelines for Unsolicited Offers. Action on this item was tabled, during the October 16<sup>th</sup> Regular Board meeting. I was directed to research zoning and also the cost to extract the parcel from Commercial Forest Act (CFA) designation. A zoning map has been included in each board packet and our Finance Director will provide information, during the November 6<sup>th</sup> meeting related to our last CFA removal and the Harju Road parcel specifically. I recommend that the Road Commission authorizes the Engineer-Manager to follow the Guidelines to submit a written offer for the \$2,200 per acre immediately.

**2024 H-58 Project (Miners Castle Road to 1.5 miles East):**

I have completed design of this 2024 Federal Aid project. It is my goal to secure a February 2024 bid letting for this project. An MDOT Agreement is expected, within the next 60-days.

**AuTrain Pit Gravel Crushing Bids 2024:**

I have advertised for bids to crush 22A specification gravel in 2024. We will need 6,500 tons for the Rapid River Truck Trail project in 2024, as well as 2,800 for our contracted work in Burt Township. We must be prepared for future work in Munising Township for 2025. Sealed bids will be received on November 22, 2023 at 1:00 pm for 25,000 tons of material.

**OLD BUSINESS**

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#### HARJU ROAD PIT PURCHASE OFFER

A motion was made by John Herman to make an offer on the Harju Road Pit with a total cost not to exceed \$90,000.00. Supported by Pete Heyrman. Ayes: Pete Heyrman, Marci Taskey & John Hermann. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### ROCK RIVER TOWNSHIP AGREEMENT 2024

A motion was made by Pete Heyrman to approve the Rock River Township Agreement pending Rock River Township approval. Supported by Marci Taskey. Ayes: Pete Heyrman, Marci Taskey & John Hermann. Nays: None. Motion carried.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Kim Roehrig asked about our right of way policy to gain access to a county road. Lindbeck explained the permit process and our policy. Roehrig mentioned that Greenleaf Timber was working off of Coaster Rd and wanted to know if they were permitted. Lindbeck will look into it.

Brian Menghini had asked about placing reflector strips on the stop signs on H-44 intersecting the Eben-Trenary Rd. Lindbeck will have this done.

#### COMMISSIONER TOPICS

None.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.

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Marci Taskey, Chair

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Daniel Rushford, Finance Director