

Board of Road Commissioners' Meeting
County Services Building
June 24, 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, June 24, 2026.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

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

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

Visitors: Dave Leonard, Colfax Township Supervisor; Savanna LaFever, Hart City resident; Craig Mast, Oceana County Sheriff; Tim Beggs, Oceana County Commissioner; Michael Bosch, Hart Township Resident; Garry McKeen, Oceana County Parks and Recreation; Dean Holub, Pentwater Township Resident; Joe VanHoven, Hart Township Resident; Krista Koszegi, Hart Township Resident; Melissa Howley, Hart Township Resident. **TOTAL: 10 visitors**

AGENDA

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

1. Public Hearing 108th Ave North of Lever Road (Hart Township) Abandonment at 10:10am

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

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION

Gary McKeen praised seasonal worker, Gudyka. Mike Boasch had questions on the Lake Road project. Sheriff Craig Mast complimented on the 72nd Avenue improvements and the mowing of the shoulders of the road.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Heykoop and supported by Gowell to approve the Minutes of the June 10, 2026 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

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

Voucher No. 72501 (Payroll)	\$ 2,444.31
Voucher No. 72502 (Payroll)	\$ 129,778.55
Voucher No. 72503 (Accounts Payable)	<u>\$ 259,770.94</u>
	\$ 391,993.80

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel Committee stated that the Road Commission promoted two new foremen.

Finance Committee noted that the MTF funding is lower than projected due in part to the delay of the Marijuana Tax distribution.

Building & Grounds Committee had no new updates to report at this time.

Community Relations Committee reported that the Open House went well and the staff did a great job setting up and helping with the event.

Weighmaster Liaison Committee –Sheriff Mast provided an update and presented reports.

Parks and Recreation Committee had no new updates at this time.

Equipment Committee reported that the new Chip Spreader has been delivered.

At 10:10 AM Chairman Myers opened the Public Hearing on the abandonment of 108th Avenue North of Lever Road (Hart Township). Citizens were instructed to comment and ask questions regarding the 108th abandonment.

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION

Multiple residents commented on the proposed abandonment.

Mark Timmer, Managing Director, explained that the Road Commission needed an additional thirty feet for a turnaround. Suggesting the abandonment be 30 feet less than proposed petition.

Public Hearing ended at 10:20 AM and Regular Meeting resumed.

RESOLUTION NO. 1 – 108th AVENUE (HART TOWNSHIP) ABANDONMENT

WHEREAS, the Oceana County Road Commission (the “Commission”) received an abandonment petition (“Petition”), which is attached as **Exhibit 1**, signed by seven freeholders of **Hart Township**, seeking the absolute abandonment and discontinuance of **part of 108th Avenue** specifically described below and depicted in **Exhibit 1 (Petition) and Exhibit 2 (Certificate of Survey)**, which are located in **Hart Township**, Oceana County, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, public road abandonment and discontinuance petitions are governed by MCL 224.18, which is part of Public Act 283 of 1909, commonly referred to as the General Highway Law; and

WHEREAS, except as provided in MCL 224.18(8), the Commission is authorized by MCL 224.18(5) to abandon roads within twenty (20) days after receiving a valid abandonment petition containing the signatures of all the owners of record and occupants of land abutting the roads without further proceedings;

WHEREAS, **parts of 108th Avenue** are **not** adjacent to and **does not** border on, cross, or end at a lake or the general course of a stream; and

WHEREAS, the Petition is valid and contains the signatures of seven freeholders of **Hart Township** and **does** contain the signatures of all of the owners of record and occupants of land abutting **the parts of road** with a certification of the same; and

WHEREAS, the **Managing Director and North District Supervisor** employed by the Board have proceeded to view the premises described in the petition and notice, and have advised the Board as to the advisability of absolutely abandoning and discontinuing **the part of 108th Avenue** pursuant to the petition with the exception of the 30 feet at the southern end the proposed abandonment for a turnaround resulting in abandonment of 1,125 feet from the North Section Line, as required by MCL 224.18(7); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Road Commissioners of the County of Oceana as follows:

