

Board of Road Commissioners Meeting
Board Room
October 25, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the Oceana County Board of Road Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Myers in the Board Room at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, October 25, 2017.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

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

Staff present: Timmer, Griffin, Koch, Barefoot.

Visitors: Robert Wade, Colfax Township Supervisor; John Hendrixon, Shelby Township Supervisor; Bill Wagner, Grant Township Clerk; Andrew Sebolt, Oceana County Commissioner; Gale Eitniear, Newfield Township resident; Bow Wagner, Walkerville Thrives; C.O. Johnson and Vince Miskosky, President and Plant Manager of Arbre Farms; and Lori Green, Weare Township resident. **TOTAL: 9 visitors.**

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION

Vince Miskosky, Plant Manager of Arbre Farms, thanked the Board for the work done around their plant in Colfax Township. Our forces wedged on Jackson Road, 176th Avenue, and Madison Road and he wanted to "personally thank the Road Commission because you made it much better for us."

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

1. New truck;
2. Emulsion tanks (for Durapatcher use).

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Gowell and supported by Blohm to approve the Minutes of the October 11, 2017 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

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

Motion carried.

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

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

Voucher No. 72002 (Accounts Payable)	\$595,039.77
Voucher No. 72003 (Payroll)	<u>\$ 60,636.79</u>
	\$655,676.56

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

Motion carried.

At previous meetings, the Board members discussed the need to purchase at least one (1) new single axle district truck in the near future. Shop Foreman, Denis Koch, was informed on October 23, 2017 that Grand Traverse Diesel had a truck in stock that they would like to sell as soon as possible. Denis provided handouts quoting our cost for the truck cab and chassis, as well as a quote from Heights Machinery to provide and install the equipment package (per OCRC specifications). The new truck would be available for delivery in Spring, 2018. Considerable discussion ensued. Mark Timmer and Denis both agreed that purchasing this vehicle now would save over \$25,000 as opposed to putting in an order and “waiting in line” for the vehicle to be built, with an “unknown” delivery date. The Clerk confirmed that purchasing the truck cab and chassis is affordable this year and the payment for the equipment installation would be budgeted in fiscal year 2018.

RESOLUTION NO. 1 – PURCHASE SINGLE AXLE TRUCK CAB & CHASSIS

Motion by Forbes and supported by Carr to purchase the Western Star cab and chassis from Grand Traverse Diesel for \$83,000.00 per the quotation dated October 23, 2017.

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

Motion carried.

Mark Timmer spoke to the Board about the two (2) Durapatchers purchased this Spring and the emulsion we bought from Muskegon County Road Commission. He went on to say that the full usage of the machines is not realized due to the travel time to load the emulsion each day. Handouts from three (3) vendors quoting the purchase of emulsion storage tanks was reviewed and discussed. The lowest quote was from Equipment Marketing Company of Cloverdale, Indiana; their representative Cliff Dickehut, flew into the Oceana County Airport and met with Mark Timmer to tour our Hart and M-20 facilities to determine the best location for a 6,000 gallon emulsion tank at both garages. Considerable discussion ensued.

Commissioner Carr made a Motion to table any decision on purchasing emulsion tanks until the Board has more time to study this matter. There was not a second to the Motion. Chairman Myers declared that the Motion died for lack of support.

Further discussion continued. Mr. Timmer explained that he spoke with the Foremen and requested the Durapatchers be used extensively next Summer and wants to have at least one tank ready to go this Spring, but would prefer to have both tanks installed for better county-wide efficiency.

RESOLUTION NO. 2 – PURCHASE TOTAL TANKS

Motion by Forbes and supported by Gowell to purchase two (2) 6,000 gallon Total Tanks in fiscal year 2018, with all standard equipment, from Equipment Marketing Company of Cloverdale, Indiana.

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

Monthly Committee Reports

Insurance Committee – No report.

Finance Committee – No report.

Personnel Committee – Commissioner Gowell reported that John Thomas has retired as of June, 2017. Victor Huls is off with a non-work-related shoulder injury.

Buildings & Grounds Committee – Commissioner Gowell reported the conversion from fuel oil to propane has been completed at M-20. Mark Timmer plans to demolish the small salt shed at the Hart Garage this Fall.

Community Relations – The “Road Reception” being held at the Double JJ Ranch Resort on November 9, 2017 is “on track.” Mark Christensen, Superintendent/Manager of Montcalm County Road Commission, will be our guest speaker. The power point presentation is coming along nicely.

Oceana County Parks & Recreation Commission – Commissioner Blohm is the Road Commission liaison to the County Parks & Recreation Commission and reported that Black Lake Park will be open for hunters this deer hunting season; the Cedar Point Park walkway is still being discussed.

Oceana County Planning Commission – Commissioner Carr is the Road Commission liaison to the County Planning Commission and reported that the Chairman is stepping down and there may possibly be another resignation.

STAFF REPORTS

Our State crew has been patching Oceana Drive and also the expressway at the Hammett Road Bridge overpass. Repairs have been made to the big salt shed in Hart that was damaged. Guardrail repairs and ditching were done on Oceana Drive and Polk Road.

The M-20 and Hart crews have been blading when weather permits, along with brush cutting, sign work, and taking care of downed trees. Muskegon County Road Commission brought their equipment to help our crew with guardrail repairs on Polk Road and Lighthouse Drive. The wedging crew worked on Lighthouse Drive to stabilize the road where the guardrail repairs were made. They also wedged on 136th Avenue (from Polk Road to Tyler Road) and did a patch on 128th Avenue in Elbridge Township, as well as 120th Avenue/144th Avenue/Madison Road in Crystal Township.

The Monroe Road Project is nearly completed, but because the road is not open to traffic, Hallack Contracting will be paying “liquidated damages” until the road is finished, which is expected to be October 30, 2017.

Rieth-Riley did spot wedging on 48th Avenue and also on Johnson Road in Benona Township. Our forces hauled ditch dirt from Fox Road/64th Avenue in Golden Township as well as sand from the dune turnaround.

Chairman Myers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

SANDRA K. GRIFFIN
Clerk

WILLIAM MYERS
Chairman

NOVEMBER 8, 2017

DATE