

July 21, 2021

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

Members Present: Chairman Dan Winter, Commissioner Van Sheltroun, Commissioner Klint Marshall

Staff Present: Managing Director Pat Reinke, Board Clerk Brandy Curtis

Absent:

In Attendance: Matt Taylor, MERS Representative; Walt Tarnaze, Rose Twp Resident

Additions to the Agenda: None

Past minutes of July 8, 2021, were reviewed. There being no additions or corrections, the minutes stand as submitted.

Motion by Marshall, supported by Sheltroun, to approve and pay payroll voucher #2140 and payable voucher #2141 in the total amount of \$400,716.83. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Sheltroun, Winter, Marshall. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Walt Tarnaze, Rose Township resident, approached the Board regarding the condition of Dyer Road. A discussion was held on road funding and township contributions. Reinke will contact Rose Township and discuss potential upgrades to Dyer Road.

Matt Taylor reviewed 2020 MERS Actuarial with the Board. Over the previous three years, the Ogemaw County Road Commission has significantly increased employer contributions in efforts to reach minimum 60% funding level as required by PA 202 and has made substantial progress. In 2019, funding level was reported at 57% and 2020 improved to 62%, a 5% increase. Mr. Taylor reported most municipalities in this region decreased 2020 funding levels by 3-5% and commended the Road Commission's diligent efforts.

A discussion was held on employer contribution to MERS defined benefit plan. According to MERS 2020 actuary, No Phase-In recommended amount beginning October 1, 2021, is \$20,762-Union, \$16,916-NonUnion and 6.13%-HA Union/NonUnion.

Motion by Sheltroun, supported by Marshall, to contribute a flat employer monthly contribution to MERS in the amount of \$30,000 towards 01-Union, \$45,500 towards 10-NonUnion, and \$4,500 towards HA-Union/NonUnion beginning October 1, 2021, versus the recommended No Phase-In amount as suggested by MERS. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Sheltroun, Winter, Marshall. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Sheltroun called for a short break and returned to regular session at 10:15 a.m.

As a follow up from June 23, 2021, board meeting, a discussion was held on Brian Murchie's paving permit variance request. Motion by Sheltroun, supported by Marshall, to approve Murchie permit variance of 65 feet to include curb on north side without culvert installation. Motion carried by the following roll call votes: Ayes: Winter, Sheltroun, Marshall. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Reinke informed the Board West Branch Township Zoning Administrator had contacted the Road Commission to inform of ordinance violation #50-Noxious Weeds Ordinance at the salt barn on Cook Road. The matter has been resolved.

The following agreement with Cumming Township was presented to the Board: Apply 200# per square yard of 13-A bituminous mix to include shoulder gravel on Highland Pines Drive for 0.48 miles. Estimated cost \$51,000 to be paid for as following: Township \$25,500, Road Commission \$25,500. Motion by Marshall, supported by Sheltroun, to approve Highland Pines Drive contract with Cumming Township as presented. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Marshall, Sheltroun, Winter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The following agreement with Edwards Township was presented to the Board: Reconstruction of Green Road from Lehman Road to Rau Road to include a 32 ft. grade width, sub-base of processed road gravel, base compacted in place, graded, brine, road and drive culvert replacement, establish positive drainage, seed and mulch restoration. Actual road construction costs and work may vary depending on terrain and soil conditions discovered during fieldwork operations. Estimated cost \$486,951 to be paid for as following: Township \$340,866, Road Commission \$146,085. Motion by Marshall, supported by Sheltroun, to approve Green Road contract with Edwards Township as presented. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Winter, Marshall, Sheltroun. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Reinke provided construction to date.

Correspondence was received from Mills Township Supervisor, Dave Ryan, requesting installation of a speed limit sign. Reinke had contacted Mr. Ryan informing him the Township would be responsible for purchase and installation of the first sign. Mr. Ryan informed Reinke the township will not commit funds to sign installation.

Chairman Winter informed the Board of a complaint he received regarding site distance at the corner of Morrison Road and Sage Lake Road due to corn field. Reinke will review right of way.

Chairman Winter informed the Board of a suggestion received, installing green beacons on the mowers versus current yellow beacon. Consensus of the Board was to install green beacons on mowers as they come in for service.

Public Comment: None.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Road Commissioners, Ogemaw County, Chairman Winter adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Signed: _____
Dan Winter, Chairman

Countersigned: _____
Brandy Curtis, Board Clerk