1. The Board determines that abandoning and discontinuing **the part of 108th Avenue** is advisable and in the best interest of the public.
2. The parts of road(s) described below and depicted in **Exhibit 1 and Exhibit 2 with the exception of the 30 feet at the southern end of the proposed abandonment** is hereby absolutely abandoned and discontinued:
 - a. 1,125 feet of the public parts of 108th Avenue running South of the North Section Line located in the North ½ of Section 1, T15N, R17W, Hart Township, Oceana County, Michigan.
3. A copy of this Resolution with the Exhibits shall be recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Oceana County.
4. The full record and return of these proceedings shall be filed with the state transportation commission within 30 days after final determination.
5. A copy of this Resolution with the Exhibit shall be forwarded to **Hart Township**.

6. Because the petition contained the signatures of all adjacent owners and occupants and the part of road to be abandoned **does not** border, cross, run adjacent to, or end in a lake or the general course of a stream, the part of road to be abandoned reverts to the adjacent property owners.

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

Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS

Managing Director reports that the State crew completed mowing on State. M-20 garage crew and Hart crew have been patching with hot box, mowing in Benona, Newfield, Weare, Crystal and Colfax, and grading gravel roads for brine and repairs. They durapatched 72nd Ave, performed slag upgrades on 54th Ave in Grant Township and started Buchanan Road in Benona Township and began chip sealing on June 15th. They have completed brine application in all townships except Colfax, which should be completed before July 4th.

Engineering worked on township estimates, completed final pavement markings, and coordinated final M-20 Tunnel electrical, oversaw contractor working on Longbridge Fisherman's Platform, and worked on Polk Road design, utility coordination and 2026 Mill and Fill/rehab.

Finance/HR worked on payroll and payables and finished ACT 51 financial report with Auditors and submitted the report to State.

Traffic Services/Safety worked on asset management, sign repairs, RoadSoft, and permits, supervised sign crew/county work, completed stop sign/stop ahead upgrade countywide.

Managing Director reviewed bills and finances with Assistant Managing Director-CFO and Accountant. We received several signed road work estimates from townships and had successful Open House and car seat fitting. Rieth-Riley wedged 72nd Ave north of Tyler.

Chairman Myers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:23 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

RENEE CURTIS
Assistant Managing Director - CFO

WILLIAM MYERS
Chairman

July 8, 2026
DATE

EXHIBIT 1

TO: THE BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF OCEANA
3501 W. Polk Rd, PO Box 112, Hart, MI 49420 (231) 873-4226

PART I

A. Legal Description of Road Proposed for Abandonment

The undersigned are freeholders in the Township of Hart

Oceana County, Michigan, and respectfully petition the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Oceana to absolutely abandon and discontinue the following described road:
PORTION OF 108TH AVE REQUESTING TO BE VACATED:

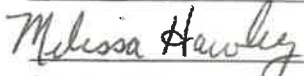
PART OF THE NORTH ½ OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 17 WEST, HART TOWNSHIP, OCEANA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT THE NORTH ¼ CORNER OF SAID SECTION 1, THENCE S87°50'59"E ALONG THE NORTH SECTION LINE A DISTANCE OF 33.01 FEET; THENCE S00°37'44"W PARALLEL WITH AND 33 FEET EASTERLY OF THE NORTH-SOUTH ¼ LINE AND A DISTANCE OF 1155.00 FEET; THENCE N87°50'51"W A DISTANCE OF 66.02 FEET; THENCE N00°37'44"E PARALLEL WITH AND 33 FEET WESTERLY OF THE NORTH-SOUTH ¼ LINE AND A DISTANCE OF 1155.00 FEET TO THE NORTH SECTION LINE; THENCE S87°50'42"E ALONG THE NORTH SECTION LINE A DISTANCE OF 33.01 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 1.75 ACRES.

