

Board Meeting by Teleconference Call  
June 10, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Oceana County Board of Road Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Myers by Teleconference call at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, June 10, 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: One logged in after meeting already in progress.

**CITIZEN’S PARTICIPATION**

**NONE.**

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

1. Re-Opening of “in person” Board Meetings.

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

Motion by Forbes and supported by Gowell to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2020 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

Roll call vote: Forbes – yes; Gowell – yes; Carr – yes; Blohm – 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 Blohm to approve the following Vouchers as presented.

Voucher No. 72142 (Accounts Payable)	\$363,917.74
Voucher No. 72143 (Payroll)	<u>\$ 87,051.54</u>
Total	\$450,969.28

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 1 – RE-OPENING OF “IN PERSON” BOARD MEETINGS - NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING (JUNE 24, 2020)**

Motion by Blohm and supported by Carr to re-open our Regular Board Meetings effective the next Board Meeting (scheduled for June 24, 2020).

Considerable discussion ensued. Chairman Myers then asked for a vote.

Roll call vote: Blohm – no; Carr– no; Gowell – no; Forbes - no; Myers – no.  
**MOTION FAILED.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2 – RE-OPENING OF “IN PERSON” BOARD MEETINGS - FIRST SCHEDULED MEETING IN JULY (JULY 8, 2020)**

Motion by Blohm and supported by Gowell to re-open “in person” Board Meetings starting the first scheduled meeting in July (July 8, 2020), contingent upon Governor Whitmer’s release of the “Open Meetings Executive Order” currently in place until June 30, 2020 and consistent with restrictions on public gatherings.

Roll call vote: Blohm – yes; Gowell – yes; Carr – no; Forbes – yes; Myers – yes.  
Motion carried.

**STAFF REPORTS**

The State crew has been doing pothole patching, storm cleanup, trees, washout repairs, and have installed sandbags and rip-rap on BR US-31/Monroe Road in Pentwater for the MDOT mitigation project.

The M-20 crew has repaired washouts/storm cleanup, durapatched 102<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 176<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Stone Road, Roosevelt Road, Webster Road, Arthur Road, Wayne Road, and Longbridge Road. They also patched with the hot box, trimmed trees, and mowed in Benona Township. They have also been busy blading gravel roads for brining. Brining has been done in Shelby, Grant, Benona, Newfield, and Otto Townships, and was started in Greenwood Township.

The Hart crew has repaired washouts/storm cleanup, patched potholes, trimmed trees, durapatched with the M-20 crew, and finished the repair of the South side of the bridge on Longbridge (at the Fisherman’s Landing). The crew has also bladed gravel roads for brining in Elbridge, Colfax, Crystal, and Weare Townships (Pentwater and Golden Townships were done previously).

Our Traffic services crew has worked on asset management, culvert inspection and recording, set up road closures and staked roads for paving jobs, and performed miscellaneous sign work.

The entire Road Commission is continuing “best practices and social distancing”. We revised our COVID-19 preparedness and response plan to meet requirements of the recent Executive Order, and have provided cloth masks to all employees (including Seasonal-Summer help). Rieth-Riley paved the base and top courses on 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue between Webster and Winston in Grant Township and Lake Road, 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Harrison from 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Railroad in Golden Township. We are close to completing the first round of brining and are brining Weare Township, then Greenwood and Claybanks Townships. Great Lakes Chloride is scheduled to brine Ferry and Hart Townships the week of June 15, 2020.

Chairman Myers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:28 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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**WILLIAM MYERS**  
**Chairman**

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JUNE 24, 2020

**DATE**