

Board of Road Commissioners Meeting
Board Room
April 24, 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, April 24, 2019.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

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

Staff present: Griffin, Koch, Merten.

Visitors: Robert Wade, Colfax Township Supervisor; Dale Stevenson, Weare Township Supervisor; Walt Brimmer, Otto Township Supervisor; Bill Wagner, Grant Township Clerk; Andrew Sebolt, County Commissioner Liaison; Connie & William James, Margo Haynes, and Bruce Froelich, here to comment on Flower Road in Claybanks Township. **TOTAL: 9 visitors.**

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION

Connie and Bill James, spoke about the condition of Flower Road, West of 56th Avenue in Claybanks Township, and asked that it be improved in order to gain access to their personal property. Margo Haynes, read aloud an email from her sister Marie Jarboe, a Claybanks Township resident, that spoke of the CAFO (concentrated animal feeding operation) on Flower Road and the pollution it will cause. Bruce Froelich, Ms. Haynes husband, spoke about the swine operation and specifically mentioned the large loads of waste, as well as feed that would be doing damage to the local roads.

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

1. Claybanks Township – Flower Road, West of 56th Avenue;
2. Critical Bridge Applications (2022 award);
3. Discuss leasing additional motor grader.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Forbes and supported by Blohm to approve the Minutes of the April 10, 2019 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

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

Voucher No. 72081 (Accounts Payable)	\$308,354.05
Voucher No. 72082 (Payroll)	<u>\$ 63,286.59</u>
	\$371,640.64

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

Motion carried.

Commissioner Blohm asked to have Flower Road in Claybanks Township added to the Agenda. He began by saying that he was out turkey hunting and observed that dolomite had been put down on Flower Road; he called the Road Commission office inquiring if a permit had been obtained to improve the road. He was informed by the Clerk that we do not issue permits for seasonal roads. He asked today why this new company was allowed to work on our roads and create a hazard for traffic (specifically a “hump” at the end of the road). He added that “we need to step up on this issue and deal with it.” Chairman Myers stated that he would speak with Managing Director Mark Timmer and have him go out to Flower Road to see what has taken place.

Commissioner Forbes read aloud the following Resolution allowing the audience to be made aware of the list of bridges we are submitting to MDOT for possible Critical Bridge Funding in fiscal year 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 1 – CRITICAL BRIDGE SUBMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022

Motion by Forbes and supported by Gowell to submit the following bridges to MDOT for possible bridge funding in 2022.

1. Greenwood Township – 194th Avenue Bridge, over Brayton Creek (preventive maintenance);
2. Ferry Township – Garfield Road Bridge, over the North Branch/White River (preventive maintenance);
Newfield Township – Garfield Road Bridge, over the South Branch/White River (preventive maintenance);
Crystal Township – 120th Avenue, over the North Branch/Pentwater River (preventive maintenance);
Leavitt Township – 196th Avenue, over Beaver Drain (preventive maintenance).
(Structures 8378, 8366, 8367, 8373, 8377 respectively.)

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

Motion carried.

The Board was given a Memorandum from Mark Timmer explaining the possible lease of an additional John Deere motor grader. We currently have two (2) CAT motor graders (a 1997 and a 2000) and just signed paperwork to lease a new John Deere motor grader for five (5) years. AIS wrote a proposal to take the older CAT graders in on trade, and write up another proposal with the same terms as the grader we just leased from them.

RESOLUTION NO. 2 – LEASE ADDITIONAL JOHN DEERE MOTOR GRADER

Motion by Forbes and supported by Gowell to lease an additional John Deere 770G Motor Grader from AIS under the same terms and conditions as the first one leased earlier this year (5-year lease at a cost of

\$20,822.60/year). AIS proposed to take the two (2) older CAT motor graders in on trade for a credit of more than \$54,000.00.

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

STAFF REPORTS

The Board and audience were informed that the crews have been preparing for Summer road projects, blading roads, and fixing potholes and washouts.

Chairman Myers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

SANDRA K. GRIFFIN
Clerk

WILLIAM MYERS
Chairman

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