Reasons of Abandonment

The abandonment should be approved for the following reasons:

1. Eliminating Liability : Formal Abandonment through a statutory procedure protects the governing body from potential lawsuits by landowners demanding that an informally abandoned road be maintained.
2. The road is never used by the public, making its maintenance an inefficient use of public funds.

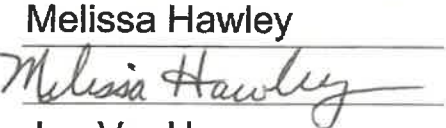
PART II (A) * SIGNATURES OF FREEHOLDER

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>TAX BILL PROPERTY NO</u>	<u>DATE</u>
1.	Joe VanHoven 	1330 Ja De Dr NE Ceadar Springs MI 49319	007-011-100-03	<u>1-11-26</u>
2.	Melissa Hawley 	4630 N 108th Ave. Hart MI 49420	007-001-200-04	<u>12/22/25</u>
3.	Koty Stevenson 	5025 N 96th Ave. Hart MI 49420	007-002-001-02	<u>4/19/26</u>
4.	Jason Pochyla 	3518 W Circle Dr. Hart MI 49420	007-400-012-00	<u>1-10-2026</u>
5.	Eric & Michaela Dennert 	1190 W Lever Rd. Hart MI 49420	007-002-200-04	<u>4-8-2026</u>
6.	Benjamin Wadel 	3428 W High Point Ridge Hart MI 49420	007-008-400-10	<u>1-10-26</u>
7.	Phillip & Kelly Prado 	3703 N Hill N Dale DR. Hart MI 49420	007-420-005-00	<u>1-10-26</u>

PART II (B) * LIST OF OCCUPANTS

Directions:

The Petitioner shall list below the names and addresses of the occupants of each parcel of land abutting the portion of highway proposed for abandonment and the parcel's property number from the tax bill. Use additional copies of this sheet if necessary.

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>TAX BILL PROPERTY NO</u>
1.	Jorden & Krista Koszegi 	4720 N 108th Ave. HART MI 49420	007-001-200-05
2.	Melissa Hawley 	4630 N 108th Ave. HART MI 49420	007-001-200-04
3.	Joe VanHoven 	13330 Ja De Dr. NE Cedar Springs MI 49319	007-001-100-03
4.			
5.			
6.			

PART IV * PETITIONER'S OATH OR AFFIRMATION AND SIGNATURE

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that the persons who have signed in PART II (A) constitute all the freeholders of at least seven (7) different parcels of property located in the Township of HART; and that the persons who have been listed in PART II (B) represent all the occupants of each parcel of land abutting the portion of highway proposed for abandonment; and, **that PART III (Is) (is not) [Strike one.] completed;** and, that if completed, the persons who have signed in PART III represent all of the owners of record and occupants of land abutting the portion of highway proposed for abandonment. Further deponent sayeth not.


