

Board of Road Commissioners Meeting
County Services Building
March 11, 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, March 11, 2026.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Members present: Myers, Gowell, Koch, LaFever.

Members absent: Heykoop

Staff present: Timmer, Terryn, Curtis, Frick

Visitors: Dave Leonard, Colfax Township Supervisor; Savanna LaFever, Hart City resident; Barry Miller, Oceana County Parks; Marty Hayden, Golden Township Resident; Tim Beggs, Oceana County Commissioner; Garry McKeen, Oceana County Planning Commission.

TOTAL: 6 visitors

AGENDA

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

1. Annual Supply Bids 2026
2. Emulsion Material Bids 2026
3. Tree Removal, Trimming and Stump Grinding Bids 2026
4. Equipment Disposal
5. Public Hearing to Abandon North Shore Drive

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

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Gowell and supported by LaFever to approve the Minutes of the February 11, 2026 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

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

Voucher No. 72478 (Payroll)	\$ 112,966.80
Voucher No. 72479 (Accounts Payable)	\$ 287,888.08
Voucher No. 72480 (Payroll)	\$ 114,950.74
Voucher No. 72481 (Accounts Payable)	<u>\$ 490,880.24</u>
	\$1,006,685.86

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

RESOLUTION NO. 1 – ANNUAL SUPPLY BIDS 2026

Motion by Gowell and supported by LaFever to accept all opened and read bids for fiscal year 2026 and to allow staff to utilize suppliers in the best interest of the Road Commission for aggregates, bituminous mixtures (hot and cold), culverts, wooden bridge decks, brine, and equipment rental.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2 – 2026 EMULSION MATERIAL BIDS

Motion by Gowell and supported by Koch to accept all bids for Emulsion, waive any irregularities in the bids, and allow the Staff to make any award in any manner they deem to be in the best interest of Oceana County and its townships.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3 – 2026 TREE REMOVAL, TRIMMING & STUMP GRINDING BIDS

Motion by Gowell and supported by LaFever to accept all bids for Tree Removal, Trimming and Stump Grinding, waive any irregularities in the bids, and allow the Staff to make any award in any manner they deem to be in the best interest of Oceana County. Contract is for the 2026 season.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4 – EQUIPMENT DISPOSAL

Motion by Koch and supported by Gowell to have the following items put up for bids through Ranger Bid:

1998 Ford Single Axle Sand Truck L-9511 (Equipment # D82)
1998 Ford Tandem Axle Dump Truck, Cab/Chassis (Equipment # D81)
2010 Kenworth Tandem Dump Truck T800, Box removed (Equipment # D91)
2010 Kenworth Tandem Dump Truck T800, Box removed (Equipment # D92)
1995 Ford Dump Truck L-9000 (Equipment # E48)
1996 Ford Dump Truck L-9000 (Equipment # E50)
1998 Ford Dump Truck L-9511 (Equipment # E52)
2002 Sterling Dump Truck LT9511 (Equipment # E55)
1975 International Dump Truck & Tank 2070A (Equipment # E62)
1997 Ford Tandem Dump Truck L-9000, Scrap (Equipment # D80)
1995 Ford Dump Truck L-9000 (Equipment # E47)
Small Ride-on Roller with Trailer
9-Wheel Pull Type Roller

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

RESOLUTION NO. 5 – NORTH SHORE DRIVE (GOLDEN TOWNSHIP) ABANDONMENT PUBLIC HEARING

Motion by Gowell and supported by LaFever to hold a North Shore Drive Abandonment public hearing on April 22nd, 2026 at 10:10am at the County Services Building, 844 S Griswold Street, Hart, Michigan, to absolutely abandon and discontinue public parts of North Shore Drive from west of the Silver Lake State Park Service Drive to the dead end. Total length of road 0.048 miles.

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

STAFF REPORTS

Managing Director reports that the State crew, M-20 Garage crew and Hart Garage crew have been removing snow and ice, patching with Hot Box, trimming and removing brush and trees.

Engineering attended Bridge Construction and Paint Workshop, worked on Build grant narrative, met with MDOT via Teams meeting for M-20 tunnel permitting, schedule, contract set-up, preconstruction meeting with the contractor. Engineering met with Polk Road reconstruction and roundabout engineer, met with Longbridge Fisherman’s Platform engineer. Highway Engineer, North County Supervisor and Managing Director met with Golden Township Road Committee.

Finance/HR worked on 401/457 transfer to John Hancock with Edward Jones; advertised for seasonal employees, attended a career fair at Shelby High School on February 24th, 2026; reached out to local high school advisors regarding summer road worker positions.

Tina Wightman, Financial Advisor from Edward Jones, and Kevin Stempin, Representative from John Hancock, presented the 401/457 plan conversion to employees.

Traffic Services/Safety worked on asset management, sign repairs, RoadSoft, and permits, supervised sign crew/county work/state work for snow and ice removal, worked on stop sign/stop ahead upgrades.

Managing Director reviewed bills and finances with Assistant Managing Director-CFO and Accountant, submitted BUILD grant, imposed seasonal weight and speed restrictions effective February 16th, 2026.

Assistant Managing Director-CFO and Accountant were preparing for annual audit.

Chairman Myers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:18 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

RENEE CURTIS
Assistant Managing Director - CFO

WILLIAM MYERS
Chairman

APRIL 8, 2026

DATE