

March 31, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Ogemaw County was called to order by Chairman Dan Winter 9:00 a.m. at 1250 S M-33 West Branch, Michigan.

Members present: Chairman Dan Winter, Commissioner Van Sheltroun, Managing Director Pat Reinke, Board Clerk Brandy Curtis

Absent: Commissioner Klint Marshall

Guests: Nathan Miller, Stephenson & Company; Craig Scott, Ogemaw County Commissioner; Jasynn Dings, West Branch Twp Resident; Jim Allen, Mills Twp Resident

Additions to the agenda: Valley Road-West Branch Twp Contract

Motion by Sheltroun, supported by Winter, to approve additions to the agenda. Motion carried by all.

Past minutes of March 17, 2021, were reviewed. There being no additions or corrections, the minutes stand as submitted.

Motion by Sheltroun, supported by Winter, to approve and pay payroll voucher #2124 and payable voucher #2125 in the total amount of \$180,689.38. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Winter, Sheltroun. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 9:15 a.m., the bituminous paving bid opening was held. Bolen Asphalt \$653,753.40; Rieth-Riley Construction \$754,560.00; Pyramid Paving \$662,811.85. Motion by Sheltroun, supported by Winter, to allow staff to review for accuracy and accept low bidder. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Sheltroun, Winter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Jasynn Dings approached the Board requesting a variance on Cowan Drive off State Road. Reinke advised the board of the permit policy to that authorizes the Manager to approve all permits unless a variance is requested. A discussion was held on location and low traffic volume. Motion by Sheltroun, supported by Winter, to authorize Manager to approve the permit. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Sheltroun, Winter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Nathan Miller of Stephenson & Company presented the financial audit report for 2020. Nathan informed the Board, the Road Commission had a positive ending net position of \$27,426 for fiscal year end 2020, most governments are commonly in the negative. Net pension liability and net OPEB liability both had decreased in 2020. After a review of the information, Nathan answered questions of the Board. Motion by Sheltroun, supported by Winter, to approve the audit report as presented. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Winter, Sheltroun. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A summary of the annual material and services bids opened at the last meeting were reviewed. Motion by Sheltroun, supported by Winter, to accept the bids as recommended by staff. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Winter, Sheltroun. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A discussion was held on 2021 cost sharing for brine application. Consensus of the Board was to continue 50/50 cost sharing with townships on solid brine for all 3 brine applications and 1/3-Road Commission and 2/3-Township cost sharing on spot brine for all 3 brine applications as was voted on during the June 24, 2020, board meeting.

Motion by Sheltroun, supported by Winter, approve and sign contract with Royal Maintenance Services for maintenance of M-33 roadside park. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Winter Sheltroun. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Reinke informed the Board on March 31, 2021, employee's ability to retain employer paid health care coverage during leave without pay as a result of exhausting all personal, vacation, and sick time relating to COVID-19 protocols will expire. No further board action was taken.

A discussion was held on Logan Township Stahlbush Road culvert.

Reinke updated the Board on Foster Township road maintenance.

Reinke reviewed recent winter maintenance.

The Board received West Branch Township's contract for gravel and ditch on Valley Road between Campbell Road and Peach Lake Road at an estimated cost of \$36,641.70, township's portion estimated at \$18,320.85. Motion by Sheltroun, supported by Winter, to sign contract with West Branch Township. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Sheltroun, Winter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Signed: _____
Dan Winter, Chairman

Countersigned: _____
Brandy Curtis, Board Clerk