

**APPROVED MINUTES
ALGER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
August 3, 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. Absent: Scott LaCombe.

Also present: Justin Simila-Fabick Cat, Shane Bugg & Dan Carlson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES 7/06/2026 REGULAR MEETINGS

A motion was made by Cori-Ann Cearley to approve the minutes of the 7/06/2026 Regular Meeting. Supported by Marci Taskey. Ayes: Cori-Ann Cearley & Marci Taskey. 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 month August in the amount of \$374,419.54, and to authorize payment when funds are available. Supported by Marci Taskey. Ayes: Cori-Ann Cearley & Marci. Nays: None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ENGINEER / MANAGER'S REPORT

MDOT Maintenance Work:

MDOT has issued a Transportation Work Authorization for \$125,000 of M-94 shoulder repairs. We project completing this work by August 3rd.

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

The planning process continues for both structures, with construction delayed until funds are available. Final plans and EGLE permits are COMPLETE for both structures.

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Eben Trenary Road Project

Payne & Dolan plans to begin work on September 1st. I have completed construction staking and construction signing layout.

Alec Johnson Road Bridge (Federal Critical Bridge Project):

Hebert Construction continues to work on the bridge replacement. The west abutment is complete. Work on the east abutment is scheduled to begin on July 30th. The bridge beam placement is tentatively planned for August 13th. This structure will be completed with a concrete bridge deck.

Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) 2027 Project:

The Miners Castle Road Final Plans have been submitted to MDOT. I hope to secure a February, 2027 bid letting.

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

I hope to complete surveys, railroad coordination, and design plans, by November. It is my goal to bid the project in February of 2027. We will plan for the project to extend 2.0 miles south from M-28.

Limestone Garage Fuel Tank EGLE Closure Report:

It is my goal to obtain closure status for the underground storage contamination by December 1, 2026. The Closure Plan and all required documents have been submitted to EGLE.

H-13 over Big Indian River Title Sheet (2027 Federal Bridge Grant Project):

MDOT requires that the completed plans, including the signed title sheet, be delivered as soon as possible, so we may secure early obligation of the 2027 funding.

Loader Bids (Grand Marais):

The sealed bids were opened at 1:00 on Wednesday, July 29th for a 2017 or newer front-end loader. We had budgeted a net total amount of \$93,700 for the machine. The 1992 John Deere loader was listed on the bid as a trade unit. The bid tabulation shows a John Deere 624 and CAT 938M listed. The decision of which loader to award has been considered by our Grand Marais foreman, equipment mechanics, and myself. We currently have a 938M loader in Munising and Limestone and they have been very good machines. The bid specification requires a fully hydrostatic machine. The CAT hydrostatic operating system allows attachments to be quickly coupled to the machine. Baraga County Road Commission has a Diamond mower attachment that can be transitioned to the bucket in 5-minutes. They have provided me with photos and specifications for this feature. The 624 is a newer machine and a direct drive machine. CAT service, after the sale, is excellent. When our CAT Grader was down for transmission repairs, Fabick loaned us a demonstration model machine for FREE – until our machine was operational. Their commitment toward keeping our projects moving is very important. I recommend awarding the purchase and trade to Fabick CAT.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

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NEW BUSINESS

LOADER BID

A motion was made by Cori-Ann Cearley to accept the bids from Fabick Cat and McCoy Construction and Forestry for the Loader Bid. Supported by Marci Taskey. Ayes: Marci Taskey & Cori-Ann Cearley. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Dealership/ Manufacturer	Year/ Model	GVW (Min 35,000 lbs)	Horsepower (Min: 182)	Bucket Size (Min 3.4 Cu Yds)	Fully Hydraulic Drive	Price	Trade for 1992 John Deere 644E	Net Price
Fabick/ Caterpillar	2017 938M	39,356	182	3.4	Y	\$105,310.00	\$8,000.00	\$97,310.00
McCoy/ John Deere	2023 624P	35,703	192	3.5	N	\$135,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$130,000.00

A motion was made by Cori-Ann Cearley to award the bid from Fabick Cat for \$97,310.00 for the Loader. Supported by Marci Taskey. Ayes: Marci Taskey & Cori-Ann Cearley. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

COMMISSIONER TOPICS

Marci Taskey went to both the Michigan County Road Commission Self Insurance Pool (MCRCSIP) and County Road Association Self Insurance Fund (CRASIF) conferences, where we received an award. A commissioner handbook is being worked on.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:22 PM.

Marci Taskey, Chair

Daniel Rushford, Finance Director