

Board of Road Commissioners Meeting
Board Room
January 8, 2020

The Organizational Meeting of the Oceana County Board of Road Commissioners was called to order by Clerk Griffin in the Board Room at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, January 8, 2020.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Members present: Myers, Gowell, Forbes, Carr, Blohm. Absent: None.

Staff present: Timmer, Griffin, Koch, Holmes, Merten.

Visitors: Robert Wade, Colfax Township Supervisor; Dale Stevenson, Weare Township Supervisor; John Hendrixon, Shelby Township Supervisor; Dave Spitler, Pentwater Township Supervisor; Bill Wagner, Grant Township Clerk; Andrew Sebolt, County Commissioner liaison; and Jean Russell, Pentwater Township resident. **TOTAL: 7 visitors.**

The Clerk asked for nominations for Chairman of the Oceana County Road Commission for fiscal year 2020.

Commissioner Forbes nominated Commissioner Myers for Chairman of the Oceana County Road Commission for fiscal year 2020. There were no other nominations.

Roll call vote: Forbes – yes; Carr – yes; Gowell – yes; Blohm – yes; Myers – yes.

Motion carried.

Chairman Myers then asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman of the Oceana County Board of Road Commissioners for fiscal year 2020.

Commissioner Forbes nominated Commissioner Gowell for Vice-Chairman of the Oceana County Road Commission for fiscal year 2020. There were no other nominations.

Roll call vote: Forbes – yes; Myers – yes; Carr – yes; Blohm – yes; Gowell – yes.

Motion carried.

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION

John Hendrixon, Shelby Township Supervisor, and County Commissioner Andrew Sebolt complimented our foremen and their crews for the terrific job they are doing to get our roads back in shape from excessive wet weather this year. Several culverts have been replaced and many shoulders and washouts repaired.

Jean Russell, Pentwater Township resident, was present to express her appreciation for the work done on Longbridge Road as well as the repairs to the detour route while the road was closed (Wayne Road/68th Avenue/Harrison Road/72nd Avenue). She then presented a check for \$25,000 to help defray the cost of the extensive work needed to reopen the road to traffic. The Board and all those in attendance were stunned and applauded her generosity. David Spitler, Pentwater Township Supervisor, personally thanked Ms. Russell for her donation.

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

1. Committee appointments.

Roll call vote: Forbes – yes; Gowell – yes; Blohm – yes; Carr – yes; Myers – yes.

Motion carried.

Motion by Gowell and supported by Forbes to approve the Minutes of the December 30, 2019 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

Roll call vote: Gowell – yes; Forbes – yes; Blohm – yes; Carr – yes; Myers – yes;

Motion carried.

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

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

Voucher No. 72120 (Accounts Payable)	\$313,500.17
Voucher No 72121 (Payroll)	<u>\$ 78,939.25</u>
	\$392,439.42

Roll call vote: Carr – yes; Gowell – yes; Forbes – yes; Blohm – yes; Myers – yes.

Motion carried.

Chairman Myers briefly discussed committee appointments. There were no requests from any Board members to change appointments, so he stated they would remain the same, except for the Parks and Recreation Commission appointment. Chairman Myers will take over Commissioner Blohm’s position as liaison from the Road Commission to the County Parks & Recreation Commission.

STAFF REPORTS

Mark and Shop Foreman Denis Koch have been discussing some of our older equipment as well as the decommissioning of our Walkerville garage. Denis received an offer of \$15,000 for our 1972 CAT dozer and root rake (C-34 and C-34A) from a local contractor. Considerable discussion centered around putting the equipment up for bids, selling it to the contractor at his bid price, or putting the equipment up for bid with “no reserves.”

RESOLUTION NO. 1 – EQUIPMENT DISPOSAL – DOZER & ROOT RAKE

Motion by Blohm and supported by Gowell to put the 1972 CAT dozer and root rake (C-34 and C-34A) up for bids “with no reserves.”

Roll call vote: Blohm – no; Gowell – yes; Carr – yes; Forbes - no; Myers – no.

MOTION FAILED.

Further discussion ensued and various opinions were expressed and considered before the following Resolution was made.

RESOLUTION NO. 2 – EQUIPMENT DISPOSAL – DOZER & ROOT RAKE

Motion by Gowell and supported by Blohm to put our D7 CAT dozer and root rake (C-34 and C-34A) up for sale with a minimum bid of \$12,000.00.

Roll call vote: Gowell – yes; Blohm – yes; Carr – no; Forbes – yes; Myers – yes.

Motion carried.

Our Road Commission garage, located at 209 W. Michigan Avenue in downtown Walkerville is deteriorating badly and is only being used for equipment storage. Our liability insurance carrier tours the building annually and is aware it is only used as a storage building. Mark asked for Board approval to demolish the building and use the land for road material storage. Vice-Chairman Gowell and Commissioner Blohm will meet and look at the building and report back to the Board.

Mark and the Foreman have been working on Township road project estimates; Mark and Engineering Technician Austin Cribley are steadily working on our required asset management plan.

Chairman Myers commented on the 2019 road work and was very appreciative of everyone’s efforts and dedication and wanted to recognize the staff for their contributions in making 2019 such a successful year. New operations were undertaken as the Road Commission resumed responsibility for brining roads and for beginning our own chip seal/fog seal program. Not only were these tasks new to some of the current staff and employees, but the knowledge to purchase the needed equipment, the training for the crews, and the diverse skills needed for these new operations was an undertaking that went very well and will only improve in 2020. The Board wholeheartedly agreed that the amount of work done in 2019 was phenomenal and that the staff should be recognized. Commissioner Forbes added that the annual “Open House” and “Road Reception” are cooperative staff efforts and are also very much appreciated.

RESOLUTION NO. 3 – STAFF APPRECIATION

Motion by Myers and supported by Carr to recognize the Road Commission staff for their continued commitment and dedication to the motoring public and residents of Oceana County.

Roll call vote: Myers – yes; Carr – yes; Forbes – yes; Gowell – yes; Blohm – yes.

Motion carried.

Chairman Myers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:25 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

SANDRA K. GRIFFIN
Clerk

WILLIAM MYERS
Chairman

JANUARY 22, 2020

DATE