

Board of Road Commissioners Meeting
County Services Building
April 22, 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, April 22, 2026.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

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

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

Visitors: Dave Leonard, Colfax Township Supervisor; Savanna LaFever, Hart City resident; Lisa Corwin, Golden Township Property Owner; Wayne VanHuis, Golden Township Resident; Abe Kurzer, Hart Township Resident; Lynne Cavazos, Pentwater Township Supervisor; Craig Mast, Oceana County Sheriff; Tim Beggs, Oceana County Commissioner; Steve Fleming, Benona Township Supervisor; Scott Beal, Silver Lake Sand Dunes, Hart Area Chamber of Commerce; Shelly Peel, Golden Township Resident; Mike and Sue D'Itri, Golden Township Residents; Steve Dykstra, Shelby Township Resident; Daniel Behm, Golden Township Property Owner

TOTAL: 15 visitors

AGENDA

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

1. Public Hearing North Shore Drive (Golden Township) Abandonment at 10:10am

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

Motion carried.

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION

Everett Horton commented on drainage issues on Monroe Road intersecting with 6th Street in Pentwater Township.

Lisa Corwin explained her family history and heritage of several parcels on North Shore Drive and stated her opinion on abandonment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Heykoop and supported by LaFever to approve the Minutes of the April 8, 2026 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

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

Voucher No. 72489 (Payroll)	\$ 100,598.34
Voucher No. 72490 (Payroll)	\$ 351.20
Voucher No. 72491 (Accounts Payable)	<u>\$ 302,690.28</u>
	\$ 403,639.82

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

At 10:10 AM Chairman Myers opened the Public Hearing on the abandonment of North Shore Drive running West of the Silver Lake State Park Service Drive. Citizens were instructed to comment and ask questions regarding the proposed North Shore Drive abandonment.

CITIZEN’S PARTICIPATION

Multiple residents commented on the proposed abandonment.

Mark Timmer, Managing Director, explained to residents that the need for this abandonment is because of public safety concerns. The public still has access to the Dunes through the State Park entrance.

Public Hearing ended at 10:27 AM and Regular Meeting resumed.

RESOLUTION NO. 1 – NORTH SHORE DRIVE (GOLDEN TOWNSHIP) ABANDONMENT

WHEREAS, the Oceana County Road Commission (the "Commission") received an abandonment petition ("Petition"), attached as Exhibit 1, signed by seven freeholders of Golden Township, seeking the absolute abandonment and discontinuance of 0.-048 miles of the public parts of North Shore Drive running West of the Silver Lake State Park Service Drive to the dead end located in the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 19, T15N, R18W, Golden Township, Oceana County, Michigan, (the "Road"); 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, in instances where the road or portion of road to be abandoned borders on, crosses, is adjacent to, or ends in a lake or the general course of a stream, the Commission is authorized by MCL 224.18(5) & (8) to abandon roads only following a public hearing held pursuant to written notice issued at the times prescribed in the statute to all adjacent owners and occupants of land, the township, the state transportation department, and the department of natural resources,

WHEREAS, the portion of North Shore Drive to be abandoned is adjacent to and does 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 Golden Township; however, it does not contain the signatures of all owners of record and occupants of and abutting the portion of North Shore Drive to be abandoned, together with certification of same; and

WHEREAS, the Managing Director employed by the Board has proceeded to view the premises described in the petition and notice, and has advised the Board as to the advisability of absolutely abandoning and discontinuing a portion of North Shore Drive pursuant to the petition, 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 a portion of North Shore Drive is advisable and in the best interest of the public.
2. The portion of road described below and depicted in Exhibit 1 is hereby absolutely abandoned and discontinued:
 - a. 0.048 miles of the public parts of North Shore Drive running West of the Siler Lake State Park Service Drive to the dead end located in the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 19, T15N, R18W, Golen Township, Oceana County, Michigan
3. A copy of this Resolution with the Exhibit 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 Golden Township, Michigan State Transportation Department and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

The portion of road described above and depicted in Exhibit 1 is adjacent to a lake or the general course of a stream, and neither the township nor the Department of Natural Resources wishes to maintain it as a public access site.

Roll call vote: Gowell- yes; Koch – yes; Heykoop - no; LaFever – no; Myers – yes.
Motion carried.

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, trimming and removed trees.

Hart garage and M-20 garage crew have been repairing washouts, cleaning up after the storm and grading gravel roads, removing brush with equipment.

Engineering worked on township estimates, supervised M-20 Tunnel construction and had teams meeting with MDOT for tunnel permitting and schedule. Engineer met with Polk Road and Roundabout engineer, put together a bid packet for Longbridge Fisherman's Platform, prepared PowerPoint presentation about Polk Road and Roundabout for the Public Meeting.

Finance/HR worked on 401/457 accounts employee set-up with John Hancock Financial; worked on hiring and onboarding seasonal employees.

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

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

Managing Director and Superintendent monitored bridges and Hesperia dam during the storm. North County Supervisor, Superintendent and Managing Director met with Brine vendor.

