

Board of Road Commissioners Meeting
Oceana County Services Building
June 9, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Oceana County Board of Road Commissioners was called to order by Commissioner Myers at the County Services Building at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, June 9, 2021.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Myers, Gowell, Forbes, Blohm, Spitler. Absent: none

Staff Present: Timmer, Griffin, Koch, Holmes, Powell.

Visitors: Robert Wade-Colfax Township Supervisor, Bill Glover-Shelby Deputy Township Supervisor, Tim Beggs-County Commissioner Liaison, and Oceana County Sheriff Craig Mast.

TOTAL: 4 visitors.

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION

None

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Forbes, supported by Gowell to approve the Agenda as amended with the addition of 1. Electronic Sign under Unfinished Business and addition of 1. Lease of 2 Volvo Yard Loaders under New Business.

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

Motion Carried.

MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Gowell and supported by Blohm to approve the Minutes for the May 26, 2021 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

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

Motion carried.

REVENUE & EXPENDITURES REPORT and APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

The Revenues & Expenditures Report and the Cash Flow Statement were given to the Board Members to review.

Motion by Forbes, supported by Blohm to approve the following Vouchers as presented.

Voucher No. 72196	(Accounts Payable)	\$428,012.43
Voucher No. 72197	(Payroll)	\$ 81,099.28
		<u>\$509,111.71</u>

Blohm asked about one check.

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

Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Electronic Sign

Motion by Gowell, supported by Forbes to approve the purchase of an electronic sign. Gowell stated the three bids will be honored. Advanced Sign is the lowest bid and best bid at \$34,685.

Group Discussion about the cost, zoning, public perception, and readability pertaining to the size of lettering on the sign.

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

Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Lease of Two New Volvo Yard Loaders

Motion by Forbes, supported by Gowell to approve the lease of two new Volvo yard loaders to replace the two loaders with a lease up in November.

Group discussion about the ease in getting parts, hours on each machine, purchase cost, and ability to purchase a warranty.

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

Motion Carried.

STAFF REPORTS

The State crew has been doing roadside cleanup, shoulder and surface maintenance, brushing, tree cutting, cleanup, delineator maintenance, and worked on sandbags on Monroe.

The M-20 crew has patched various roads, bladed and brined various roads also. They have durapatched Harrison Road east of 144th Ave. The crew has done tree cutting and brush removal on various roads. They have shouldered roads on paving jobs and performed mowing in various townships.

The Hart crew patched various roads and did brush and tree cutting. They also bladed various roads.

Traffic Services supervised sign crew, State work, and County work. We did traffic control for various road jobs and had a lot of road closures. Our crew worked on asset management, MISS Digs, signs, Road Soft, permits, and finalized county maps.

In general, we continue to practice best practices and social distancing. We ask the health survey questions daily and have provided additional cloth masks to employees. We continue to work on accounting system training and township quotes for road work. Rieth-Riley paved top course on 192nd and placed gravel on the shoulders. It turned out really well. It will likely be open to traffic on Monday. Rieth-Riley also paved 64th Ave in Golden Township. API paved Scenic Dr at Stony Lake and it rides well and has nice joints. OCRC finished brining Elbridge, Greenwood, Otto, and Benona Townships and we started brining Crystal Township. Ferry and Claybanks Townships will be brined next, wrapping up the first round of brining. OCRC shouldered Grant Road in Shelby, shouldered Garfield Road to the oval, and 64th Ave between Polk and Tyler. Our cash balance is almost \$800,000 more than this time one year ago. Also, the Marsville Dam was awarded three grants. One goal is to build an ADA compliant access.

Blohm asked if we know what the total cost would be.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Myers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board.

Spitler asked about the timeline of removing water barriers on Monroe. Timmer stated MDOT plans to re-evaluate them this fall.

Blohm stated he had heard the City of Hart's wastewater treatment plant hauler damaged the road and we blacktopped it. He asked who pays for that. Timmer stated we put cold patch in it and will bill the responsible party.

Forbes asked if the crush and shape on Garfield has been scheduled. Timmer stated the tentative plan is June 14th.

Forbes asked Koch if we can get information about how many lines of text can be displayed on the electronic sign. Koch stated that if we use four inch letters we could get down four to five lines of text.

Chairman Myers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 10:24am.

SHERRY K POWELL
Deputy Clerk

WILLIAM MYERS
Chairman

June 23, 2021

Date