

Board of Road Commissioners Meeting
Board Room
June 13, 2018

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 13, 2018.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Members present: Myers, Gowell, Forbes, Carr. Absent: Blohm.

Staff present: Timmer, Griffin, and Merten.

Visitors: Robert Wade, Colfax Township Supervisor; John Hendrixon, Shelby Township Supervisor; Bill Wagner, Grant Township Clerk; Andrew Sebolt, Oceana County Commissioner; Dan Krager, Ferry Township resident; Bow Wagner, Walkerville Thrives; and Mark Ferris, Lake Tahoe resident. **TOTAL: 7 visitors.**

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION

Members of the audience thanked the Board for the first round of County-wide pavement marking and also inquired about the schedule for upcoming paving jobs around the County.

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

1. Board Meeting schedule.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Forbes and supported by Gowell to approve the Minutes of the May 23, 2018 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

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

Motion carried.

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

Commissioner Forbes reported that the House-Senate conference committee approved the 2019 Transportation Budget with \$300,000,000 more to be allocated for new roads, which will result in another \$117,300,000 of additional money to Road Commissions. The “**estimated**” amount for Oceana County would be \$658,562.13 and the Board emphatically agreed that this new money would be used on roads.

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

Voucher No. 72034 (Accounts Payable)	\$250,457.28
Voucher No. 72035 (Payroll)	\$ 73,826.01
Voucher No. 72036 (Accounts Payable)	\$434,531.32
Voucher No. 72037 (Payroll)	<u>\$ 75,186.83</u>
	\$834,001.44

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

Commissioner Carr added “Board Meeting Schedules” to the Agenda to entertain the possibility of holding meetings once a month, instead of the bi-monthly meetings currently being held. There were comments from the audience as well as the Board. Chairman Myers commented that “this year’s schedule is already set; we should talk about this next November.”

STAFF REPORTS

Our 2nd Open House was held at the Hart Garage on Thursday, June 7, 2018 and was enjoyed by many residents. Mark Timmer stated that 600 hot dogs were served, along with chips, water, and lemonade. People in attendance participated in various games, and visited with Sheriff’s Deputies and Weighmasters. Oceana EMS had an ambulance on site and the Shelby/Benona Fire Department had their ladder truck available to view as well. Vendor tents were set up by representatives from Michigan CAT and A.I.S. Construction Equipment Corporation. Holly Alway, with Mercy Health/Safe Kids, along with OCSD Deputies Tim Simon and Dean Wiegand, inspected thirty-one (31) car seats for proper fit and installation and replaced more than half of them at no cost to the recipients.

Our crews have been busy with road side cleanup, pothole patching, shoulder maintenance, tree cleanup, blading roads for brining, and buildings and grounds maintenance for the Open House. Our men are becoming very proficient in the use of our new skid steer and road widener; this new equipment is being used after paving is done and is saving a lot of time when the final shoulder work is done.

The following roads were paved since our May 23, 2018 Board Meeting.

104th Avenue, between Lever Road and Jackson Road, in Weare and Hart Townships
Oceana Drive, from the Hart Bridge deck to North of Lever Road in Hart Township

The US-31 expressway, between Hart and Shelby, is being reconstructed by D.J. McQuestion (MDOT Project). Roadside mowing has begun on Oceana Drive, NO PARKING signs were placed in Golden Township to direct dune traffic to a new “off road” parking area in hopes of alleviating traffic congestion and parking along County roads. Our County-wide culvert inventory project is well underway. Mark Timmer and Denis Koch attended the MCRCSIP Truck Fire Prevention Training in Emmet County. Mark will be checking with MCRCSIP to get more information on installation of “Fire Suppression Systems” for both garages, which will result in considerable cost savings on our yearly liability insurance premiums. The vehicles parked inside our Hart and M-20 locations are properly wired with disconnect switches.

Chairman Myers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:19 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

SANDRA K. GRIFFIN
Clerk

WILLIAM MYERS
Chairman

JUNE 27, 2018

DATE