

Board Meeting by Zoom Meeting
March 24, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Oceana County Board of Road Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Myers by Zoom Meeting at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, March 24, 2021.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

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

Staff present: Timmer, Griffin, Koch, Holmes, Powell.

Visitors: Lynne Cavazos, Pentwater Township Supervisor; Richard Raffaelli, Shelby Township Supervisor; Larry Doran, Weare Township Supervisor; Craig Mast, Oceana County Sheriff; Tim Beggs, County Commissioner Liaison; and Lori Green, Weare Township resident.

TOTAL: 6 visitors.

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION

Sheriff Mast stated since Frost Laws have been "on" they have stopped five (5) commercial vehicles and issued two (2) citations. The first citation has been paid for \$3,424.00 and the second citation is due to be paid for \$4,995.00. Patrolling is being done on roads where it is known these roads are being used and potentially could be torn up.

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

1. Sign 2020 Act 51 Certification Maps
2. Equipment Disposal
3. Critical Bridge Submission For Fiscal Year 2024

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Gowell and supported by Blohm to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.

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

Motion carried.

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

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

Voucher No. 72184 (Accounts Payable)	\$ 144,923.03
Voucher No. 72185 (Payroll)	<u>\$ 74,115.33</u>
Total	\$ 219,038.36

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

RESOLUTION NO. 1 – SIGN 2020 ACT 51 CERTIFICATION MAPS

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2 – EQUIPMENT DISPOSAL

Motion by Forbes and supported by Gowell to have the following items put up for bids through Ranger Bid.

- L-27 1989 Toro Ground Master riding lawn mower (will not run)
- L-32 1997 Waldon Sweepmaster

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3 – CRITICAL BRIDGE SUBMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024

Motion by Forbes and supported by Gowell to submit the following bridges to MDOT for possible bridge funding in 2024.

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)

Multiple Structure Preventive Maintenance OCRC Local Match 10%

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4 – CRITICAL BRIDGE SUBMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024

Motion by Forbes and supported by Blohm to submit the following bridges to MDOT for possible bridge funding in 2024.

1. Oceana Drive, over Cedar Creek (Weare Township – SN 8321)
2. Oceana Drive, over the North Branch of the Pentwater River (Weare Township – SN 8322)
3. Longbridge Road, over the Pentwater River (Pentwater Township – SN 8371)
4. 120th Avenue, over the North Branch of the Pentwater River (Crystal Township – SN 8373)

Multiple Structure Preventive Maintenance OCRC Local Match 10%

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 5 – CRITICAL BRIDGE SUBMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024

Motion by Forbes and supported by Gowell to submit the following bridges to MDOT for possible bridge funding in 2024.

1. Lever Road, over the South Branch of the Pentwater River (Hart Township – SN 8393)
2. 72nd Avenue, over the South Branch of the Pentwater River (Hart Township – SN 8394)
3. 104th Avenue, over the North Branch of the Pentwater River (Hart Township – SN 8406)
4. Hammett Road, over the North Branch of the Pentwater River (Weare Township – SN 8408)

Multiple Structure Preventive Maintenance OCRC Local Match 20%

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 6 – CRITICAL BRIDGE SUBMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024

Motion by Forbes and supported by Blohm to submit the following bridges to MDOT for possible bridge funding in 2024.

1. 196th Avenue, over the Beaver Drain (Leavitt Township – SN 8377)
2. Loop Road, over the North Branch of the White River (Ferry Township – SN 8387)
3. 200th Avenue, over the Cushman Creek (Greenwood Township – SN 8391)
4. Hawley Road, over the South Branch of the White River (Newfield Township – SN 8396)

Multiple Structure Preventive Maintenance OCRC Local Match 20%

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

Motion carried.

Quarterly Committee Reports

Personnel Committee – nothing to report.

Insurance Committee – nothing to report.

Finance Committee – Commissioner Forbes briefly discussed an increase in a Public Relief Package for roads and a Covid-19 Relief Package that could possibly generate \$200,000.00 for Oceana County roads. She added that a two (2) year vehicle registration was being discussed as well as MTF allocation for years 2021, 2022, and 2023.

Buildings & Grounds Committee – nothing to report.

Community Relations Committee – nothing to report.

Weighmaster Liaison – Commissioner Gowell commented the scales have been tested and certified.

Parks & Recreation Liaison – Chairman Myers spoke briefly about Marshville Dam and the grant application for the removal of the Dam and replacement of three (3) culverts with a wooden bridge over Stony Creek.

STAFF REPORTS

Seasonal weight restrictions will be lifted on Friday, March 26, 2021 at 6:00AM.

The County has agreed to let the Oceana County Road Commission use the County Services Building located at 844 S. Griswold Street in Hart to hold our Board Meetings starting in April 2021 through August 2021.

The State crew has been sanding, patrolling, doing route checks, roadside cleanup, surface maintenance patching as well as night patrol and winter maintenance. Night patrol ended the week of March 19, 2021.

The M-20 crew as well as the Hart crew have been plowing, sanding, winter maintenance, patched on various roads, and brush/tree cutting. In addition, the Hart crew has also started on the Water Road project cutting trees and preparing for concrete removal.

Traffic Services has worked on asset management, Miss Digs, signs, Road Soft, permits, supervised the sign crew with State and County work, traffic control for tree/brush removal, state patrol for snow and ice, and is working on finalizing the “new” Oceana County maps.

All employees are continuing to practice “best practices/social distancing” protocol and are asked the health survey questions daily and employees have been provided additional cloth masks. We are presently working on accounting system training, worked on Township quotes for road work (a fair amount of quotes have been received back), and attended Township meetings in Hart and Golden. Hart Township has committed to the Water Road project that will be done in two (2) phases in 2021 and 2022. Phase I in 2021 will consist of removal of concrete, place sand lift and slag, and Phase II in 2022 is when

the paving will be done. Had a pre-construction meeting with Rieth Riley, McCormick Sand and Fleis and Vandenbrink for 192nd Avenue project in Greenwood Township (job to start approximately April 19th and paving to be done approximately May 10th).

Chairman Myers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Myers at 10:26 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

LORI L. HOLMES
Finance / HR Director

WILLIAM MYERS
Chairman

APRIL 14, 2021
