

Board of Road Commissioners Meeting  
County Services Building  
March 8, 2023

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 8, 2023.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Members present: Myers, Gowell, Forbes, Spitler, Koch.

Staff present: Timmer, Griffin, Holmes, Terryn.

Visitors: Lynne Cavazos, Pentwater Township Supervisor; Dave Leonard, Colfax Township Supervisor; Larry Doran, Weare Township Supervisor; Steve Fleming, Benona Township Supervisor; Roger Schmidt, Grant Township Supervisor; Craig Mast, Oceana County Sheriff; Tim Beggs, Oceana County Commissioner Liaison; Garry McKeen, Parks and Recreation Commission; Lori Green, Weare Township Treasurer; David Schlapper, Golden Township resident; and Randy Jordan, Golden Township resident.

**TOTAL: 11 visitors.**

## **AGENDA**

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

1. Committee Reports Will Be Given at April 12<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting
2. Sign and Approve Act 51 Certification Maps
3. Purchase L-48 Skid Steer

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

Motion carried.

## **CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION**

Larry Doran thanked Mark Timmer for getting the Seasonal Weight and Speed restrictions on quickly.

Randy Jordan from SunBuggy inquired about the process required to extend ORV traffic to the dune entrance. Commissioner Myers referred Randy to discuss this with Managing Director, Mark Timmer after today's Board Meeting if he is available.

Garry McKeen commented that major brushing has been done by the Road Commission in the wooded area along Marshville Dam Road.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Gowell and supported by Spitler to approve the Minutes of the February 22, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.

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

Voucher No. 72289 (Accounts Payable)	\$ 233,942.04
Voucher No. 72290 (Payroll)	<u>\$ 96,003.30</u>
	\$ 329,945.34

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

Commission Myers noted that the March Committee Reports will be reported at the April 12, 2023 Board Meeting.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 1 – SIGN AND APPROVE THE 2022 ACT 51 ROAD CERTIFICATION MAPS FOR SUBMISSION TO MDOT**

Motion by Forbes and supported by Gowell to have Chairman Myers sign the Act 51 Road Certification map cover sheets (4 copies) for submission to MDOT,

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

The Board Members were given information on purchasing the L-48 skid steer which is currently being leased. Mark Timmer commented we have leased this skid steer (L-48) for five (5) years, it has approximately 1,834.6 hours of usage with a value around \$130,000.00 (if purchased new). Mark's recommendation would be to take the option to purchase L-48 after the lease is completed/fulfilled.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2 – PURCHASE L-48 SKID STEER (CURRENTLY LEASED)**

Motion by Koch and supported by Gowell to purchase L-48 (2018 Caterpillar Model 29902 skid steer) after all the lease payments have been made. The final payment amount will be \$41,500.00 plus any fees.

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

## **STAFF REPORTS**

The State crew has been doing night patrol, snow and ice removal, patching, and cleaned drains.

The M-20 and Hart crews have patched various roads with the hot box, snow and ice removal, tree removal, brushing, graded gravels, and durapatched.

Traffic Services has worked on asset management, Miss Digs, Road Soft, sign repairs, street name signs, supervised the sign crew, and snow removal.

Mark Timmer reviewed bills and finances with the Finance/HR Director and Clerk, met with Township officials regarding 2023 road work and prepared estimates, looked at potential 2023 road projects with the North and South County Foremen, worked with engineers on road and bridge projects, met with residents and attorney regarding right-of-way (ROW) acquisition, and spoke at a Men's breakfast at the Trinity Lutheran Church (power point presentation was given.....Mark commented he enjoyed this informative presentation to the community).

Mark spoke briefly about the Deer Road bridge failure/closure (between 144<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 160<sup>th</sup> Avenue) in Elbridge Township. This bridge appears to have been built over 100 years ago. The bridge planks and timbers have deteriorated, rotted, and broken as heavy equipment exceeded the posted three (3) ton limit on the bridge, and would cost approximately \$500,000.00 to build back the bridge as required. The Forest Service and WMSRDC (West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission) have been consulted by Mark Timmer and paperwork has been submitted for a possible NOAA Grant.

Chairman Myers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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**LORI L. HOLMES**  
**Finance/HR Director**

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**WILLIAM MYERS**  
**Chairman**

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**APRIL 12, 2023**

**DATE**