

APPROVED MINUTES
ALGER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
September 8, 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: Marci Taskey & Scott LaCombe. Absent: Cori-Ann Cearley.

Also present: Finance Director Daniel Rushford, Shane Bugg, C.J. Custard, and Dan Carlson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES 8/17/2026 REGULAR MEETINGS

A motion was made by Scott LaCombe to approve the minutes of the 8/17/2026 Regular Meeting. Supported by Marci Taskey. Ayes: Marci Taskey & Scott LaCombe. Nays: None. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A motion was made by Scott LaCombe to approve the Accounts Payable, which is due in the month September in the amount of \$262,387.27, and to authorize payment when funds are available. Supported by Marci Taskey. Ayes: Marci Taskey & Scott LaCombe. Nays: None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ENGINEER / MANAGER'S REPORT

MDOT Maintenance Work:

A Transportation Work Authorization for roadside parks has been issued to allow removal and replacement of restroom facilities and sidewalks at Grand Island Overlook, AuTrain, and Deer Lake. The Road Commission has completed removals and will oversee concrete work. New buildings were placed on Friday, August 28th.

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Eben Trenary Road Project

The project is COMPLETE.

Diffin Road Project

The fill has been placed. Graveling will be completed, during the week of September 7th.

Louds Spur Road Project

The pit-run fill has been completed. The gravel will be placed, during the week of September 14th.

Sand River Road Project

The project is COMPLETE.

Alec Johnson Road Bridge (Federal Critical Bridge Project):

Hebert Construction continues to work on the bridge replacement. Beams were placed on August 25th. The bridge deck is scheduled for September 10th, with approach and guardrail work to follow.

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. The MDOT Agreement should be available, after the October 1st fiscal year.

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.

2016 or Newer Loader-Mounted Snowblower Bid:

Bob Larson, from MacQueen Snowblowers contacted us because a Minnesota airport rotates their blowers out on a 10-year cycle. We currently have parts on order for two of our three blowers. Two of the units are not operational, at this time. Parts are hard to find and are subject to significant delay. He had a demonstration unit here 2 years ago. The D50 series will quick couple to any of our loaders and work with a wireless control box. This unit retails for nearly \$280,000 new. This bid provides for delivery in 2026, with payment due in 2027. I recommend that the Board approve the bid and award to MacQueen for the snowblower purchase.

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

Final plans have been completed. All items have been supplied to meet a January bid letting. A Contract Agreement is available for approval. I recommend that the Board approve the Agreement and authorize Robert L. Lindbeck, Engineer-Manger, to sign in OneSpan using email: engineer@algerroads.org.

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

The Draft Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) has been received for the Kivamaki Bridge. Upon approval, this document will allow MDOT to replace the structure on our behalf. This Bridge will be completed, at no cost to Alger CRC and is scheduled for a 2027 bid letting. The finalized MOA will be placed on the agenda, when it becomes available. Correspondence, describing this process, has been included in the September 8th meeting packet.

Neighborhood Road Funds (NRF):

A graphic is included in the September 8th Board Meeting packet. This sheet explains how the NRF program is designed. No funding is allocated to the County Road Commissions, until all other programs are filled. The threshold for Transportation to begin receiving dollars was reached at the end of June. With nearly a 2-month delay from collections to distribution, July collections will begin to supply September checks. We may expect payments from the NRF in September, October, November, and December – because the NRF system resets October 1st, we likely will experience a ZERO distribution (with that same 2-month delay) for January through September of 2027. Also, the County Road Association is advising us to budget only 62% of the estimated NRF to account for the 38% marijuana tax that may yet be repealed. I expect that we will budget for the NRF funds collected in the 2026 calendar year, when setting our 2027 budget in late-December, PLUS 62% of the expected revenue for Primary and Local collections in 2027. We want to be conservative for 2027 and likely 2028, until an accurate, annual NRF cycle is established. I recommend that the Board pass a motion to authorize the Finance Director to set up a Local NRF bank account and a Primary NRF bank account, so we are ready to account for the September funding.

Asset Management Plan:

As required by law, our Asset Management plan for Primary roads and all bridges must be updated every three years. I have been working steadily in the 3-part plan. The Pavement plan is complete, the Bridge plan is nearly done, and the Compliance plan will be completed quickly to summarize the two other plans. It is my intent to complete all data input, create the necessary charts, and update the report for Board approval on September 21st. A Board resolution will be available for adoption, on September 21st.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

2016 OR NEWER SNOWBLOWER BID

A motion was made by Scott LaCombe to accept the bid from Macqueen Equipment for the 2016 or newer snowblower bid. Supported by Marci Taskey. Ayes: Marci Taskey & Scott LaCombe. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Bidder	Manufacturer	Year	Model	Hours	Price
Macqueen Equipment	Larue	2016	D50	1028	\$99,500.00

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A motion was made by Scott LaCombe to award the bid from Macqueen Equipment for the 2016 or newer snowblower bid for \$99,500.00. Supported by Marci Taskey. Ayes: Marci Taskey & Scott LaCombe. Nays: None. Motion carried.

H-13 BRIDGE PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE PROJECT AGREEMENT 26-5352

Commissioner Taskey offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

Be it resolved that
CONTRACT No. 26-5352, Control Section BHT 02000,
Job Number 223544CON, Project 26A0854, Structure #56,
CFDA No. 20.205 (Highway Research Planning & Construction)

By and between the
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
And the
ALGER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Is hereby accepted.
The following Officials are authorized to sign the said contract:
Robert Lindbeck, P.E., Engineer-Manager

Supported by Commissioner LaCombe.

ADOPTED: Ayes: Marci Taskey & Scott LaCombe. Nays: None. Absent: Cori-Ann Cearley. Motion carried.

NEIGHBORHOOD ROADS FUND DISCUSSION AND BANK ACCOUNTS

Lindbeck explained that funds from the Neighborhood Roads Fund (NRF) have finally reached us. Rushford explained how we will need to open separate bank accounts for both NRF Primary and NRF Local.

A motion was made by Scott LaCombe authorizing the Finance Director to open checking accounts for Neighborhood Roads Fund Primary and Neighborhood Roads Fund Local. Supported by Marci Taskey. Ayes: Marci Taskey & Scott LaCombe. Nays: None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

COMMISSIONER TOPICS

Marci Taskey had mentioned that there is a commissioner's seminar in Mount Pleasant on the 27th and 28th of September.

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ADJOURNMENT:

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

Marci Taskey, Chair

Daniel Rushford, Finance Director