

## OGEMAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES OF  
Wednesday, March 15, 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, County Foreman Kurt Trout

In Attendance: Ogemaw County Commissioners Craig Scott and Charlie Wiltse, Logan Township Supervisor Karen Maxwell, Logan Township Resident Nick Clark, Mills Township Resident Jim Allen

### Additions to the Agenda:

West Branch Township-Peach Lake Road Overlay

10-Hour Work Days

Byron Green-Proposal

EGLE-Gravel Pit

Foster Township Meeting

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

### Approval of Minutes:

Past minutes on March 1, 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 #2322 and payable voucher #2324 for \$200,384.80. Roll call vote: Ayes: Winter, Sheltroun, Marshall. Nays: None. Motion carried.

### Public Comment:

Mr. Charlie Wiltse, Ogemaw County Commissioner, introduced himself to the Board.

### Unfinished Business:

None

### New Business:

The annual materials and services bid opening was held. Upon reading bids, motion by Sheltroun, supported by Marshall, to allow staff to review and present recommendations at the next board meeting. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Sheltroun, Marshall, Winter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The bituminous paving bid opening was held. Bolen Asphalt \$1,443,101.18; Rieth-Riley Construction \$1,784,814.50; Pyramid Paving \$1,828,565.00. Motion by Sheltroun, supported by Marshall, to allow staff to review for accuracy and accept low bidder. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Winter, Marshall, Sheltroun. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed Logan Township's contract for gravel upgrade, spot ditching, and culvert replacement on Stahlbush Road at an estimated cost of \$156,461.83, the township's portion estimated at \$78,230.92, and the Road Commission's \$78,230.92. Motion by Sheltroun, supported by Marshall, to sign the contract with Logan Township for Stahlbush Road gravel upgrade, spot ditching, and culvert replacement. Roll call vote: Ayes: Sheltroun, Marshall, Winter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed Logan Township's contract for gravel upgrade, spot ditching, and culvert replacement on Brown Road at an estimated cost of \$175,830.25, the township's portion estimated at \$87,915.18, and the Road Commission's \$87,915.18. Logan Township Supervisor, Karen Maxwell, approached the Board regarding Logan Township's current balance in their road account. Ms. Maxwell stated Logan Township's board approved the Stahlbush Road and Brown Road contracts despite the lack of road funds to fully cover the township's estimated portions. Logan Township will not have enough road funds until spring 2024 when the annual tax payments are disbursed. Motion by Marshall, supported by Sheltroun, to sign the contract with Logan Township for

Brown Road gravel upgrade, spot ditching, and culvert replacement and to allow Logan Township to carry the balance over with the requirement that the amount be paid in full no later than April 30, 2024. Roll call vote: Ayes: Marshall, Winter, Sheltrown. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Reinke informed the Board that West Branch Township is interested in an overlay project for Peach Lake Road from Grey to Gallagher Road. A discussion was held on the cost-sharing of gravel upgrades and reconstruction projects on primary roads. The consensus of the Board was to offer a 45-Township/55-Road Commission split on the primary road overlay.

The consensus of the Board was to begin four ten-hour days on April 17, 2023.

Reinke informed the Board that Byron Green requested an employment proposal with the Road Commission subsequent to his retirement. Reinke discussed the proposal with the Board. Commissioner Sheltrown informed the Board that MERS does have requirements in their policy pertaining to retirement propositions. Agreement stipulations cannot be made prior to retirement. The Board did not take any action.

Information:

Curtis reviewed the Protecting MI Pension Grant with Board.

Reinke updated the Board on the EGLE Brine Application Permit Process and communication he had received from EGLE regarding the gravel pit on Fairview Road.

Reinke informed the Board that the Road Commission received Oakland County's federal aid buy-out of \$400,000.

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

The Board reviewed a request from MCRCSIP seeking candidates for the MCRSIP Board of Directors. There are currently no volunteers.

The 2022 audit review is scheduled for March 29, 2023, presented by Nathan Miller with Stephenson and Company.

Reinke reported on instructions he had received from MDNR on purchasing the mineral rights at the gravel pit on Fairview Road.

Reinke and Commissioner Marshall reported on Foster Township's recent board meeting.

Chairman Winter informed the Board he was approached by a road commission employee regarding employee bonus checks received in January 2023. Reinke and Curtis clarified the lump sum payments all employees received in January 2023 and employee benefits.

Public Comment:

Ogemaw County Commissioner Scott informed the Board he was approached by an individual who was concerned about the possible contamination of gravel in the Fairview gravel pit due to bullet casing.

Ogemaw County Commissioner Wiltse informed the Board that he was approached by a resident regarding the water level of George Lake in Hill Township. Sheltrown and Reinke informed Mr. Wiltse in order to establish a lake level, the residents have to petition the circuit court for a hearing and determination. The Board recommended Mr. Wiltse suggest the resident contacts the Ogemaw County Drain Commissioner.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board of Road Commissioners, Ogemaw County, Chairman Winter adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

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

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