

# OGEMAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

## MEETING MINUTES OF Wednesday, January 18, 2023

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, and was called to order 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, State/Construction Foreman Bill Sperow

In Attendance: Ogemaw County Commissioner Craig Scott, Logan Township Trustee Mike Mier, Mills Township Resident Jim Allen, Churchill Township Resident Calvin Marshall

### Additions to the Agenda:

Federal Aid Update  
Roadside Mowing  
CRA Ballot

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

### Approval of Minutes:

Past minutes on January 4, 2023, were reviewed. There being no additions or corrections, the minutes stand as submitted.

### Approval of Payroll and Payable Accounts:

Motion by Marshall, supported by Sheltroun, to approve and pay payroll voucher #2314 and payable voucher #2315 in the total amount of \$234,268.67. Roll call vote: Ayes: Winter, Sheltroun, Marshall. Nays: None. Motion carried.

### Public Comment:

None

### Unfinished Business:

Reinke updated the Board on the difficulties he has encountered with the MDNR pertaining to the lease agreement and the possible option of purchasing mineral rights from the State of Michigan. The consensus of the Board was to request the Manager to contact State Representatives seeking assistance and further guidance. Reinke will follow up.

Curtis reviewed the revisions to the Abandonment Road Policy. Motion by Sheltroun, supported by Marshall to approve the Ogemaw County Road Commission Road Abandonment policy, resolution template, and process as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: Sheltroun, Winter, Marshall. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Reinke reviewed Green Road, Edwards Township, cost summary with the Board, and comments he received from the Edwards Township Board during the Township's regularly scheduled board meeting on January 8, 2023. The consensus of the Board was to present a new contract to Edwards Township for the second half of Green Road with a 50/50 split with Edwards Township. Reinke will follow up.

### New Business:

Ogemaw County Road Certification Map as of January 1, 2023, was presented. County primary mileage of 247.38 miles and county local mileage of 587.36 miles, for a total mileage of 834.74.

Motion by Sheltroun, supported by Marshall, authorizing Chairman Sheltroun to sign the certification map as of January 1, 2023. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes: Marshall, Winter, Sheltroun Nays: None.

Curtis presented the 2023 budget adjustments, capital outlay schedule, and construction schedule. Motion by Marshall, supported by Sheltroun, to approve the budget adjustments, capital outlay schedule, and construction schedule as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: Winter, Sheltroun, Marshall. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Reinke reviewed the 2023-2025 union contract economic changes with the Board and prior practices for administrative staff following negotiations. Motion by Marshall, supported by Sheltroun, to approve a \$750.00 administrative bonus to be included in the first payroll of February 2023. Roll call vote: Ayes: Sheltroun, Winter, Marshall. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Reinke discussed the sale of used materials and the inconvenience and expense this service causes to the Road Commission. Motion by Marshall, supported by Sheltroun, to discontinue the sale of used material other than by auction. Roll call vote: Ayes: Winter, Sheltroun, Marshall. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Reinke updated the Board on the increase in federal aid funding of \$128,000. Reinke did contact Oakland County Road Commission, but they were not interested in the overrun. The consensus of the Board was to request the Manager to review the requirements for using the increase in federal aid to overlay Rose City Road. Reinke will follow up.

A discussion was held on roadside mowing and including the service in the 2023 material and service bid packet. The consensus of the Board was to include roadside mowing of local roads in the 2023 material and service bid packet.

The CRA Board of Directors ballot was reviewed. After selecting a choice, a motion by Sheltroun, supported by Marshall, to authorize the Manager to complete CRA Board of Directors ballot. Roll call vote: Ayes: Marshall, Winter, Sheltroun. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Information:

Curtis reviewed the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2022 OPEB Trust statement.

Reinke reported on winter maintenance, road report, and equipment updates.

The next East Central Council Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at the Mio Community Center. Sheltroun and Winter will attend.

The CRA Highway Conference is scheduled for March 21<sup>st</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> at the Lansing Center. Sheltroun will attend.

Public Comment:

None

Closed Session:

At 10:00 a.m. motion by Marshall, supported by Sheltroun, to go into a closed session for State/Construction Foreman employee evaluation. Roll call vote: Ayes: Sheltroun, Marshall, Winter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board returned to regular session at 10:11 a.m.

Motion by Sheltroun, supported by Marshall, to approve and sign employee contract for Bill Sperow, State/Construction Foreman, and agree to wage increase of 2.5% effective January 29, 2023. Roll call vote: Ayes: Winter, Marshall, Sheltroun. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board of Road Commissioners, Ogemaw County, Chairman Winter adjourned the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dan Winter, Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Brandy Curtis, Board Clerk