

Board Meeting by Teleconference Call
April 22, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Oceana County Board of Road Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Myers by Teleconference call at 5:00 PM on Wednesday, April 22, 2020.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Clerk Sandra Griffin.

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

Staff present: Timmer, Griffin, Holmes, Merten.

Visitors: Lori Green.

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION

Lori Green, Weare Township resident, commented that the teleconference Board Meeting was well organized and was easy to access using the instructions posted on the Road Commission website which is (www.oceanacrc.org). Ms. Green did mention it might be helpful to advertise the new meeting schedule and how the public can be a part of the future meetings if the call-in number was put in the local newspaper.

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

1. Critical Bridge Applications.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Forbes and supported by Blohm to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2020 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

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

Motion carried.

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

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

Voucher No. 72134 (Accounts Payable)	\$303,695.90
Voucher No. 72135 (Payroll)	<u>\$ 68,155.76</u>
	\$371,851.66

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 1 – CRITICAL BRIDGE SUBMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023

Motion by Forbes and supported by Blohm to submit the following bridges to MDOT for possible bridge funding in 2023.

1. Garfield Road, over the North Branch of the White River (Ferry/Otto Townships – SN-8366)
2. Garfield Road, over the South Branch of the White River (Greenwood/Newfield Twps. – SN-8367)
3. 120th Avenue, over the North Branch of the Pentwater River (Crystal Township – SN-8373)
4. 196th Avenue, over the Beaver Drain (Leavitt Township – SN-8377)

Multiple Structure Preventive Maintenance

1. Polk Road, over the Huftile Creek (Hart Township – SN-8369)
2. Scenic Drive, over Stony Creek (Benona Township – SN-8372)

Multiple Structure Preventive Maintenance

1. 140th Avenue, over the North Branch of the White River (Ferry Township – SN-8389)
2. Hawley Road, over the South Branch of the White River (Newfield Township – SN-8396)
3. 204th Avenue, over Beaver Creek (Leavitt Township – SN-8397)
4. Arthur Road, over the North Branch of the White River (Otto Township – SN-8398)
5. 104th Avenue, over the North Branch of the Pentwater River (Weare Township – SN-8406)
6. Hammett Road, over the North Branch of the Pentwater River (Weare Township – SN-8408)

Multiple Structure Preventive Maintenance

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

STAFF REPORTS

The State crew has been doing delineator maintenance, and rip-rap work on BR US-31/Monroe Road in Pentwater. They have performed shoulder work on Oceana Drive and ditched the Oceana Drive/Polk Road intersection in Hart.

The Hart and M-20 crews have been busy with snow/ice removal and snowdrift cleanup, blading gravel roads, repairing washouts, fixing punch holes, ditching, and tree trimming.

Our Traffic services men have worked on asset management, set up road closures, miscellaneous sign work, and various permits.

The entire Road Commission is continuing “best practices and social distancing” to avoid any spread of COVID-19 amongst employees. Staff is steadily working on Township Work Order quotes, project contracts, as well as reviewing asphalt and crush and shape estimates.

Chairman Myers asked each Board Member for any last comments.

Commissioner Gowell – none.

Commissioner Forbes – asked about this year’s chip seal projects. Managing Director Mark Timmer commented that we hope to do ~39 miles of chip seal (9 miles of local roads (we have Work Orders signed by the respective Townships) and ~30 miles of primary roads that the Road Commission is paying for.

Commissioner Carr – None.

Commissioner Blohm – inquired about number of miles not being chip sealing as previously planned. Managing Director Mark Timmer answered that ~10 miles have been removed from the initial list. Commissioner Blohm also suggested that we start doing grants for bridges less than 20 feet. Managing Director Mark Timmer suggested this can be discussed with our Bridge Engineer, but over the last two (2) years we have applied for five (5) bridges less than 20 feet and ALL have been declined. He also mentioned that the teleconference instructions for upcoming meetings should be advertised in the newspaper (they are currently being put on our website).

Chairman Myers – feels we should continue phone Teleconference meetings until at least June 10, 2020. Managing Director Mark Timmer believes we should not set June 10, 2020 as the date but to evaluate this procedure as time goes on.

Chairman Myers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the Meeting was adjourned at 5:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LORI L. HOLMES
Finance/HR Director

WILLIAM MYERS
Chairman

MAY 13, 2020

DATE