Accountant, Assistant Managing Director-CFO, County Highway Engineer and Managing Director hosted a Public Meeting and gave PowerPoint presentation on the single lane roundabout construction at Polk Road and 72nd Ave and the Polk Road reconstruction. Design Engineering team from Colliers was there to answer questions from the public and had poster boards available. Sheriff Craig Mast presented 10-year crash history of Polk Road and 72nd Ave intersection.

Chairman Myers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:36 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

RENEE CURTIS
Assistant Managing Director - CFO

WILLIAM MYERS
Chairman

MAY 13, 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. Description of Road Proposed for Abandonment

The undersigned are freeholders in the Township of Golden,
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:

**N. Shore Drive from west of the Silver Lake State Park Service Drive to the Dead
End. Total length of Rd 0.048 miles**

Reasons of Abandonment

The abandonment should be approved for the following reasons:

Due to the natural occurrence of the sand dunes shifting the Oceana County Road
Commission can not properly maintain this due to the amount of sand accumulating in
the roadway and has closed the road due to this phenomenon with the sand dunes.
This abandonment would convert the section of road to a private drive allowing the
property owners continued access off from n. shore drive

PART II (A) * SIGNATURES OF FREEHOLDER

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>TAX BILL PROPERTY NO</u>	<u>DATE</u>
1.	<u>Dwight Fuchring</u> <u>Phil Fuchring</u>	<u>5673 W TAYLOR</u> <u>Rd MEARS</u>	<u>006-026-200-02</u>	<u>3/3/26</u>
2.	<u>GARY WORTH</u> <u>Dan W. Worth</u>	<u>2595 W 200 PD</u> <u></u>	<u>006-033-400-01</u>	<u>3/3/26</u>
3.	<u>Carl A. Fuchring</u> <u>Carl A. Fuchring</u>	<u>5109 W. Taylor</u> <u></u>	<u>006-025-100-05</u>	<u>3-4-26</u>
4.	<u>Melinda Felder</u> <u>Melinda Felder</u>	<u>4561 N. Pine Ave</u> <u></u>	<u>006-004-200-18</u>	<u>3-4-26</u>
5.	<u>Frank Whelpley</u>	<u>1669 N 56 Ave</u>	<u>006-023-400-04</u>	<u>3-5-26</u>
6.	<u>Timothy Beggs</u> <u>Timothy Beggs</u>	<u>2072 N. Wilson Rd</u> <u>Mears, MI 49436</u>	<u>006-021-200-10</u>	<u>3-5-26</u>
7.	<u>Jason R. Kees</u>	<u>3653 N. Railroad Ave</u> <u>Mears</u>	<u>006-011-100-07</u>	<u>3-6-26</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.	<u>BEYER VACATIONS LLC</u>	<u>1965 N SHORE DR</u>	<u>006-670-005-00</u>
2.	<u>SWANSON DENNIS & KAREN & MEYERS</u> <u>ANTHONY & DOROTHY & BEHM DANIEL</u>	<u>1991 N SHORE DR</u>	<u>006-670-002-00</u>
3.	<u>LIGHTHOUSE COTTAGE LLC</u>	<u>1999 N SHORE DR</u>	<u>006-670-001-00</u>
4.	<u>LIGHTHOUSE SAND SERVICES LLC</u>	<u>2009 N SHORE DR</u>	<u>006-400-016-00</u>
5.	<u>MICH DNR - GRANTS ADMIN DIV</u>	<u>8960 W FOX RD</u>	<u>006-910-019-200-01</u>
6.	<u>GORTER EDWARD & SUSAN</u>	<u>1973 N SHORE DR</u>	<u>006-675-001-00</u>
7.	<u>FOWLER MATTHEW D</u>	<u>1969 N SHORE DR</u>	<u>006-675-002-00</u>
8.	<u>TUUK CARL & LYNDA</u>	<u>1977 N SHORE DR</u>	<u>006-675-003-00</u>
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PART III (Optional)

SIGNATURES OF OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS

DIRECTIONS:

In Part III, if the persons signing below include **ALL OWNERS OF RECORD AND ALL OCCUPANTS** of lands abutting the highway proposed for abandonment, the petition for abandonment may be considered by the Board at a regular meeting. The sending of a notice for a public hearing on this petition and the public hearing itself may not be required. Use additional copies of this sheet if necessary.

NAME

ADDRESS

TAX BILL PROPERTY NO

DATE

OWNERS:

1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____

OCCUPANTS:

1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____	_____

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 Golden; 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

MARK F. TIMMER

OCEANA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Typed or Printed Name

3501 W. POLK RD

HART, MI 49420

Street Address

PO BOX 112 231-873-4226

Mailing Address

Phone Number

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

11 Day of March, 2026



Notary Public, Oceana County,

Michigan My commission expires: 06.13.2031

DESIREE MARIE DAVIS
Notary Public, State of Michigan
County of Oceana
My Commission Expires 06/13/2031
Acting in the County of