Signature of Petitioner

Jorden & Krista Koszegi

Typed or Printed Name

4720 N 108th Ave

Street Address

Hart MI 49420

Mailing Address

231-887-7186

Phone Number

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

23 Day of April, 2026



Notary Public, Oceana County,

Michigan My commission expires: 10-7-27

Tonya M. Selig, Notary Public
(231) 873-3977

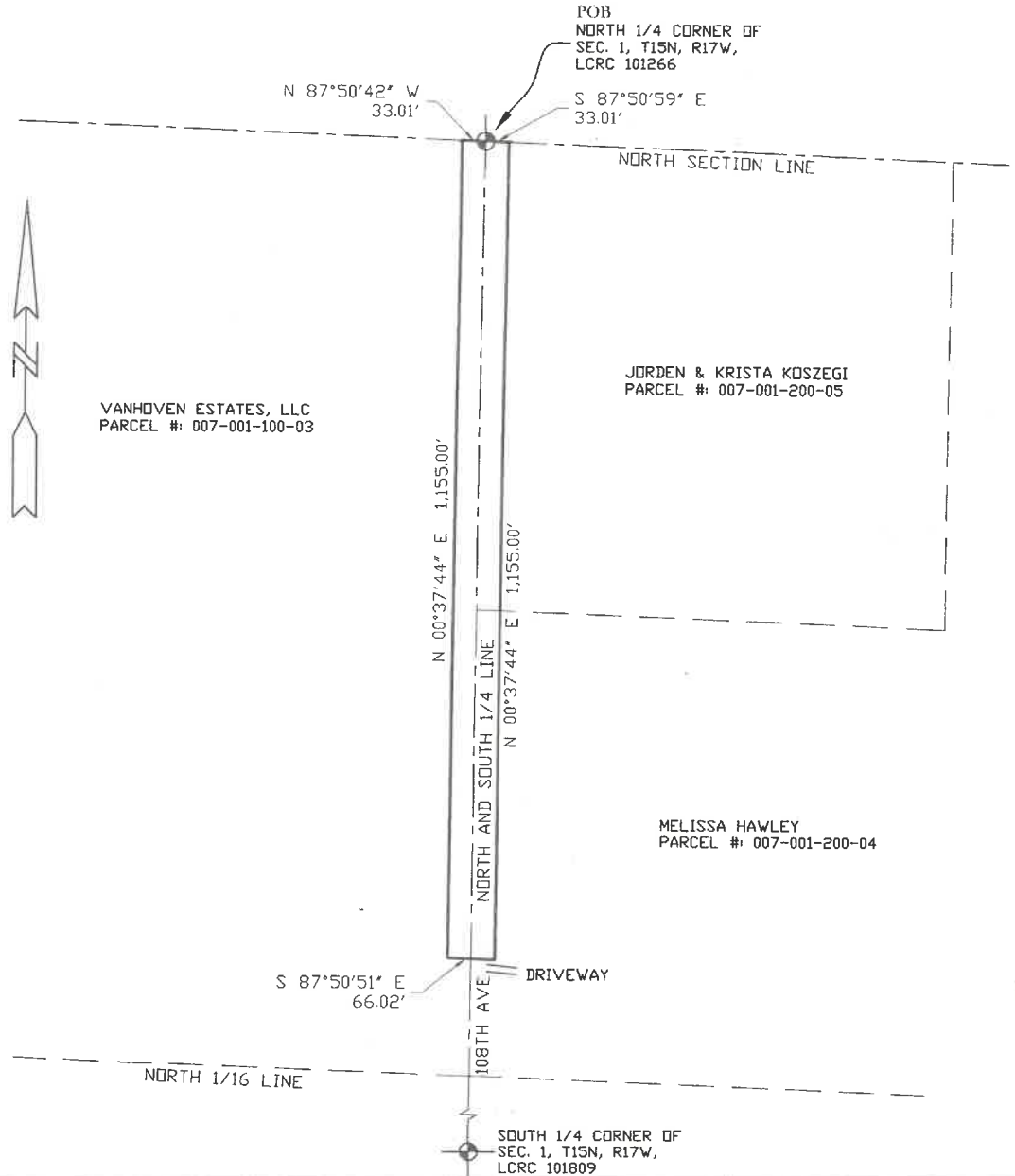
EXHIBIT 2

CERTIFICATE OF SURVEY

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LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PORTION OF 108TH AVE TO BE VACATED:

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 CONTAINING 1.75 ACRES.



A&A
 Land Surveying, Inc.
 aalandsurveying@gmail.com
 P.O. Box 186
 1525 Industrial Park Dr.
 Hart, MI 49420
 (231) 301-8147

CLIENT: OCEANA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

JOB NO: 25290

DATE: 6-17-26

SCALE: 1" = 200'

DRAWN BY: DAR

0' 100' 400'
 50' 200'
 1" = 200'



ALEX S. ALTMAIER, PS 65158