

Board of Road Commissioners Meeting
County Services Building
February 14, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Oceana County Board of Road Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Myers at the County Services Building at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, February 14, 2024.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Members present: Myers, Gowell, Forbes, Spitler, Koch.

Staff present: Timmer, Griffin, Holmes, Terryn, Curtis.

Visitors: Dave Leonard, Colfax Township Supervisor; Larry Doran, Weare Township Supervisor; Lynne Cavazos, Pentwater Township Supervisor; Lee Hyslop, Crystal Township Supervisor; Richard Raffaelli, Shelby Township Supervisor; Roger Schmidt, Grant Township Supervisor; Tim Beggs, Oceana County Commissioner Liaison; Craig Mast, Oceana County Sheriff; Garry McKeen, Parks and Recreation Commission; Mike Bosch, Hart Township resident; Scott Beal, Hart/Silver Lake Visitors Bureau; and Don Tucker, Golden Township resident. **TOTAL: 12 visitors**

AGENDA

Motion by Forbes and supported by Gowell to approve the following Agenda items for discussion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Road Bonding Resolution

NEW BUSINESS

1. Two (2) Underbody Scrapers
2. Military Wrecker (W-6) and Spare Engine
3. New Trucks
4. New Truck Bodies

Roll call vote: Forbes – yes; Gowell – yes; Spitler – yes; Koch – yes; Myers – yes.

Motion carried.

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION

Dave Leonard asked about brine costs for 2024. Mark Timmer expects these costs to be available by the end of this week.

Lee Hyslop spoke briefly about the RAISE Grant that Mark Timmer applied for.....this will be a “historic” time for Oceana County. Lee thanked Mark Timmer and the Road Commissioners.

Richard Raffaelli thanked both Mark Timmer and Sign-Safety Coordinator, Jeremi Bosch for their help and long hours assisting with the Shelby School Zone project. Richard also thanked the Road Commissioners for approving the Road Bonding proposal.

Scott Beal with Hart/Silver Lake Visitors Bureau inquired about the permit that was submitted for the 2024 Apple Fest. Mark Timmer commented the permit is being reviewed and there will be some policy changes in place shortly for “non-road work” permits. Scott Beal commented that Apple Fest would help reimburse the Road Commission for costs.

Craig Mast stated with the seasonal weight and speed restrictions on that the Weighmasters have made several stops (most of them have been educational only stops).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Forbes and supported by Gowell to approve the Minutes of the January 24, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.

Roll call vote: Forbes – yes; Gowell – yes; Spitler – yes; Koch – yes; Myers – yes.
Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

The Revenues & Expenditures Report and Cash Flow Statement were given to the Board members to review.

Motion by Gowell and supported by Koch to approve the following Vouchers as presented.

Voucher No. 72340 (Accounts Payable 1-31)	\$ 266,794.68
Voucher No. 72341 (Payroll 1-31)	\$ 102,050.01
Voucher No. 72342 (Accounts Payable 2-14)	\$ 447,804.31
Voucher No. 72343 (Payroll 2-14)	<u>\$ 98,115.78</u>
	\$ 914,764.78

Roll call vote: Gowell – yes; Koch – yes; Forbes – yes; Spitler – yes; Myers – yes.
Motion carried.

Mark Timmer spoke briefly regarding Road Bonding on primary roads. The Road Commission will be borrowing \$3.5 million from Shelby State Bank with an interest rate of 4.2% with annual payments over ten (10) years. Chairman Myers commented this is an exciting time for the Road Commission.

RESOLUTION NO. 1 – ROAD BONDING

Motion by Forbes and supported by Spitler to accept the Road Bonding proposal as outlined above by Mark Timmer.

