

Board of Road Commissioners Meeting
Board Room
March 27, 2019

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, March 27, 2019.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

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

Staff present: Timmer, Griffin, Merten.

Visitors: Robert Wade, Colfax Township Supervisor; Dale Stevenson, Weare Township Supervisor; Walt Brimmer, Otto Township Supervisor; Bill Wagner, Grant Township Clerk; Andrew Sebolt, Oceana County Commissioner; Lauri Buursma, Holland resident; Rex Perysian, Otto Township resident; Nick Matiash, Mason County resident; and Mark Ferris, Lake Tahoe resident. **TOTAL: 9 visitors.**

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION

Lauri Buursma, Holland resident, addressed the Board regarding her displeasure that the trees are being cut in her parent's front yard on Deer Road in Golden Township. The trees in question are old maples in the right-of-way and are routinely removed during paving projects. The Golden Township Board approved a "crush, shape, pave" project for Deer Road from 34th Avenue to 48th Avenue.

Dale Stevenson, Weare Township Supervisor, spoke briefly on road damage in his Township due to the recent flooding.

Walt Brimmer, Otto Township Supervisor, asked if repairs were scheduled for the guardrail damage to the Yale Road Bridge. He added that farming operations in Otto Township are also causing road damage.

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

1. Pavement marking bids.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Forbes and supported by Gowell to approve the Minutes of the February 27, 2019 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

Roll call vote: Forbes – yes; Gowell – 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 Forbes to approve the following Vouchers as presented.

Voucher No. 72075 (Accounts Payable)	\$115,564.98
Voucher No. 72076 (Payroll)	\$ 80,258.41
Voucher No. 72077 (Accounts Payable)	\$105,858.56
Voucher No. 72078 (Payroll)	<u>\$ 77,568.23</u>
	\$379,250.18

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

The Traffic Services crew has been busy preparing a pavement marking program for the entire County. Their diligent efforts will make our striping program much easier to plan each year. The following bids were received for our 2019 Pavement Marking Program.

Michigan Pavement Marking, LLC	\$113,236.90
M & M Pavement Marking	\$118,311.74
PK Contracting	\$118,616.26

RESOLUTION NO. 1 – 2019 PAVEMENT MARKING BID AWARD

Motion by Forbes and supported by Gowell to accept all the bids received for long line striping and special markings for our 2019 Pavement Marking Program and allow the staff to select the contractor that will be in the best interest of the Road Commission. Managing Director Mark Timmer has a letter drafted to award the bid to Michigan Pavement Marking, LLC upon acceptance of the bids by the Board.

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

Quarterly Committee Reports

Personnel & Insurance Committees – nothing to report.

Finance Committee – Commissioner Forbes shared her “Commissioner Meeting” information obtained at the Annual County Road Association Conference (CRA) in Lansing. She also briefly spoke about the \$0.45 gas tax hike proposed by Governor Whitmer and what little benefit road agencies would realize.

Buildings & Grounds Committee – Commissioners Gowell and Blohm announced that bids have been put together and sent out for a new storage building in Hart.

Community Relations Committee – Commissioner Carr attended a CRA Meeting in Mt. Pleasant. The third annual Road Commission Open House is “proposed” for Thursday, June 6, 2019.

Weighmaster Liaison – Commissioner Gowell met with Sheriff Mast earlier today and reported that everything is going good and that the deputies are actively patrolling the County.

Parks & Recreation Liaison – Commissioner Blohm reported that the stairs at Cedar Point Park are being worked on and that the seasonal rental spaces are full for this Summer at Black Lake County Park.

STAFF REPORTS

Our forces have been repairing many roads from recent rain, flooding, and snow melting. At one time, there were ten (10) roads closed to traffic. Patching roads from the Winter breakup is being done throughout the County with our hot boxes. Crews stayed late several days to grade gravel roads after 3:30 PM when they finally became thawed from overnight freezing temperatures; they also patched with hot boxes the last two (2) Saturdays. Traffic services is busy working on a “curve advisory upgrade” safety grant and also logging sight distance locations in various parts of the County. They also helped with snow removal and water flooding problems when needed. Extensive shoulder washout repairs were needed on M-120 near Skeels Road and also on Riverview Drive, off M-20 in Hesperia. Three (3) roads are still closed to traffic as of today.

Mark, the Board members, and our five (5) Foremen attended the CRA Conference in Lansing. Mark and the Traffic Services crew attended PASER rating training in Grand Rapids. Two (2) foremen and four (4) operators attended Etnyre chip seal training in Illinois. Mark also attended APWA training on labor negotiations.

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

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