

Board of Road Commissioners Meeting
County Services Building
May 27, 2026

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, May 27, 2026.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Members present: Myers, Gowell, Heykoop, LaFever.

Members absent: Koch

Staff present: Timmer, Terryn, Curtis, Frick, Shafer

Visitors: Dave Leonard, Colfax Township Supervisor; Savanna LaFever, Hart City resident; Abe Kurzer, Hart Township Resident; Gary McKeen, Oceana County Parks and Recreation; Tim Beggs, Oceana County Commissioner; Craig Mast – Oceana County Sheriff; Steve Fleming, Benona Township Supervisor; Stephanie Hughes, Golden Township Resident

TOTAL: 8 visitors

AGENDA

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

1. Hammet Road between 120th and 126th Avenue (Crystal Township) Abandonment
2. Madison Road 2026 Federal Aid Project

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

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION

Dave Leonard asked for the update on BUILD grant. Gary McKeen informed the commissioners about 8-page article in Riparian Magazine mentioning the role of Oceana County Road Commission in restoring Stony Creek in Benona Township.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Heykoop and supported by LaFever to approve the Minutes of the May 13, 2026 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

Roll call vote: Heykoop - yes; LaFever – yes; Gowell – yes; Koch - absent - 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 Gowell to approve the following Vouchers as presented.

Voucher No. 72494 (Payroll)	\$ 208.33
Voucher No. 72495 (Payroll)	\$ 108,177.21
Voucher No. 72496 (Accounts Payable)	\$ 343,790.64
	\$ 452,176.18

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

RESOLUTION NO. 1 – HAMMET ROAD BETWEEN 120th AND 126th AVENUE (CRYSTAL TOWNSHIP) ABANDONMENT

Motion by Heykoop and supported by LaFever to absolutely abandon and discontinue the public parts of Hammet Drive between 120th and 126th Avenue for a total of .75 miles. The Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the public that this highway and/or portion of highway be absolutely abandoned and discontinued. Reference MCL 224.18, Section 18 (3).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2 – MADISON ROAD 2026 FEDERAL AID PROJECT

Motion by Heykoop and supported by Gowell to authorize Managing Director Mark Timmer to sign a contract agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) for the 2026 Madison Road Project. This project includes hot mix asphalt base crushing and shaping, paving, shoulders, spillways, and permanent pavement markings on Madison Road from approximately 1,400 feet east of 160th Avenue to 176th Avenue; and all together with necessary related work.

Contract Number: 26-5180
Control Section: STL 64000
Job Number: 223879CON
Location: Madison Road

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

STAFF REPORTS

Managing Director reports that the State crew, M-20 garage crew and Hart garage crew have been repairing washouts and graded gravel roads for brining, patching with hot box, removed berm in Elbridge township, put slag on Wren Road and began Grant Road by Marshville Dam. Roads in Newfield, Shelby and Benona townships were brined by Oceana County Road Commission. Roads in Ferry and Elbridge Township were brined by Great Lakes Chloride.

Engineering worked on township estimates, supervised M-20 Tunnel construction, striping and guardrail, awarded Longbridge Fisherman's Platform project to Michigan Bridge Construction, received Madison Road project contract from MDOT.

Finance/HR trained seasonal employees, worked on ACT 51 financials and with auditors.

Traffic Services/Safety worked on asset management, sign repairs, RoadSoft, and permits, supervised sign crew/county work/state work, finished stop sign and stop ahead upgrades, worked on retro reflectivity upgrades.

Managing Director reviewed bills and finances with Assistant Managing Director-CFO and Accountant, received numerous signed road work estimates from townships.

M-20 Tunnel opened for traffic.

Oceana County Road Commission's Open House is scheduled for June 11th, 2026 between 11am-3pm.

Chairman Myers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

RENEE CURTIS
Assistant Managing Director - CFO

WILLIAM MYERS
Chairman

JUNE 10, 2026

DATE