

Board of Road Commissioners Meeting
County Services Building
July 30, 2025

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, July 30, 2025.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Members present: Myers, Gowell, Koch, LaFever.

Absent: Heykoop.

Staff present: Timmer, Holmes, Terry, Curtis.

Visitors: Larry Doran, Weare Township Supervisor; Lynne Cavazos, Pentwater Township Supervisor; Lee Hyslop, Crystal Township Supervisor; Craig Mast, Oceana County Sheriff; Tim Beggs, Oceana County Commissioner Liaison; Garry McKeen, Oceana County Parks and Recreation; Savanna LaFever, Hart City resident; and Stephanie Hughes, Golden Township resident.

TOTAL: 8 visitors

AGENDA

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

1. Engineering Firm Services

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

Absent: Heykoop.

Motion carried.

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION

Lynne Cavazos thanked the Road Commission for the stop bars lines off Longbridge Road.

Larry Doran thanked Mark Timmer and North County Foreman, Randy Smith for work done on VanBuren Road in Weare Township (between Oceana Drive and 72nd Avenue).

Garry McKeen thanked Mark Timmer and all in attendance at this Board Meeting.....Marshville Dam has been completed and there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on August, 28, 2025 from 3:00pm – 5:00pm at Marshville Dam County Park (there will be speakers and the ribbon cutting will be at 4:00pm). Garry appreciates everything that has been done to make this project a success.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Gowell and supported by Koch to approve the Minutes of the July 9, 2025 Regular Board Meeting.

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

Absent: Heykoop.

Motion carried.

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.

Voucher No. 72432 (Accounts Payable 7-16)	\$ 185,971.11
Voucher No. 72433 (Payroll 7-16)	\$ 100,296.90
Voucher No. 72434 (Accounts Payable 7-30)	\$ 945,424.85
Voucher No. 72435 (Payroll 7-30)	<u>\$ 108,513.34</u>
	\$1,340,206.20

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

Absent: Heykoop.

RESOLUTION NO. 1 – ENGINEERING FIRM SERVICES

The Oceana County Road Commission has need to utilize professional engineering services including design, construction, survey, bridge engineering, soil borings and other services. OCRC has used or been in discussion with the following: Fleis and VandenBrink, Scott Civil Engineering, LSE, OHM, Prein and Newhof, GLEG, A & A Land Surveying, Soils and Structures, Rowe, and Harbor Design and Construction.

Motion by Gowell and supported by Koch to allow staff to utilize these engineering firms and any others it deems to be in the best interest of the Road Commission.

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

Absent: Heykoop.

STAFF REPORTS

State

Patching with hot box
Mowing on US31 and Oceana Dr
Picked up Adopt a Highway Bags

M20 and Hart Garages

Patched various roads
Graded gravel roads for brine
Mowed in county Shelby, Benona, Claybanks, Pentwater, Weare and Colfax
Chip Sealed, Fog Sealed
Finished shoulders on Garfield Rd

Brine

Began round two

Newfield Twp done 6/30
Benona Twp done 7/10
Shelby Twp done 7/14
Weare Twp done 7/15
Pentwater Twp done 7/17
Hart Twp done 7/22
Golden Twp done 7/24
Crystal Twp currently brining started 7/28
Grant Twp TBD 8/6-7

Engineering

Worked on FLAP Grant, M20 Tunnel, Madison Rd, Closed out past Madison Rd and 192nd/194th projects, ROW Encroachments, and Sign Upgrade (Safety Grant) project.

HR

Hired additional seasonal employee, interviewing for Truck Driver position.

Traffic Services

Supervised Sign Crew/County Work/State Work, worked on asset management, Sign repairs, Road Soft, and Permits, traffic control for chip seal/fog seal, no parking sign upgrade in Benona Twp, and sign upgrades in Hart Township.

General

Reviewed bills and finances with Assistant Manager-Clerk and Finance Director, Madison Rd is scheduled to begin Monday August 4, Sign Shop Foreman/Safety Coordinator, Finance/HR Director, Assistant Manager-Clerk and I attended the Annual MCRC SIP Conference in Mt Pleasant, we received a refund check for \$56,243.

BUILD Grant (RAISE Grant) Status

On July 15, 2025 the US Department of Transportation announced the second round of selections for BUILD 2025. Unfortunately, OCRC's submission was not selected. A list of the 30 projects selected to receive a BUILD grant can be found at: <https://www.transportation.gov/briefing-room/president-trumps-transportation-secretary-sean-p-duffy-announces-nearly-500-million> .

In August, the Department will begin contacting applicants to schedule debriefs for BUILD 2025 applications. During the debriefs, the Department will share feedback specific to our 2025 application. The BUILD 2026 funding opportunity will open this fall.

Many people worked extremely hard on the grant application, and we truly appreciate everyone's efforts. Please note that no one in Michigan received a grant.

We will look forward to the debriefs and potentially re-submitting an application in the next cycle.

Chairman Myers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:14 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

LORI L. HOLMES
Finance-HR Director

WILLIAM MYERS
Chairman

AUGUST 13, 2025
DATE