

Board of Road Commissioners Meeting
Board Room
June 14, 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, June 14, 2017.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

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

Staff present: Timmer, Griffin, Koch.

Visitors: John Hendrixon, Shelby Township Supervisor; Levi Porter, new Leavitt Township Supervisor; Bill Wagner, Grant Township Clerk; Andrew Sebolt, Oceana County Commissioner; Cliff Cudney, Grant Township resident; and Bow Wagner, Walkerville Thrives.

TOTAL: 6 visitors.

Chairman Myers thanked the Road Commission employees and the Board for all their help in making the first “Oceana County Road Commission Open House” such a success. He went on to say that everyone went “above and beyond” to make the event enjoyable for those in attendance, and he hoped it would become a yearly event.

CITIZEN’S PARTICIPATION

Cliff Cudney, Grant Township resident, expressed his displeasure with the upcoming Electric Forest events in Rothbury later this month. He was particularly concerned with road closures during the event and the fact that his own family/friends cannot access his home for family gatherings. Mark Timmer will speak with Double JJ personnel as well as the MSP on this matter.

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

1. Monroe Road – bid opening results;
2. CLOSED SESSION: Union Negotiations;
3. Union Contract;
4. Road Commissioner’s mileage for special events.

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 May 24, 2017 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 the 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.

Voucher No. 71982 (Accounts Payable)	\$117,335.57
Voucher No. 71983 (Payroll)	\$ 67,522.94
Voucher No. 71984 (Accounts Payable)	\$167,284.39
Voucher No. 71985 (Payroll)	<u>\$ 63,555.84</u>
	\$415,698.74

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

Denis Koch, Shop Foreman, was present to inform the Board of the information he received regarding the purchase of a new tractor and mower to replace our Case tractor (L-34, purchased in 2000) that has a blown engine. He had prices for replacing the engine, purchasing new equipment, and a lease/purchase plan for various brands of tractors and mowers. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to purchase a new tractor and mower under the State of Michigan MiDeal Program.

RESOLUTION NO. 1 – PURCHASE TRACTOR & MOWER

Motion by Forbes and supported by Gowell to lease/purchase a John Deere tractor from Bader & Sons in the amount of \$52,540.48 and a new Diamond mower in the amount of \$21,000.00 under the State of Michigan MiDeal Program.

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

The following bids were opened and read aloud at the Road Commission office in Hart on June 7, 2017 for completion of the final leg of our Monroe Road Project (West of 112th Avenue to 126th Avenue, including intersection upgrading).

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Hallack Contracting, Inc. (Hart, Michigan)	\$1,599,259.99
D.J. McQuestion & Sons, Inc. (LeRoy, Michigan)	\$1,630,543.44

Mark Timmer verified that he had spoken with both contractors and was assured that they would complete the project by the date specified in the bid documents (both contractors are aware of the “liquidated damages” clause specifically outlined in the contract).

RESOLUTION NO. 2 – MONROE ROAD PROJECT – BID AWARD

Motion by Carr and supported by Blohm to award the bid for completion of the Monroe Road Project, from West of 112th Avenue to 126th Avenue, including intersection improvements, to Hallack Contracting, Inc.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3 – ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Gowell and supported by Carr to enter into CLOSED SESSION to discuss Union Negotiations.

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

The Board entered into CLOSED SESSION at 10:35 AM.

The Board Meeting resumed at 10:50 AM.

RESOLUTION NO. 4 – UNION CONTRACT

Motion by Gowell and supported by Blohm to sign the Union Contract Agreement between the Oceana County Road Commission and the United Steelworkers AFL-CIO-CLC, Local 8986. The Union Contract is effective June 1, 2017 and terminates December 31, 2021.

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

On Thursday, June 8, 2017 the Road Commission held it's very first "Open House" at the Hart Garage. Commissioners Blohm and Carr were instrumental in setting up the festivities and did a lot of special traveling to pick up supplies and food for the event. It was suggested that this type of involvement by Board members be compensated, and that the reimbursement be authorized by the Board Chairman.

RESOLUTION NO. 5 – BOARD COMPENSATION FOR SPECIAL EVENTS

Motion by Gowell and supported by Forbes to allow mileage compensation for Board members involved in special events. The Board Chairman will grant permission for the compensation upon written proof of the event(s) and subsequent proof of mileage by any Board member requesting reimbursement.

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

STAFF REPORTS

The work force has been busy pothole patching throughout the County as well as mowing. Some mowing has been done on State roads (M-20 and M-120), but not on the expressway as MDOT has sprayed a growth inhibitor and will not allow mowing until mid-July. Sign work, repairing washouts and punch holes, durapatching the parking lots at the Hart Garage, blading four (4) townships in preparation for brine being placed by Great Lakes Chloride, roadside cleanup (including deer), and shoulder work have been the order of the day.

MDOT plans to resurface the expressway from Polk Road to just North of the Shelby Road ramps in 2018; they will wedge the bad spots in this area this Summer.

Mark Timmer held his monthly Supervisor's Meeting on June 7; the Road Commission's Open House on June 8 had approximately 350 people in attendance. The Sheriff's Department, an ambulance crew with Director Lance Corey, Sheriff's Deputy (weighmaster), representatives from A.I.S. and Michigan CAT, the Emergency Preparedness Director, Jim Duram, Mercy Safe Kids, and Oceana County EMS.

In the last few weeks, there has been extensive paving done throughout the County. The final paving overlay was finished on 72nd Avenue and Webster Road in Grant Township. The Water Road Project (from Arthur Road to Garfield Road) that was done with Electric Forest proceeds has been finished in plenty of time for this year's festivals. The Baseline Road paving job (from Oceana Drive to the East for 800+ feet) was completed on schedule so that traffic didn't have to be rerouted to access Peterson Farms. The patch job on Grant Road, West of 88th Avenue, that was torn up by farm equipment was repaved, and the shoulder work completed. Golden Township contracted with Wadel Stabilization to reconstruct Deer Road, from 56th Avenue, Westerly to 48th Avenue.

An overlay was put on Polk Road in Hart Township last week (from Oceana Drive to 88th Avenue) as well as on 192nd Avenue and Fillmore Road, from North of Scout Road to 198th Avenue in Leavitt Township. Hogan Road and 66th Avenue in Weare Township were also overlaid.

Chairman Myers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

SANDRA K. GRIFFIN
Clerk

WILLIAM MYERS
Chairman

JUNE 28, 2017

DATE