

Board of Road Commissioners Meeting
County Services Building
May 13, 2026

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 13, 2026.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Members present: Myers, Gowell, Koch, Heykoop, LaFever.

Staff present: Timmer, Terryn, Curtis, Frick, Shafer

Visitors: Dave Leonard, Colfax Township Supervisor; Savanna LaFever, Hart City resident; Abe Kurzer, Hart Township Resident; Rob Draper, Golden Township Supervisor; Tim Beggs, Oceana County Commissioner; Mike Bosch, Hart Township Resident; Booke Stapel, Leavitt Township Supervisor; Stephanie Hughes, Golden Township Resident

TOTAL: 8 visitors

AGENDA

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

1. 108th Ave North of Lever Road (Hart Township) abandonment
2. Longbridge Road Pedestrian Structures over Pentwater River Bids
3. Managing Director Evaluation

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

Motion carried.

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION

Mike Bosch, Lake Road resident, asked about bids for Lake Road that were submitted to the Hart township and what road work was proposed in the bids. He spoke in favor of planned roundabout construction on Polk Road and 72nd Avenue. He asked about possibility of roundabout construction at Oceana Drive and Polk Road intersection.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Gowell and supported by Koch to approve the Minutes of the April 22, 2026 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

Roll call vote: Gowell - yes; Koch – yes; Heykoop – yes; LaFever - 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 Heykoop and supported by LaFever to approve the following Vouchers as presented.

Voucher No. 72492 (Payroll)	\$ 108,992.23
Voucher No. 72493 (Accounts Payable)	<u>\$ 417,034.80</u>
	\$ 526,027.03

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

RESOLUTION NO. 1 – 108th AVE NORTH OF LEVER ROAD (HART TOWNSHIP) ABANDONMENT PUBLIC HEARING

Motion by Heykoop and supported by LaFever to hold a Public Hearing on June 24th, 2026 at 10:10am at the County Services Building, 844 S Griswold Street, Hart, Michigan, to absolutely abandon and discontinue public parts of 108th Avenue North of Lever Road. Total length of road 1,155 feet.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2 – LONGBRIDGE ROAD PEDESTRIAN STRUCTURES OVER PENTWATER RIVER BIDS

Motion by Heykoop and supported by Gowell to award the Bridge Rehabilitation on Longbridge Road Pedestrian Structure over the Pentwater River project to Michigan Bridge Construction in the amount of \$343,814.97 which is the low bid. Michigan Bridge Construction is an MDOT pre-qualified bridge contractor and their subcontractors meet the requirements for Bridge Painting.

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

MOTION TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Heykoop and supported by Gowell to enter into CLOSED SESSION at 10:10 AM under MCL 15.268(1)(h) to discuss the evaluation for the Managing Director.

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

MOTION TO RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION TO REGULAR SESSION

Motion by Heykoop and supported by Gowell to return from CLOSED SESSION and go back into the Regular Board Meeting at 10:26 AM.

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

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, Chairman Myers summarized the evaluation of Managing Director Mark Timmer. Chairman Myers stated that the board gave Mr. Timmer an excellent evaluation. He expressed that he and the Board liked the direction that the Managing Director was leading the Road Commission, and that the good things are happening under Mr. Timmer’s leadership.

STAFF REPORTS

Managing Director reports that the State crew, M-20 garage crew and Hart garage crew have been shoulder patching, patching with hot box, repairing washouts on M-120 and Oceana Drive, picking up Adopt a Highway trash.

Hart garage and M-20 garage crew have been repairing washouts, grading gravel roads, patching with hot box. Crews removed berm in Greenwood, Leavitt and Elbridge Townships, ditched various roads.

Engineering worked on township estimates, supervised M-20 Tunnel construction and paving, had teams meeting with MDOT for tunnel permitting and schedule. Engineer met with Polk Road and Roundabout engineer and City of Hart to discuss utilities. Bids for Longbridge Fisherman’s Platform projects were received. Engineer finalized Madison Road project for June MDOT meeting.

Finance/HR hired a full-time truck driver/road worker, promoted 2 full-time supervisors, hired seasonal employees, received refund from CRASIF for \$19,000.00. Employees met with new financial representative.

Traffic Services/Safety worked on asset management, sign repairs, RoadSoft, and permits, supervised sign crew/county work/state work, finished stop sign and stop ahead upgrades, worked on retro reflectivity upgrades.

Managing Director reviewed bills and finances with Assistant Managing Director-CFO and Accountant.

Marshville Dam Road was repaired and opened for travel. M-20 Tunnel project paving was completed over the tunnel, new turn lane and 68th Avenue. 2026 Brine schedule was finalized; brining begins on May 13th.

Chairman Myers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:35 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

RENEE CURTIS
Assistant Managing Director - CFO

WILLIAM MYERS
Chairman

MAY 27, 2026
DATE