

Board of Road Commissioners Meeting
Board Room
November 22, 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, November 22, 2017.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

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

Staff present: Timmer, Griffin, Barefoot.

Visitors: Robert Wade, Colfax Township Supervisor; Bill Wagner, Grant Township Clerk; Dick Cornwell, Ferry Township Trustee; Andrew Sebolt, Oceana County Commissioner; Dan Krager, Ferry Township resident; Bow Wagner, Walkerville Thrives; Lori Green, Weare Township resident; and John Cavanagh, Herald-Journal reporter.

TOTAL: 8 visitors.

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION

Bow Wagner, Walkerville Thrives representative, thanked Mark Timmer for taking care of patching Harrison Road at the "S" curves East of Walkerville.

Dick Cornwell, Ferry Township Trustee, announced that the Ferry Township Board approved a leveling course and overlay on 132nd Avenue, from M-20 to Johnson Road, to be done in fiscal year 2018.

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

1. Set 2018 Budget Hearing Date;
2. 2018 Township Match Dollars discussion.

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 November 8, 2017 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

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

Motion carried.

Commissioner Blohm asked to have it mentioned that Lori Green, Weare Township resident, had wanted to copy the October 25, 2017 Board Minutes and found that the tape had not recorded them. The Board asked staff to look into the price of a new recorder. The Clerk added that Minutes since that date have been recorded successfully.

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. 72006 (Accounts Payable)	\$583,402.01
Voucher No. 72007 (Payroll)	<u>\$ 62,327.57</u>
	\$645,729.58

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

RESOLUTION NO. 1 – SET DATE FOR 2018 PROPOSED BUDGET HEARING

Motion by Gowell and supported by Blohm to advertise for a Public Hearing to be held on December 13, 2017 at 10:15 AM on the Proposed 2018 Road Commission Budget. The Notice will appear in the December 7, 2017 issue of the Herald-Journal newspaper.

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

The Board was presented with copies of amendments to the 2017 Revenue and Expenditures Budgets. The Board briefly discussed this year’s road work and expressed appreciation to Mark Timmer and the Townships for their “partnering” to complete many road projects this year.

The Board discussed the annual \$200,000 Township Match Dollar Program that has been in place since 2005. Commissioner Forbes began by saying that she had been contacted by a Township that asked if the amount of money could be increased to \$300,000 for 2018. Mark Timmer explained that our Oceana Drive Project (from the bridge in Hart to Lever Road) will be funded this Spring with our Federal Aid allotment. He added that “the project engineering costs and our Local Match Dollars will be a big expense for us in 2018.” He went on to say that “the Road Commission has been partnering with the individual Townships, over and above the match money, for worthwhile projects.”

RESOLUTION NO. 2 – 2018 TOWNSHIP MATCH DOLLARS (\$200,000)

Motion by Carr and supported by Forbes to approve the 2018 Township Match Dollar figures as presented by the Clerk.

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

Monthly Committee Reports

Finance & Insurance Committees – Commissioner Forbes said there was nothing to report.

Personnel Committee – Commissioner Gowell said there was nothing to report.

Community Relations Committee – Commissioners Carr and Blohm had nothing to report.

Buildings & Grounds Committee – Commissioners Carr and Gowell had nothing to report.

Parks & Recreation Committee – Commissioner Blohm had nothing to report.

Commissioner Carr commented that the County Planning Commission had not met since our last Road Commission meeting.

STAFF REPORTS

Our MDOT crew has been putting sanders on trucks and patching shoulders on Oceana Drive, and US-31. There have been occasions when the expressway, M-20, M-120 and Oceana Drive were sanded already this year. The new employees have been instructed in road sanding operations.

The M-20 crew has been durapatching on Garfield Road as well as working on shoulders near New Era. Tree/brush cleanup and patching/blading have been done in many Townships.

The Hart crew worked at ditching and shoulders on Lakeview Drive in Pentwater Township to finish up that project. The gravel haul was completed on Deer Road in Elbridge Township. Ditching was also done on Jackson Road in Crystal Township. The shoreline along Longbridge Road (near Monroe Road) was repaired due to recent washouts.

The Oceana Drive Federal Aid Project final design (Hart Bridge to North of Lever Road) has been submitted to MDOT for review and funding. The Grade Inspection was held with MDOT and our engineers. Projected completion date for the project is June 30, 2018.

Mark Timmer read aloud letters from Golden Township and Oceana County Commissioner Dean Gustafson thanking the Board for the “Road Reception” held at the Double JJ Ranch Resort on November 9, 2017.

Chairman Myers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:41 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

SANDRA K. GRIFFIN
Clerk

WILLIAM MYERS
Chairman

DECEMBER 13, 2017

DATE