

Board of Road Commissioners Meeting
Board Room
June 27, 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 27, 2018.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

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

Staff present: Timmer, Griffin, Merten.

Visitors: Dale Stevenson, Weare Township Supervisor; Bill Wagner, Grant Township Clerk; Andrew Sebolt, Oceana County Commissioner; Larry Mumper, Colfax Township resident; Julie Burdick, Pentwater Township resident; Dan Krieger, Ferry Township resident; Dick Wilson, Claybanks Township resident, and Jon Bumstead, candidate for 34th District Senator position. **TOTAL: 8 visitors.**

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION

Dan Krieger, Ferry Township resident, appreciated the roadside mowing being done, the gravel put on the Loop Road shoulders, and is happy for the overlay being done on 132nd Avenue in Ferry "as we speak."

Julie Burdick, Pentwater Township resident, expressed concern about the shoulder erosion on Longbridge Road. She was assured that Mark Timmer and Foreman Randy Smith have a plan in mind to stabilize the shoulder.

Dale Stevenson, Weare Township Supervisor, inquired about the erosion on Hammett Road, at the bridge over the North Branch of the Pentwater River. Several groups put kayaks and canoes in the river at this location and the banks along the bridge are washing away. Commissioner Gowell commented that Weare Township could pass a "No Parking" ordinance to alleviate the traffic problem when unloading their river craft at this site.

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

1. BID AWARD – Weare Township - Jackson Road Improvements.

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 June 13, 2018 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

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

Motion carried.

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

Voucher No. 72038 (Accounts Payable)	\$867,712.04
Voucher No. 72039 (Payroll)	<u>\$ 71,834.84</u>
	\$939,546.88

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

Motion carried.

The Board was presented with a detailed handout of the bid tabulation for the Jackson Road Improvement Project in Weare Township. This project was put out for bids by Prein & Newhof, PE and is being paid for “in part” by the \$173,800 remaining from the \$2,000,000 grant that Senator Goeff Hansen secured for us to finish our Monroe Road Project (from West of 112th Avenue to 126th Avenue, including intersection improvements). The bids were as follows.

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Rieth-Riley Construction Company, Inc.	\$238,783.60
Michigan Paving & Materials Company	\$304,749.60

In a letter dated June 14, 2018 from Prein & Newhof, they recommended awarding the project to Rieth-Riley Construction Company, Inc. The Road Commission is responsible for trenching and graveling the shoulders, and have hired Hallack Contracting to do the pulverizing and grade work. Weare Township approved spending \$40,000 toward these much needed road improvements. Jackson Road was the “designated detour route” during the entire Monroe Road improvement project from Oceana Drive to 126th Avenue (from 2013-2017).

RESOLUTION NO. 1 – AWARD JACKSON ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT BID

Motion by Carr and supported by Forbes to accept the bid from Rieth-Riley Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$238,783.60 for the Jackson Road Improvement Project in Weare Township (from 800 feet West of 104th Avenue to 112th Avenue, all in Weare Township).

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

Motion carried.

Monthly Committee Reports

Personnel Committee – Chairman Myers stated that Mark Timmer’s current contract is up this year on October 1 and a new contract will be negotiated; he added that he will be accepting suggestions from the Board for Mark’s new contract.

Insurance Committee – nothing to report.

Finance Committee – Commissioner Forbes added that “new” money will be coming to all the Road Commissions, but the exact amount and when/how it will be distributed has not been disclosed.

Buildings & Grounds Committee – Commissioner Gowell said that there was a bit more painting and a little more “cosmetic” work to be done at the Hart Garage (hand rail replacement, bumper post painting, electronic sign for the front yard, concrete ramp replacement, etc.). The Board members are pleased with the building updates. Many positive comments have been received from local residents.

Community Relations – The Board agreed that the 2nd Open House was successful and it should continue to be held. The scrap tire collection (coordinated by the Soil Conservation District) took place again this year on June 23, 2018 and went very well. The Road Commission has provided our Hart Garage parking lot for this event since it began in June, 2015. Three (3) of our Summer Help volunteered to help load tires.

Weighmaster Liaison – Commissioner Gowell had nothing to report.

Parks & Recreation Liaison – Commissioner Blohm had nothing to report.

STAFF REPORTS

Mark was happy to report to the Board that the Oceana Drive Project (from the Hart Bridge to North of Lever Road) is completed and open to traffic, as is the 56th Avenue Project, between Polk Road and Deer Road in Golden Township. Rieth-Riley began working today on 132nd Avenue from M-20 to Pierce Road (3½ miles) in Ferry Township. They are putting down a ¾” lift to level out the entire road, then a 1½” overlay. Offers of employment have been made to four (4) men (we need three truck drivers and one mechanic) to compensate for employee retirements and medical leave.

Both Durapatchers have been working on Madison Road, between 126th Avenue and 192nd Avenue, in preparation for chip sealing in mid-July. The Muskegon County Road Commission will be assisting again this year with our 38-40 miles of County-wide chip seal/fog seal operations. We are planning to begin our own chip seal/fog seal program next Summer.

The work crews are continuing with roadside cleanup, patching, mowing, shoulder maintenance and washout repairs, as well as wedging. Our forces completed a speed study in/around the Mears area and the Michigan State Police assisted with a traffic control review on Silver Dam Road in Silver Lake. The County-wide culvert inventory is still a “work in progress.”

There was no further business to come before the Board. The Meeting was adjourned at 10:29 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

SANDRA K. GRIFFIN
Clerk

WILLIAM MYERS
Chairman

JULY 11, 2018

DATE