

APPROVED MINUTES
ALGER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
February 23, 2026
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: Cori-Ann Cearley, Marci Taskey & Scott LaCombe. Absent: None.

Also present: Finance Director Daniel Rushford, Brice Burge, & C.J. Custard

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Cori-Ann Cearley to approve the agenda. Supported by Scott LaCombe. Ayes: Cori-Ann Cearley, Marci Taskey & Scott LaCombe. Nays: None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES 2/02/2026 REGULAR MEETINGS

A motion was made by Marci Taskey to approve the minutes of the 2/02/2026 Regular Meeting. Supported by Marci Taskey. Ayes: Cori-Ann Cearley, Marci Taskey & Scott LaCombe. Nays: None. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A motion was made by Cori-Ann Cearley to approve the Accounts Payable, which is due in the February in the amount of \$449,150.40, and to authorize payment when funds are available. Supported by Scott LaCombe. Ayes: Cori-Ann Cearley, Marci Taskey & Scott LaCombe. Nays: None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ENGINEER/MANAGER'S REPORT

MDOT Maintenance Work:
Winter Maintenance continues.

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State Bridge Bundling (Woodland Road Bridge and Kivamaki Road Bridge):

The planning process continues for both structures, with construction delayed until funds are available. Historic and Archeological reviews are proceeding. I believe that there is some hope that added bridge funding will be part any legislative funding package.

Eben Trenary Road (MDOT Contract Number 25-5658):

Payne & Dolan was the low bidder at nearly 15% under the Engineer's Estimate. A Progress Schedule will be received, after formal award.

Alec Johnson Road Bridge (Federal Critical Bridge Project):

Hebert Construction has been awarded the project. A Progress Schedule will be received, at the Preconstruction Meeting.

U.P. Engineers and Architects (UPEA) Agreement:

The Alec Johnson Road Bridge requires full-time inspection and materials testing. This project also requires concrete beam (Decatur, Indiana) and Steel Bridge Railing (Williamston, Michigan) in-plant fabrication Quality Assurance testing. I plan to handle the on-site inspection for all of our other projects, but cannot be available throughout this project. I recommend that the Board approves this Agreement and authorizes the Engineer-Manager to sign.

Tandem Tractor Purchase:

During the February 2nd Regular board meeting the staff was authorized to purchase a used unit, up to \$80,000 (which is slightly over the budgeted amount of \$70,000). Our interim Lead Mechanic, Kevin Uhlein, located a 2004 Peterbilt in excellent condition. We purchased the truck for \$72,000.

Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) Grant:

I am excited to report that the Alger County Road Commission has been awarded a FLAP grant for crushing, shaping, and repaving Miners Castle Road, from H-58 to Carmody Road. This 2.0-mile section of roadway is estimated at \$615,000, with \$492,000 FLAP funding and a 20% local match (\$123,000). Our project is listed as a 2027 Fiscal Year award. I will be working on Environmental Clearance forms in April. If Final Plans are complete by August 1, an October funding obligation and February 2027 bid should be attainable. The project will have an October, 2027 completion date.

Metal Culvert Material Bids:

Sealed bids have been advertised and are due on February 25th at 1:00 p.m. for the annual supply of maintenance culverts.

2027 Federal Aid Buyout (H-13, extending 1.5 miles south from M-28):

MDOT has approved supplying the Road Commission with 90% of the federal transportation dollar amount. A State-Local contract has not yet been received. It is my goal to bid the

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project in February of 2027. I will be applying to utilize our State “D” funds via a Direct Grant contract with MDOT.

Burt Township Paving Bids (Wilson & Woodruff Streets):

Sealed bids were opened on February 11th at 1:00. I recommend award to the low bidder.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

U.P. ENGINEERS & ARCHITECTS AGREEMENT (ALEC JOHNSON BRIDGE)

A motion was made by Marci Taskey to approve the contract with U.P. Engineers & Architects for the construction of the Alec Johnson Bridge, authorizing the Engineer-Manager to sign. Supported by Scott LaCombe. Ayes: Cori-Ann Cearley, Marci Taskey & Scott LaCombe. Nays: None. Motion carried.

BURT TOWNSHIP PAVING BID-WILSON AND WOODRUFF STREETS

A motion was made by Cori-Ann Cearley, to accept all bids for the Burt Township Paving Bids on Wilson and Woodruff Streets. Supported by Scott LaCombe. Ayes: Cori-Ann Cearley, Marci Taskey & Scott LaCombe. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Subject	Bacco Construction	Payne and Dolan
HMA, LVSP, 920 TON	\$158.00/TN = \$145,360.00	\$131.00/TN = \$120,520.00
HMA Base Pulverizing, 3400 SYD	1.74/SYD = 5,916	1.00/SYD = \$3400.00
TRAFFIC CONTROL, LSUM	\$500.00	\$500.00
MOBILIZATION, LSUM	\$8500.00	\$8500.00
TOTAL BID AMOUNT	\$160,276.00	\$132,920.00

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A motion was made by Cori-Ann Cearley to award the bid to Payne & Dolan for \$132,920.00. Supported by Scott LaCombe. Ayes: Cori-Ann Cearley, Marci Taskey & Scott LaCombe. Nays: None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brice Burge spoke about signage on the Eben-Trenary Road and said that additional signs need to be installed stating speed limit and end school zone. Lindbeck assured the board that our signage is adequate and has had multiple speed studies.

COMMISSIONER TOPICS

None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:25 PM.

Marci Taskey, Chair

Daniel Rushford, Finance Director