Roll call vote: Forbes – yes; Spitler – yes; Gowell – yes; Koch – yes; Myers – yes.
Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2 – UNDERBODY SCRAPERS

Motion by Koch and supported by Gowell to purchase two (2) underbody scraper assemblies (Model # DQO004181) and have them installed on D-32 and D-33 by Truck and Trailer for \$22,142.00 each, for a total of \$44,284.00

Roll call vote: Koch – yes; Gowell – yes; Forbes – yes; Spitler – yes; Myers – yes.
Motion carried.

Mark Timmer gave the Road Commissioners a memorandum regarding keeping the Military Wrecker (W-6) and the spare engine. During the snow storm we used it in conjunction with the large Kenworth wrecker to remove a truck from the ditch, and also used it to get a pickup from a tight seasonal road. Mark Timmer as well as Shop Foreman, Dan Terryn recommend the Road Commission keep W-6 and the spare engine as we have a need and use for this by itself and in conjunction with the larger Kenworth wrecker.

RESOLUTION NO. 3 – MILITARY WRECKER (W-6) AND SPARE ENGINE

Motion by Gowell and supported by Koch to NOT sell the Military Wrecker (W-6) and spare engine as previously voted on by the Board Members to sell.

Roll call vote: Gowell – yes; Koch – yes; Forbes – yes; Spitler – yes; Myers – yes.
Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 4 – NEW TRUCKS

Motion by Gowell and supported by Koch to order through MiDEAL four (4) new tandem axle cab and chassis trucks (for 2025).

Roll call vote: Gowell – yes; Koch – yes; Forbes – yes; Spitler – yes; Myers – yes.
Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 5 – NEW TRUCK BODIES

Motion by Koch and supported by Gowell to purchase through MiDEAL two (2) new bodies and have two (2) existing bodies refurbished and installed with all necessary hydraulics, rate controls, underbody scrapers, wings plows, front plow mounts, and to include all plumbing and lighting (for 2025).

Roll call vote: Koch – yes; Gowell – yes; Forbes – yes; Spitler – yes; Myers – yes.
Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS

The State crew has been durapatching on Polk Road, patching various routes, snow and ice removal, and roadside cleanup.

The M-20 and Hart crews have patched various roads with the hot box, snow and ice removal, graded gravel roads and fixed punch holes, and tree trimming on various spots in county as well as 128th Avenue and Pierce Road (one of the Road Bonding roads).

Traffic Services has worked on asset management, Miss Digs, permits, Road Soft, sign repairs, street name signs, supervised the sign crew, closures and detours, upgraded signs in Elbridge Township, and finished the school zone signs in Hart and MDOT's portion of Shelby.

Mark Timmer reviewed bills and finances with the Finance/HR Director and Clerk, and Deputy Clerk, met with Township officials, Engineers, and worked on the Road Bonding that is ready to bid out. Will be chip sealing approximately sixty-five (65) miles of primary roads and fifteen (15) miles of local roads.

Mark gave updates on the following projects

**192nd bridge over Brayton Creek (Federal Aid) has been bid out and the project will begin in the Spring 2024

**Shelby Road from 64th Avenue to Village limits has been bid out

**Madison Road from 126th Avenue to just East of 144th Avenue will be paved in the Summer 2024

The Board Members were given the final 2023 budget adjustments for review.

Chairman Myers spoke briefly regarding an individual who has contacted him via. emails regarding 62nd Avenue in Pentwater Township that was crushed and turned back to gravel. Chairman Myers supports this decision that was made by Mark Timmer and Lynne Cavazos, Pentwater Township Supervisor and thanked both for the job done on 62nd Avenue. Mark Timmer commented that this road was a double prime and chip seal road over gravel and there was no structure to the road, it was broken apart, so turning it back to gravel it is now a decent road. All Commissioners supported Mark Timmer in pulverizing 62nd Avenue and other paved roads that are in poor condition being turned back to gravel.

Chairman Myers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:26 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

LORI L. HOLMES
Finance/HR Director

WILLIAM MYERS
Chairman

FEBRUARY 28, 2024
DATE