

Board of Road Commissioners Meeting
County Services Building
March 12, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Oceana County Board of Road Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Myers at the County Services Building at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, March 12, 2025.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Members present: Myers, Gowell, Heykoop, LaFever.

Absent – Koch.

Staff present: Timmer, Holmes, Terry.

Visitors: Lee Hyslop, Crystal Township Supervisor; Dave Leonard, Colfax Township Supervisor; Lynne Cavazos, Pentwater Township Supervisor; Roger Schmidt, Grant Township Supervisor; Tim Beggs, Oceana County Commissioner Liaison; Garry McKeen, Oceana County Park and Recreation; Savanna LaFever, Hart City resident; Allen Blohm, Claybanks Township resident; Stephanie Hughes, Golden Township resident; Nick Oomen, Crystal Township resident; Marty Hayden, Golden Township resident; Mike Bosch, Hart Township resident; and Mike Beasley, Golden Township resident.

TOTAL: 13 visitors.

AGENDA

Motion by Gowell and supported by LaFever to approve the amended Agenda items for discussion.

1. Critical Bridge Submission for Fiscal Year 2028
2. Emulsion and Fog Seal Bids
3. Purchase of Used Pickup Truck

Roll call vote: Gowell – yes; LaFever – yes; Heykoop – yes; Myers – yes.

Absent – Koch.

Motion carried.

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION

Garry McKeen gave an update on Oceana County Parks.

*Thursday (March 13, 2025) will be the start of the Knee High Naturalist

*Marshville Dam, Gales Pond and Cedar Point Park parking lots will be paved

*Monday (March 17, 2025) new boardwalk/fishing platform at Marshville Dam

Allen Blohm inquired about the fishing platform at Marshville Dam and also the large mud-brush pile cleanup on Northbound US-31 between Shelby Road exit and Hart exit (Mark Timmer did inform Allen this is MDOT responsibility to clean up).

Mike Bosch inquired into when Lake Road would be fixed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Gowell and supported by LaFever to approve the Minutes of the February 19, 2025 Regular Board Meeting.

Roll call vote: Gowell – yes; LaFever – yes; Heykoop – yes; Myers – yes. Absent – Koch.
 Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

The Revenues & Expenditures Report and Cash Flow Statement were given to the Board members to review.

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

Voucher No. 72406 (Accounts Payable 2-26)	\$ 280,411.71
Voucher No. 72407 (Payroll 2-26)	\$ 111,400.23
Voucher No. 72408 (Accounts Payable 3-10)	\$ 34,299.00
Voucher No. 72409 (Accounts Payable 3-12)	\$ 358,500.00
Voucher No. 72410 (Accounts Payable 3-12)	\$ 995,531.80
Voucher No. 72411 (Payroll 3-12)	<u>\$ 102,476.98</u>
	\$1,882,619.72

Roll call vote: Gowell – yes; LaFever – yes; Heykoop – yes; Myers – yes. Absent – Koch.
 Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 1 – CRITICAL BRIDGE SUBMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2028

Motion by Gowell and supported by LaFever to submit the following bridges to MDOT for possible bridge funding in 2028.

Roll call vote: Gowell – yes; LaFever – yes; Heykoop – yes; Myers – yes. Absent – Koch.
 Motion carried.

Oceana County Estimates 2025

1	8382	48th Avenue over Flower Creek	PM	Off	\$85,000	\$68,000	\$17,000	20%
	8387	Loop Road over N Br White River		Off	\$83,000	\$66,400	\$16,600	20%
	8393	Lever Road over S Br Pentwater River		Off	\$61,000	\$48,800	\$12,200	20%
	8405	96th Avenue over N Br Pentwater River		Off	\$100,000	\$80,000	\$20,000	20%
Total Priority 1					\$329,000	\$263,200	\$65,800	
2	8371	Longbridge Road over Pentwater River	PM	On	\$391,000	\$351,900	\$39,100	10%
Total Priority 2					\$391,000	\$351,900	\$39,100	
3	8366	Garfield Road over N Br White River	PM	Off	\$132,000	\$118,800	\$13,200	10%
	8367	Garfield Road over S Br White River		On	\$260,000	\$234,000	\$26,000	10%
Total Priority 3					\$392,000	\$352,800	\$39,200	

RESOLUTION NO. 2 – EMULSION AND FOG SEAL BIDS

Kent County Road Commission, Newaygo County Road Commission, and Oceana County Road Commission were part of a joint bid advertisement for Emulsion including Chip Seal Emulsion, Fog Seal Emulsion, and Spray Patch Mix (Durapatcher) Emulsion. Kent County Road Commission advertised for the bids using their standard practice, opened the bids Tuesday March 4th, and tabulated the bids.

Two vendors bid on all three types of emulsion: Michigan Paving & Materials Co. and Bit-Mat Products. OCRC has used both of these vendors successfully in the past.

Michigan Paving & Materials Co.

