

Board of Road Commissioners Meeting  
Board Room  
June 12, 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, June 12, 2019.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

**Chairman Myers asked for a “Moment of Silent Prayer” for the family of Eric Scott. Eric and his daughter lost their lives in a tragic accident that occurred on Webster Road in Grant Township. The Scott family is directly related to our retired employee Terry Seaver.**

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

Staff present: Timmer, Griffin, Holmes.

Visitors: John Hendrixon, Shelby Township Supervisor; David Spitler, Pentwater Township Supervisor; Andrew Sebolt, County Commissioner Liaison; Richard Raffaelli, Tom Babinec and Chris Trevino, Shelby Township residents; John Cavanagh, Herald-Journal reporter; Laura Kassanos, Peter Bush, Jeff Hodges, Amy LaBarge, Don Davidson; Peter and Tricia Zangara, Julie Burdick, , Larry Zahner, Skip Barnes, Gary and Betty Pleva, and Frode Maaseidvaag, all Pentwater Township residents.. **TOTAL: 20 visitors.**

### **CITIZEN’S PARTICIPATION**

Several citizens were unhappy that the condition of Longbridge Road has not improved; and are not happy with the inconvenience caused by it being closed to traffic since May 1, 2019 when high water forced the closing of the road. A few of them are worried about emergency services not being easily available due to the extra time needed to reach the South side of the lake; others addressed the fact that local businesses will suffer by loss of revenue due to the road closure. The audience asked to be better informed and updated on the progress our engineers make on Longbridge Road on a regular basis. Complaints pertaining to road signage directing traffic away from the Longbridge area were also made. Betty Pleva read aloud a letter addressed to the Board; Julie Burdick provided pictures of a somewhat similar “water over the road” incident that occurred on BR US-31 between Montague and Whitehall.

Mark addressed the Board after the Pentwater residents were finished. He said that “from day one, our bridge engineer has been working on this.” He added that the underwater inspection was done on May 27 and our engineer recommended that the road remain closed until a plan is developed. Mark will issue a Press Release when any relevant information is received.

Tom Babinec, Shelby Township resident, stated that he had been given information on the 96<sup>th</sup> Avenue road abandonment and was not in favor of closing the road.

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

1. Shelby Township Road Abandonment - 96<sup>th</sup> Avenue, South of Buchanan Road;
2. MDOT Contract – Benona Township – Shelby Road Bridge;
3. MDOT Contract – Shelby Township – Oceana Drive (New Era to M-20).

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 May 22, 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 Gowell to approve the following Vouchers as presented.

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| Voucher No. 72087 (Accounts Payable) | \$334,064.13        |
| Voucher No. 72088 (Payroll)          | \$ 73,928.86        |
| Voucher No. 72089 (Accounts Payable) | \$432,947.13        |
| Voucher No. 72090 (Payroll)          | <u>\$ 79,790.64</u> |
|                                      | \$920,730.76        |

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

The Board members were given a “revised” abandonment request from Richard Raffaelli asking to abandon 96<sup>th</sup> Avenue, South of Buchanan Road in Shelby Township. The revised document states that the road only be abandoned North of Moody Lake and that the 0.65 miles of 96<sup>th</sup> Avenue that lies North of Woodrow Road (South of Moody Lake) remain open to the public.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 1 – SHELBY TOWNSHIP ROAD ABANDONMENT – 96<sup>th</sup> AVENUE**

Motion by Carr and supported by Gowell to advertise in the Herald-Journal for a Public Hearing being held at the Oceana County Road Commission, 3501 W. Polk Road, Hart, Michigan at 10:15 AM on Wednesday, June 26, 2019, regarding the request for abandonment of 96<sup>th</sup> Avenue, South of Buchanan Road, in Sections 10/11 of Shelby Township for a distance of 0.25 miles (except for the 0.65 miles of 96<sup>th</sup> Avenue, North of Woodrow Road, that terminates near Moody Lake).

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2 – APPROVE MDOT CONTRACT – BENONA TOWNSHIP**  
**SHELBY ROAD OVER STONY CREEK**

Motion by Forbes and supported by Gowell to have Managing Director Mark Timmer and Board Chairman Bill Myers sign the MDOT Contract for the following work (Control Section BRT-64000; Structure No. 8368; Job Number 133055CON; Project Number 1900(770); Contract No. 19-5274; CFDA No. 20.205 Highway Research Planning & Construction).

**PART A – FEDERAL & STATE PARTICIPATION**

The removal and replacement of the structure #8368, which carries Shelby Road over Stony Creek, Section 14, T14N, R18W, Benona Township, Oceana County, Michigan; the reconstruction of the approaches to the structure for approximately 400 feet Westerly and 550 feet Easterly of the structure; and all together with necessary related work.

**PART B – NO FEDERAL OR STATE PARTICIPATION**

Contractor staking and structure nameplate installation work for the structure #8368, which carries Shelby Road over Stony Creek, Section 14, T14N, R18W, Benona Township, Oceana County, Michigan; and all together with necessary related work.

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

Motion carried

**RESOLUTION NO. 3 – APPROVE MDOT CONTRACT – SHELBY TOWNSHIP**  
**OCEANA DRIVE – NEW ERA VILLAGE TO M-20**

Motion by Forbes and supported by Gowell to have Managing Director Mark Timmer and Board Chairman Bill Myers sign the MDOT Contract for hot mix asphalt resurfacing work along Oceana Drive from the Village Limits of New Era, Northerly to Highway M-20; including aggregate shoulder, slope restoration, and permanent pavement marking work; and all together with necessary related work (Control Section STL-64000; Job Number 206369CON; Project No. 1900(800); Contract No. 19-5296; CFDA No. 20.205 Highway Research Planning & Construction.)

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

Motion carried.

**STAFF REPORTS**

Mark Timmer reported that our crews are grading gravel roads, patching with hot boxes, doing shoulder maintenance, tree work, and getting roads and driveways restored after paving on several road is finished. The Traffic Services crew staked roads for paving, continued work on a Safety Grant award for curve signing, worked on the county-wide local road bridge/culvert inventory, and are putting together a 5-year road plan. Our forces are “ironing out the kinks” in this year’s brine program. Great Lakes Chloride and

Michigan Chloride are providing the brine to our depots as well as filling frac tanks we have had placed around the county. Our forces will be spreading all the brine this year.

The following roads are under construction; this list will be updated as further project work begins.

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| Stony Lake Road (Scenic Drive to East of 36 <sup>th</sup> Avenue)<br>Crush/shape/pave | ~3.00 miles |
| East Hills Drive & Pine Grove Drive<br>Mill/grade/pave                                | ~0.45 miles |

Washington Road, between 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Weare Township, is still closed to traffic until the replacement culvert size is determined. The base course has been put down on Oceana Drive from Lever Road to 1,000 feet North of Monroe Road. The top course has been put on 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue, from Skeels Road to Webster Road, in Claybanks Township. The Shelby Road Bridge Replacement Project will be let June 28, 2019. The Oceana Drive Project, from the Village of New Era to M-20 in Shelby Township, will be let in July.

Chairman Myers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:38 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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**SANDRA K. GRIFFIN**  
Clerk

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**WILLIAM MYERS**  
Chairman

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**JUNE 26, 2019**