

Board of Road Commissioners Meeting
Hart Garage – Inside (Parking Garage)
October 14, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Oceana County Board of Road Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Myers at the Road Commission offices in Hart at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, October 14, 2020. The Meeting was held inside in the parking garage; tables and chairs were set up to meet social distancing requirements and masks were required.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Members present: Myers, Gowell, Forbes, Carr, Blohm. Absent: None.

Staff present: Timmer, Griffin, Holmes, Smith.

Visitors: Robert Wade, Colfax Township Supervisor; Dave Spitler, Pentwater Township Supervisor; Dale Stevenson, Weare Township Supervisor; Bill Wagner, Grant Township Supervisor; Andy Seabolt, County Commissioner Liaison, Richard Raffaelli, Peterson Farms LLC; Roy Wilson, Little Pt. Sable resident, and Lori Green, Weare Township resident.

TOTAL: 8 visitors.

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION

Roy Wilson, Little Pt. Sable resident was present to express his concerns over signage in the Little Pt. Sable area and asked for a more open relationship with the Road Commission Staff.

Dale Stevenson, Weare Township Supervisor commented on some of the “older” street name signs and several areas where signs cannot be seen.

Dave Spitler, Pentwater Township Supervisor, thanked The Road Commission and the Board Members for the service we are doing and thankful for the relationship he has had with the Road Commission. Dave also mentioned the appreciation he has for Managing Director Mark Timmer.

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

1. West Michigan Research Center
2. November 11, 2020 Road Commission Board Meeting
3. Phone Conference Meetings

Roll call vote: Forbes – yes; Gowell – yes; Blohm – yes; Carr – yes; Myers – yes.
Motion carried.

Motion by Forbes and supported by Gowell to approve the Minutes of the September 23, 2020 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

Roll call vote: Forbes – yes; Gowell – yes; Blohm – yes; Carr – yes; Myers – yes.
Motion carried.

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

Motion by Carr and supported by Gowell to approve the following Vouchers as presented.

Voucher No. 72158 (Accounts Payable 9-30)	\$ 560,639.19
Voucher No. 72159 (Payroll 9-30)	\$ 70,671.49
Voucher No. 72160 (Accounts Payable 10-14)	\$ 391,202.21
Voucher No. 72161 (Payroll 10-14)	<u>\$ 76,237.25</u>
	\$1,098,750.14

Roll call vote: Carr – yes; Gowell – yes; Forbes – yes; Blohm – yes; Myers – yes.
Motion carried.

The Board was given a copy of a letter received from Richard Rafaelli, Board Member-Project Manager of the new West Michigan Research Center on Oceana Drive just North of Lever Road. Mark Timmer read the letter aloud.

RESOLUTION NO. 1 - CANCEL SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING

Motion by Gowell and supported by Carr to cancel the November 11, 2020 regular Board Meeting. The Oceana County Road Commission will be closed in observance of Veterans Day.

Roll call vote: Gowell – yes; Carr – yes; Forbes – yes; Blohm – yes; Myers – yes.
Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS (PHONE CONFERENCE MEETINGS)

There was discussion about potentially holding Board Meetings by Teleconference call. It was decided to hold the next scheduled Board Meeting on October 28, 2020 at 10:00AM at Peterson Farms HR Training Room.

STAFF REPORTS

The State crew has been cutting brush with the skid steer /fecon head on US-31, mowing on M-20, M-120 and Oceana Drive, placing shoulder gravel on M-20 and M-120, fixing heaves on BR US-31, delineator maintenance, and durapatching on Oceana Drive.

The M-20 crew has finished fog sealing in Newaygo County, they have hot patched various roads, bladed gravel roads, durapatched Tyler Road East of Oceana Drive, placed top dirt behind the valley gutter on Tonawanda in Lake Tahoe, worked on gravel jobs on Grant Road in Benona Township and 136th Avenue in Otto Township, hauled sand to 168th Avenue, and removed berm on Harrison Road in Leavitt Township.

The Hart crew has bladed roads in Leavitt Township (they elected not to do a second brining), patched with the hot box, worked with the fog seal crew, durapatched on MDOT's portion of Oceana Drive, and mowed on county primaries in Elbridge and Leavitt Townships and other roads.

The Traffic Services crew has supervised with the fog seal crew, performed work for County and State, set up and removed road closures, and performed traffic control for various jobs. They also performed miscellaneous sign work in County and State, and marked roads for striping.

All employees are continuing to practice "best practices/social distancing" protocol and are asked the health survey questions daily; all employees have been provided cloth masks. Rieth Riley has paved Hill n' Dale Subdivision in Hart Township. Various roads have been striped, a stop bar and yield line were painted at 18th Avenue and Silver Lake Drive (by Mac Woods); our men installed the driveway at the new West Michigan Research Center, and demolished and cleaned up the Walkerville Garage.

Chairman Myers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:33 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

LORI L. HOLMES
Finance/HR Director

WILLIAM MYERS
Chairman

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Upon further investigation after the meeting it was discovered we are NOT able to hold the October 28, 2020 Board Meeting at Peterson Farms HR Training Room due to COVID-19 social distancing guidelines.