

Board of Road Commissioners Meeting
County Services Building
January 24, 2024

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, January 24, 2024

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Members present: Myers, Gowell, Koch.

Absent: Forbes and Spittler.

Staff present: Timmer, Griffin, Holmes, Terryn, Curtis.

Visitors: Dave Leonard, Colfax Township Supervisor; Steve Fleming, Benona Township Supervisor; Roger Schmidt, Grant Township Supervisor; Craig Mast, Oceana County Sheriff; and Tim Beggs, Oceana County Commissioner Liaison.

TOTAL: 5 visitors

AGENDA

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Road Bonding Amortization and Interest Rates

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2024 Annual Supply Bids
2. RAISE Grant

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

Absent: Forbes and Spittler.

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Gowell and supported by Koch to approve the Minutes of the January 10, 2024 Organizational Board Meeting.

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

Absent: Forbes and Spittler.

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.

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| Voucher No. 72338 (Accounts Payable) | \$150,474.84 |
| Voucher No. 72339 (Payroll) | <u>\$123,801.71</u> |
| | \$274,276.55 |

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

Absent: Forbes and Spitler.

Motion carried.

Mark Timmer gave the Road Commissioners a handout with amortization schedules and interest rates for both a seven (7) year loan (at 4.1%) as well as a ten (10) year loan (at 4.3%) on the Road Bonding resolution that was approved by the Oceana County Road Commissioners, Oceana County Commissioners, and the Michigan Department of Treasury. Mark spoke with Shelby State Bank prior to the Board Meeting and negotiated a rate of 4.2% on a ten (10) year loan. Mark’s recommendation is to proceed with Shelby State Bank. Chairman Myers suggests Mark “move forward” with Shelby State Bank, Commissioners Gowell and Koch both agreed.

RESOLUTION NO. 1 – ANNUAL SUPPLY BIDS

Motion by Gowell and supported by Koch to accept all opened and read bids for fiscal year 2024 and to allow staff to utilize suppliers in the best interest of the Road Commission for aggregates, bituminous mixtures (hot and cold), culverts, wooden bridge decks, brine, and equipment rental.

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

Absent: Forbes and Spitler.

Motion carried.

Mark Timmer spoke briefly about a RAISE Grant (Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity). Mark had a meeting with WMSRDC, Crystal Township, a grant writer, and a representative for the Michigan Department of Agriculture. They introduced the idea of applying for a RAISE Grant from the Federal Government for rural roads in Crystal Township (and/or Hart and Shelby Townships) or others for the benefit of farmers and farming operations.

RESOLUTION NO. 2 – RAISE GRANT

Motion by Gowell and supported by Koch to authorize Managing Director, Mark Timmer to apply for a RAISE Grant on behalf of the Oceana County Road Commission.

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

Absent: Forbes and Spitler.

STAFF REPORTS

Mark Spoke briefly that the last two (2) weeks all efforts have been on snow-ice removal, snow drifts, and tree clean-up (the crew did a good job). He has begun working on quotes-estimates for 2024 township road work.

Chairman Myers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:17 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

LORI L. HOLMES
Finance/HR Director

WILLIAM MYERS
Chairman

FEBRUARY 14, 2024