

Board of Road Commissioners Meeting
County Services Building
April 26, 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, April 26, 2023.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Members present: Myers, Gowell, Forbes, Spitler, Koch. Absent: None.

Staff present: Timmer, Griffin, Terryn, Curtis.

Visitors: Roger Schmidt, Grant Township Supervisor; Joseph Klimovitz, Newfield Township resident; Pete Shlagor and Mike Graham, Claybanks Township residents; Tim Beggs, Oceana County Commissioner liaison, Mitchell Jordan, David Schlapper, and Mark Rippee, Golden Township residents. **TOTAL: 8 visitors**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

1. MDOT Turn-back Routes (Oceana Drive, Polk Road, BR US-31 in Pentwater);
2. Approve 2023 Road Project Quotes.

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

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION

Mitchell Jordan and David Schlapper, Golden Township residents representing Sunbuggy Fun Rentals, presented a bound booklet with pictures to the Board Members and Staff to review. Mr. Jordan explained that “they were hoping to be able to extend the corridor further so that they would not be adding to the traffic in the Summer.” They are currently required to transport their buggies and rental customers to the sand dune area. The State of Michigan (MDNR) has entered into a five-year Cooperative Agreement with the Road Commission to operate Fox Road from the Eastern boundary of the right-of-way of Ridge Road to the Western boundary of the right-of-way of 24th Avenue for the public to enter the parking lot and access the sand dunes. Chairman Myers thanked them for their report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Forbes and supported by Spitler to approve the Minutes of the April 12, 2023 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

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

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

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

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

Voucher No. 72297 (Accounts Payable)	\$ 262,886.90
Voucher No. 72298 (Payroll)	<u>\$ 77,607.40</u>
TOTAL	\$ 340,494.30

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

The Board was presented with a handout showing the 2023 Proposed MDOT Turn Back Routes that Mark Timmer prepared for the Board to review. Mark is asking that the remainder of Oceana Drive (between the intersection of Oceana Drive/M-20), Polk Road (between Oceana Drive to just East of 64th Avenue), and Monroe Road (from the expressway overpasses to the South Village Limits of Hesperia) and BR US-31 (from the North Village Limits of Hesperia) to the Mason/Oceana County line.

Members of the Board asked questions pertaining to our maintenance of these roads being paid for if we agree to take them over now. The Board was assured by Mr. Timmer that the bridges on Oceana Drive, Polk Road, and BR US-31 in Pentwater Township are in good condition as was verified by our engineer at Scott Civil Engineering and that the condition of each turn back road section has also been visited by our engineer at Fleis & VandenBrink.

RESOLUTION NO. 1 – JURISDICTIONAL TRANSFER OF MDOT ROADS TO OCEANA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION (TURN BACK)

Motion by Forbes and supported by Gowell to authorize Managing Director Mark Timmer to sign the proposed three (3) jurisdictional transfers on behalf of the Oceana County Road Commission. They are listed as follows:

1. **BR US-31 (Monroe Road)** – from East of the Northbound US-31 ramps, West to the East Village Limits of the Village of Pentwater, and North Pere Marquette Highway BR US-31 Pere Marquette Highway from the North Village Limits of the Village of Pentwater, North to the East side of the Northbound ramps of US-31 on Oceana Drive.
5.35 miles
2. **BR US-31 Hart (Polk Road)** – from Oceana Drive to West of the Southbound US-31 ramps.
1.96 miles
3. **US-31 Old Highway (Oceana Drive)** – from M-20, North to the South Village Limits of Shelby, then North from the North Village Limits of Shelby to the North edge of the Bridge over the South Branch of the Pentwater River.
8.21 miles

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

The Board was given a detailed copy of the 2023 Road Projects and Requests for Quotations. The handout included all the projects requested by the Township Boards and the quotes from various bidders for the requested work.

RESOLUTION NO. 2 – APPROVE 2023 ROAD PROJECT QUOTES

Motion by Forbes and supported by Gowell to approve the 2023 Road Project quotes as presented.

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

STAFF REPORTS

Since the last Board Meeting the crews have had to sand and salt roads a couple times. A lot of berming and road grading has been done as well as pothole patching. The Durapatch crews have been working when weather permits. The sign crew and Engineering Tech have worked throughout the county on sign replacements, Asset Management, MISSDIGS, and intersection upgrades.

Mark Timmer represented the County Road Association at the Michigan Township’s Association Annual Conference in Traverse City. He also attended a WMSRDC meeting and consulted with our Bridge Engineer as well as our Road Engineer.

Commissioner Myers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 10:16.

Respectfully submitted,

SANDRA K. GRIFFIN
Clerk

WILLIAM MYERS
Chairman

MAY 10, 2023
DATE