Bit-Mat Products

Chip Seal Emulsion

HFRS-2M	No Bid	\$ 2.164
CRS-2M	\$ 1.97	\$ 2.164

Fog Seal Emulsion

Fast Set	\$1.59	\$1.617
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Spray Patch Mix Emulsion (Durapatcher)

Michigan Paving & Materials Co.

AMS SP	\$2.75/gallon	1,500 gallon minimum
AMS SP	\$2.12/gallon	10,000 gallon minimum

Bit-Mat Products

AE-90	\$3.04/gallon	1,000 gallon minimum
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Motion by Gowell and supported by LaFever to accept all bids for Emulsion waive any irregularities in the bids, and allow the Staff to make award in any manner they deem to be in the best interest of Oceana County Road Commission

Roll call vote: Gowell – yes; LaFever – yes; Heykoop – yes; Myers – yes.

Absent – Koch.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 3 – PURCHASE OF USED PICKUP TRUCK

Oceana County Road Commission received pricing on two (2) used low mileage RAM pickup trucks to replace A-31 which was totaled in an accident in June of 2024 and insured by MCRC SIP. The Road Commission received \$35,572.00 for the loss.

Lakeshore Chrysler	2020 Ram 1500 Bighorn Crew Cab 4 X 4	26,205 miles	\$34,000.00
Deur Speet	2021 Ram 1500 Bighorn Crew Cab 4 X 4	26,835 miles	\$36,810.00

Managing Director Mark Timmer and Shop Foreman Dan Terryn recommend purchasing the 2020 Ram 1500 Bighorn from Lakeshore Chrysler for \$34,000.00 plus document fee and title transfer. This is a very clean, low mileage truck with CPO (Certified Pre-Owned) inspection and warranty remaining. Managing Director Mark Timmer polled the board and they unanimously agreed to purchase this vehicle.

Motion by Heykoop and supported by Gowell to purchase a 2020 Ram 1500 Bighorn Crew Cab 4 X 4 with 26,205 miles for \$34,000.00 from Lakeshore Chrysler.

Roll call vote: Heykoop – yes; Gowell – yes; LaFever – yes; Myers – yes.

Absent – Koch.

Motion carried.

QUARTERLY COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel Committee – nothing to report.

Finance Committee – Chairman Myers noted there has been talk of two (2) plans in the works. One plan from the Governor and one plan from the Republicans.

Buildings & Grounds Committee – nothing to report.

Community Relations Committee – nothing to report.

Weighmaster Liaison – nothing to report.

Parks & Recreation Liaison – Garry McKeen already gave an update during Citizens Participation.

Equipment Committee – nothing to report.

STAFF REPORTS

The State crew did winter snow and ice removal, drift removal and pushed banks back, patched with the hot box, and graded gravel roads.

The M-20 and Hart crews patched various roads with the hot box, winter snow and ice removal, drift removal and pushed banks back, and graded gravel roads.

Traffic Services has worked on asset management, Road Soft, permits, sign repairs, and supervised the sign crew.

Mark Timmer reviewed bills and finances with the Clerk and Finance Director, prepared emulsion bid tabs and resolution, Critical Bridge resolution, pickup bid tabs and resolution, met with MDOT and the City of Hart to discuss Polk Road Turnback to the Road Commission and State Street to Hart.

Programmed Federal Aid projects through 2029

- *Madison Road from 144th Avenue to 176th Avenue (crush and shape) in 2025 and 2026
- *Oceana Drive in 2027 and 2028 (concrete patching-shoulder paving from Madison Road to US-31, and Monroe Road overlay from US-31 to Oceana Drive in 2029).

The Clerk prepared job descriptions and ads for office help and a County Highway Engineer, have hired two full time truck drivers and advertising for summer help, contractor is working on the South half of office and hallway to apply epoxy flooring, and attended CRA Paul Bunyan meeting with the Clerk. Mark Timmer is the CRA PR (Public Relations) Committee representative and Jeff Balkema will be the SAMS representative. Mark will be speaking on the Shelby School Zone upgrade at the breakout session at the CRA Highway Conference and giving a power point presentation on Road Bonding at the MTA annual conference at DeVos. Jeff Balkema (Maintenance Coordinator), Randy Smith (North County Foreman), Austin Cribley (Engineering Tech) and Mark Timmer met with USFS regarding grading roads.

Mark Timmer gave an update on Polk Road Turn back to the Road Commission. In April 2023 the Road Commission Board Members voted by resolution to accept jurisdictional transfer of Polk Road (from Oceana Drive to the Highway and 64th Avenue) to Oceana County Road Commission.

- *MDOT has been in contact with Mark to further discuss Polk Road Turnback
- *The amount of money that would be received would allow us to do a good project (must do the same or comparable as MDOT would)
- *Apply for a Safety Grant for a Round-A-Bout
- *Would create a nice road surface and safe for the motoring public
- *Good for the community economically

Chairman Myers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:25 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

LORI L. HOLMES
Finance/HR Director

WILLIAM MYERS
Chairman

APRIL 9, 2025

DATE