

Board of Road Commissioners Meeting
County Services Building
May 14, 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, May 14, 2025.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Members present: Myers, Gowell, Heykoop, LaFever.

Absent: Koch.

Staff present: Timmer, Holmes, Terryn, Curtis, Shafer.

Visitors: Dave Leonard, Colfax Township Supervisor; Larry Doran, Weare Township Supervisor; Brooke Stapel, Leavitt Township Supervisor; Roger Schmidt, Grant Township Supervisor; Craig Mast, Oceana County Sheriff; Tim Beggs, Oceana County Commissioner Liaison; Stephanie Hughes, Golden Township resident, Mike Bosch, Hart Township resident; Eric Herrygers, Elbridge Township resident; Savanna LaFever, Hart City resident; and Keith Edwards, Pentwater Township Zoning Administrator. **TOTAL: 11 visitors.**

AGENDA

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

NO AGENDA ITEMS

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

Absent: Koch.

Motion carried.

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION

Larry Doran thanked Mark Timmer and the Road Commission crew for the slag work done on two (2) roads in Weare Township....."I have drove both roads and the Road Commission did a nice job and it is appreciated".

Eric Herrygers thanked the Road Commission for the slag work done on 140th Avenue in Elbridge Township.

Sheriff Mast spoke briefly regarding a fatal accident on Friday, May 9, 2025 involving a bicyclist and motorist on M-20 (nothing due to the roadway or conditions).

Mike Bosch inquired about two (2) recently hired Road Commission staff positions, culvert as well as the entrance on Lake Road, and information on quotes-estimates given to Hart Township for potential road work.

Stephanie Hughes thanked Mark Timmer and the Road Commission crew for pothole patching done in Golden Township....."This really means a lot to this Township".

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Gowell and supported by Heykoop to approve the Minutes of the April 23, 2025 Regular Board Meeting.

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

Absent: Koch.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

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

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

Voucher No. 72419 (Accounts Payable)	\$ 49,279.00
Voucher No. 72420 (Accounts Payable)	\$ 251,315.24
Voucher No. 72421 (Payroll)	<u>\$ 98,957.90</u>
	\$ 399,552.14

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

Absent: Koch.

STAFF REPORTS

The State crew patched various roads with the hot box, graded gravel shoulders, and repaired washouts and drains.

The M-20 and Hart crews patched various roads with the hot box, graded gravel roads, repaired washouts, tree trimming using the loader with the brush arm, slag upgrades on Madison Road, Hogan Road, 88th Avenue, 94th Avenue and Taylor Road, and have brined Newfield, Benona, Shelby and Weare Townships and starting on Colfax Township today.

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

Reviewed bills and finances with Assistant Manager-Clerk and Finance Director, Rieth Riley overlayed Wayne Road and the Road Commission is restoring the drives and shoulders. The Road Commission has hired a County Highway Engineer and an Administrative Accounting Assistant. County Highway Engineer, Cole Shafer, PE was in attendance at the meeting and was introduced by Mark Timmer.

Chairman Myers noted that three (3) letters were received in appreciation for the help provided by Oceana County Road Commission following the recent ice storms. Chairman Myers requested these three (3) letters be part of the Board Meeting minutes (see attachments).

Chairman Myers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:13 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

LORI L. HOLMES
Finance/HR Director

WILLIAM MYERS
Chairman

MAY 28, 2025

DATE



GRETCHEN WHITMER
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
LANSING

BRADLEY C. WIEFERICH, P.E.
DIRECTOR

April 11, 2025

Oceana County Road Commission
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On behalf of the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) North Region office and the Gaylord Transportation Service Center (TSC), we would like to humbly thank you for allowing your employees/crew members to assist us with the clean-up and restoration of the twelve counties that were affected by the ice storm that occurred on March 29, 2025. We would like to not only thank those who came up to respond, but we want to thank their families as well for being without them for the past couple of weeks.

Words cannot express the amount of gratitude we have for the help we have received. We are indebted to those who came together as a team and worked side by side many long hours to help clear trees and brush from the roadways, in making sure there was a safe and clear route for emergency resources to get through.

The devastation in our local area is beyond belief and thanks to all who have been and currently are assisting, we are starting to feel that things are getting back to normal. Although we have a long road ahead, your help will not be forgotten.

Thank you,
Jay Gailitis, MDOT, Gaylord TSC Manager
Rob Hall, MDOT, Gaylord TSC Maintenance
Coordinator
Michigan Department of Transportation
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Gaylord, MI 49735
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M-119 Tunnel of Trees

Scenic Heritage Route Committee

April 23, 2025

Oceanna County Road Commission
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Dear Mr. Timmer,

A big thank you to the Oceanna County Road Commission for all the help you provided following the recent ice storm. Please share our deep appreciation with all those involved.

Sincerely yours,

APR 24 2025



Laurelynne Harris

Tunnel of Trees Committee

Frank Zulski
Wade Williams
Jim Kargol
Brent Shank, PE
Engineer-Manager
Lisa Kleeman
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April 25, 2025

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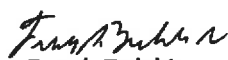
Dear Oceana County Road Commission:


On behalf of the Emmet County Road Commission and our community, we want to extend heartfelt thanks to your team for the incredible support and hard work you provided during the aftermath of the recent severe ice storm. Your team's efforts to remove trees from the roads were absolutely vital in helping our community recover quickly and safely.

The conditions were tough, but your crew worked tirelessly to clear roads and dangerous debris. Thanks to your prompt response and professionalism, residents were able to move around safely on the roads.

Please know how much your efforts are appreciated. The time, energy, and compassion you showed reflect the very best of what it means to serve others, and we are deeply grateful for everything you did to help restore safety and normalcy to our community.

With sincere appreciation,


Frank Zulski
Chairman


Wade Williams
Vice-Chair


Jim Kargol
Member