

Board of Road Commissioners Meeting
County Services Building
October 9, 2024

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, October 9, 2024.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Members present: Myers, Gowell Forbes, Spitler, Koch.

Staff present: Timmer, Holmes, Terryn, Curtis.

Visitors: Lynne Cavazos, Pentwater Township Supervisor; Larry Doran, Weare Township Supervisor; Lee Hyslop, Crystal Township Supervisor; Steve Fleming, Benona Township Supervisor; David Schmieding, Ferry Township Supervisor; Tim Beggs, Oceana County Commissioner Liaison; Garry McKeen, Parks and Recreation Commission; Stephanie Hughes; Golden Township resident; Jason and Savanna LaFever; Hart Township residents; and Andrew Heykoop, Shelby Township resident. **TOTAL: 11 visitors**

AGENDA

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

1. D-24 Right Wing Installation
2. Steel Siding for Hart Garage
3. Change October 23, 2024 Board Meeting to October 30, 2024

Roll call vote: Forbes – yes; Gowell – yes; Spitler – yes; Koch – yes; Myers – yes.

Motion carried.

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION

Lynne Cavazos commented about positive feedback she has received for the paving and driveways on Ridge Road in Pentwater Township.

Lee Hyslop asked if the Road Commission could do some maintenance on Jackson Road East of 126th Avenue in Crystal Township.

David Schmieding appreciates the “road plan” that he and Mark Timmer discussed this year. David presented a letter on behalf of the Ferry Township Board that Mark Timmer read aloud (see attached letter at the end of board meeting minutes).

Garry McKeen thanked the Road Commission for their support again this year for mowing the county parks and also appreciates the great help he received from Parks Board Member Dave Spitler.

Larry Doran commented he has been driving our county roads and thanked the Road Commission for the great job they have done.....looks wonderful.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Forbes and supported by Koch to approve the Minutes of the September 25, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.

Roll call vote: Forbes – yes; Koch – yes; Gowell – yes; Spitler – yes; Myers – yes.
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 Spitler to approve the following Vouchers as presented.

Voucher No. 72378 (Accounts Payable)	\$ 83,708.35
Voucher No. 72379 (Accounts Payable)	\$1,287,962.86
Voucher No. 72380 (Payroll)	<u>\$ 85,528.44</u>
	\$1,457,199.65

Roll call vote: Gowell – yes; Spitler – yes; Forbes – yes; Koch – yes; Myers – yes.
Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 1 – D 24 RIGHT WING INSTALLATION

Motion by Gowell and supported by Koch to accept the proposal from Truck and Trailer to install a right wing on D 24 for \$20,435.00 using MiDEAL pricing (for next years budget).

Roll call vote: Gowell – yes; Koch – yes; Forbes – yes; Spitler – yes; Myers – yes.
Motion carried.

The following proposals were received for steel siding and painting the Hart Garage.

Steel

Truline Construction	\$30,000.00
Liberty Homes	\$34,319.00
DW Builders	\$24,000.00

Paint

Painting Services	\$19,000.00 (power wash, prime, seal, paint complete)
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RESOLUTION NO. 2 – STEEL SIDING FOR HART GARAGE

Motion by Gowell and supported by Koch to accept all three (3) proposals and utilize the supplier in the best interest of the Road Commission for steel siding at the Road Commission Hart Garage.

Roll call vote: Gowell – yes; Koch – yes; Forbes – yes; Spitler – yes; Myers – yes.

Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN MYERS NOTED THE OCTOBER 23, 2024 BOARD MEETING HAS BEEN CHANGED TO OCTOBER 30, 2024 (10:00AM).

QUARTERLY COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel Committee – Chairman Myers noted that Managing Director, Mark Timmer is looking at options for hiring an on-staff Engineer as well as a 3rd employee for the front office at the Hart Garage .

Finance Committee – Commissioner Forbes spoke briefly regarding a conversation she had with CRA (County Road Association of Michigan) Attorney, Ed Noyola looking at other funding mechanisms due to fuel taxes possibly becoming a “thing of the past”.

Buildings & Grounds Committee – nothing to report.

Community Relations Committee – Chairman Myers commented the relationship the Road Commission has with the Townships has been a good partnership. Senator Bumstead toured Oceana County and he noted that Oceana County has some of the best roads and was impressed.

Weighmaster Liaison – nothing to report.

Parks & Recreation Liaison – Commissioner Spitler commented Crystal Township Supervisor, Lee Hyslop has been instrumental in helping to get more students involved in Crystal Township recreational opportunities.

Equipment Committee – Vice-Chairman Gowell noted the Road Commission is looking into leasing brushing equipment.

STAFF REPORTS

The State crew did sweeping, roadside cleanup, and Adopt-A-Highway pickup.

The M-20 and Hart crews patched various roads with the hot box, finished fog sealing, shouldered 126th Avenue, 176th Avenue, Ridge Road and Washington Road, and also shouldered Juniper Beach and finished spillways.

Traffic Services has worked on asset management, Miss Digs, Road Soft, permits, sign repairs, street name signs, supervised the sign crew, closures and detours for road and bridge work, marked roads for paint, and staked roads for crush and shapes.

Mark Timmer reviewed bills and finances with Finance/HR Director and Clerk, Adams finished Roosevelt Road Bridge, Rieth Riley paved Juniper Beach (from Ridge Road to the West), Hallack Contracting is crushing and grading Juniper Beach and Ridge Road, Rieth Riley is paving Ridge Road (from lake to Pentwater Township), and Hallack Contracting will begin crushing Roosevelt Road (192nd Avenue to Maple Island). The Road Commission did \$16 million in road work in 2024!!! Mark thanked Clerk, Renee Curtis for billing out the remaining MDOT budget for their Fiscal Year (ended September 30, 2024).

Mark Timmer spoke briefly on the following items:

- **MTF (Michigan Transportation Fund) is currently funded by license, registration and fuel tax.
- **Road Commission was awarded Critical Bridge Funding (grant awarded) for 2027 construction season for the amount of \$469,000.00.
- **Rieth Riley paved for Oceana County Road Commission twenty-three (23) days out of thirty (30) days in September.
- **Sign in sheet for Road Commission meetings.....visitors are not obligated to sign but we do like to know who attends. Let the office staff know if you do not want your name included in our minutes.

Chairman Myers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:34 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

LORI L. HOLMES
Finance/HR Director

WILLIAM MYERS
Chairman

OCTOBER 30, 2024
DATE