

Board of Road Commissioners Meeting  
County Services Building  
September 25, 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, September 25, 2024.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Members present: Myers, Gowell, Forbes, Spitler, Koch  
Staff present: Timmer, Terryn, Curtis, Bosch.

Visitors: Dave Leonard, Colfax Township Supervisor; Lynn Cavazos, Pentwater Township Supervisor; Laura Ackerman, District Manager of Oceana Conservation District; sixteen Colfax Township residents; two Golden Township residents; one Shelby Township resident; one Newfield Township resident; one Claybanks Township resident. **TOTAL: 24 visitors.**

## **AGENDA**

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

### **1. 2023 Lakeview Drive (Colfax Township) Abandonment**

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

## **CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION**

Dave Leonard, Colfax Township Supervisor, suggested that OCRC not make a final decision today on the Lakeview Drive abandonment. He feels there should be more discussions and that OCRC has maintained Lakeview Drive successfully for years. Also, said that the decision should be delayed to give residents time to look at forming an Association and deciding how to take care of maintenance issues.

Multiple Colfax Township residents expressed their concerns about Lakeview Drive being abandoned and all of the residents who spoke stated that they are against the abandonment.

Dave Borgeson, Claybanks township resident, stated that he appreciated the work done on Scenic Drive and Webster Rd. He also said that most residents appreciate that you enhance the quality of life by having better roads and thanked OCRC for upgrading so many roads this year.

Laura Ackerman introduced herself as the new District Manager for the Oceana Conservation District.

Marty Hayden, Golden Township resident, spoke about the drain on 34<sup>th</sup> Ave over Hunter's Creek needing to be fixed.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Forbes and supported by Koch to approve the Minutes of the September 11, 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 Koch to approve the following Vouchers as presented.

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| Voucher No. | 72376 (Accounts Payable) | \$1,992,039.26      |
| Voucher No. | 72377 (Payroll)          | <u>\$ 81,332.41</u> |
|             | <b>Total</b>             | \$2,073,371.67      |

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

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1-LAKEVIEW DRIVE (COLFAX TOWNSHIP) ABANDONMENT**

Motion by Koch and supported by Myers to absolutely abandon and discontinue Lakeview Drive in the Plat of Wenonah, Colfax Township, Section 15, T16N – R15W, from 186<sup>th</sup> Avenue West to the dead end for a total of .40 miles. The Board has determined that it is in the best interests of the public that this highway and/or portion of highway be absolutely abandoned and discontinued. Reference MCL 224.18, Section 18 (3).

Roll call vote: Koch – yes; Myers – yes; Gowell – yes; Forbes – no; Spitler – no.

Motion carried.

**STAFF REPORTS**

Mark Timmer reports that the State crew has been patching various routes, Hot Patching and Durapatching Polk Rd, shoulder and drainage maintenance and mowing M20 and M120.

The M-20 and the Hart crew has patched various roads with the hot box, Fog sealed, shouldered 116<sup>th</sup> Ave. and did driveways on Ridge and Washington.

Traffic Services supervised sign crew/County Work/State Work, worked on asset management, Miss Digs, Road Soft, sign repairs, street name signs, permits, closures and detours for road work and bridge jobs, marked roads for paint and staked roads for Crush & Shapes.

Mark Timmer reviewed bills and finances with the Clerk, contractor working on Roosevelt Bridge, Rieth Riley paved 116<sup>th</sup> Ave, 126<sup>th</sup> Ave, top course on Ridge Rd and paved Washington. Hallack is crushing and grading Juniper Beach and Ridge Rd. OCRC received three CRASIF Safety Awards and Jeremi Bosch and Timmer spoke on Tool Box Safety Talks at the CRA Commissioners Conference at Gaylord.

Jeremi Bosch, Safety and Sign Foreman, spoke about his Tool Box Safety program which addresses a wide variety of safety issues from injuries to equipment safety to health safety. He explained there are 83 Road Commissions in Michigan and year after year OCRC gets awards.

Chairman Myers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:56 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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**RENEE CURTIS, Clerk**

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**WILLIAM MYERS, Chairman**

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**OCTOBER 9, 2024**

**DATE**