

Board of Road Commissioners Meeting
County Services Building
August 13, 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, August 13, 2025.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Members present: Myers, Gowell, Koch, Heykoop, LaFever.

Staff present: Timmer, Holmes, Terryn, Curtis.

Visitors: Larry Doran, Weare Township Supervisor; Tim Beggs, Oceana County Commissioner Liaison; Savanna LaFever, Hart City resident; Stephanie Hughes, Golden Township resident; and Mike Bosch, Hart Township resident.

TOTAL: 5 visitors

AGENDA

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

NO AGENDA ITEMS.

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

Motion carried.

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION

Mike Bosch spoke briefly about Lake Road having “washboard” and requested some maintenance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Gowell and supported by LaFever to approve the Minutes of the July 30, 2025 Regular Board Meeting.

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

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

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

Motion by Heykoop and supported by Koch to approve the following Vouchers as presented.

Voucher No. 72436 (Accounts Payable)	\$ 563,390.50
Voucher No. 72437 (Payroll)	<u>\$ 114,989.04</u>
	\$ 678,379.54

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

STAFF REPORTS

State

Patching with hot box
Finished Mowing on US31 and Oceana Drive
Fixed a washout on NB US 31 near Shelby offramp

M20 and Hart Garages

Patched various roads
Graded gravel roads for brine
Mowed in county, Hart and Shelby Townships
Chip Sealed, Fog Sealed on County Primary and Local Roads, Apache Hills, Village of New Era, and Pentwater Subs
Completed slag upgrade on Taylor Road (hill in Elbridge Township)
Working on slag upgrade on Scout Road (in Golden Township)

Brine

Round 2 is done

Crystal Township complete 8/4/2025
Grant Township complete 8/5/2025

Engineering

Worked on FLAP Grant, M20 Tunnel, Madison Road, MDOT Salt shed grant for M-20, and ROW Encroachments. Sign Upgrade (Safety Grant) project has been awarded by MDOT to GEBS.

HR

Hired additional seasonal employee, made an offer for full time Truck Driver/Road Worker

Traffic Services

Supervised Sign Crew/County Work/State Work, worked on asset management, sign repairs, Road Soft, permits, traffic control for chip seal/fog seal, finished no parking sign upgrade in Benona Township, lane closure on US 31 for washout repair, and long line paint striping and special markings.

Chip Sealing

Chip sealing is almost completed in Oceana County then the Road Commission will begin chip sealing approximately 13-15 miles in Newaygo County as we have done in the past years (this project is paid for by Newaygo County).

General

Reviewed bills and finances with Assistant Manager-Clerk and Finance Director, work began on Madison Road, removed guardrail, finished trenching, J and N scheduled to begin crushing Wednesday August 13th, our ACT 51 audit was approved by the MDOT Financial Division.

Mark Timmer spoke briefly about the Road Commission Open House and the Road Reception which he would like to see each of these done every other year.....December 2025 have the Road Reception and Spring 2026 have the Open House. This will be discussed further at a later date.

Chairman Myers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:07 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

LORI L. HOLMES
Finance-HR Director

WILLIAM MYERS
Chairman

AUGUST 27, 2025
DATE