

## OGEMAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

### MEETING MINUTES OF

Wednesday, April 26, 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 Clint Marshall

Staff Present: Managing Director Pat Reinke, Board Clerk Brandy Curtis, County Foreman Kurt Trout

In Attendance: Ogemaw County Commissioner Charlie Wiltse

#### Additions to the Agenda:

Mills Township Driveway Permit

Working Rules

Grader Training

DNR Deer Carcass Dumping

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

#### Approval of Minutes:

Past minutes on April 12, 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 #2328 and payable voucher #2329 for \$280,029.71. Roll call vote: Ayes: Marshall, Sheltroun, Winter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

#### Public Comment:

None

#### Unfinished Business:

None

#### New Business:

Bids were received for the 2023 Garage Spray Foam Insulation. Motion by Sheltroun, supported by Marshall, to award the 2023 Garage Spray Foam Insulation to low bidder Hi-Tec Insulation at a bid price of \$ 24,280. Roll call vote: Ayes: Sheltroun, Marshall. Nays: None. Abstain: Winter. Motion carried.

The Board received the Churchill Township contract for Gallagher Road gravel and ditch upgrade west of Morrison Road to Newman Road to include grade correction, culvert replacement, 23A gravel surface, and seed and mulch restoration. The estimated cost is \$176,862.52, the township's portion is estimated at \$88,431.26, and the Road Commission is \$88,431.26. Motion by Winter, supported by Sheltroun, to sign the contract with Churchill Township for the Gallagher Road gravel and ditch upgrade. Roll call vote: Ayes: Winter, Sheltroun, Marshall. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board received contracts from Mills Township for the South Ogemaw Trail overlay to include shoulder gravel from the Churchill Township line for approximately 1.7 miles with an estimated cost of \$100,055.20, the township's portion is estimated at \$55,030.36, and Road Commission is \$45,024.84. The next contract is for the South Ogemaw Trail overlay to include shoulder gravel south of Lake Ogemaw for approximately 0.76 miles with an estimated cost of \$47,306.00, the township's portion is estimated at \$26,018.30, and Road Commission is \$21,287.70. Motion by Sheltroun, supported by Marshall, to sign the contracts with Mills Township for the South Ogemaw Trail overlay from Churchill Township line for approximately 1.7 miles and South Ogemaw Trail south of Lake Ogemaw for approximately 0.76 miles. Roll call vote: Ayes: Winter, Sheltroun, Marshall. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board received the Ogemaw Township contract for Gray Road overlay from M-55 to Maes Road. The estimated cost is \$185,870.86, the township's portion is estimated at \$92,935.43, and the Road Commission is \$92,935.43. Motion by Sheltroun,

supported by Marshall, to sign the contract with Ogemaw Township for Gray Road overlay from M-55 to Maes Road. Roll call vote: Ayes: Sheltroun, Marshall, Winter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board received the Ogemaw Township contract for Highland Street and Husted Drive overlay. The estimated cost is \$36,624.80, the township's portion is estimated at \$20,143.64, and the Road Commission is \$16,481.16. Motion by Sheltroun, supported by Marshall, to sign the contract with Ogemaw Township for Highland Street and Husted Drive overlay. Roll call vote: Ayes: Winter, Marshall, Sheltroun. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board received the West Branch Township contract for Peach Lake Road overlay to include shoulder gravel from Grey Road to Gallagher Road for approximately 1 mile. The estimated cost is \$84,786.00, the township's portion is estimated at \$38,153.70, and the Road Commission is \$46,632.30. Motion by Marshall, supported by Sheltroun, to sign the contract with West Branch Township for Peach Lake Road overlay from Grey Road to Gallagher Road. Roll call vote: Ayes: Sheltroun, Marshall, Winter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Curtis reviewed the updated 2023 Construction Schedule. Motion by Marshall, supported by Sheltroun, to approve the Construction Schedule as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: Winter, Marshall, Sheltroun. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Reinke informed the Board of the upgrades needed to the brine tanks. Reinke and Trout answered questions from the Board.

Curtis reviewed the Protecting MI Pension Grant Program Frequently Asked Questions and Grant Affidavit with the Board.

APPLYING PENSION GRANT FUNDS TO  
QUALIFIED RETIREMENT SYSTEM'S UNFUNDED LIABILITY,  
PROTECTING MI PENSION GRANT PROGRAM  
BOARD RESOLUTION  
2023-02

Commissioner Sheltroun offered the following resolution, and moved for its adoption. Motion supported by Commissioner Marshall,

WHEREAS, the Protecting MI Pension Grant Program was created to help Michigan's unfunded municipal pension system;

WHEREAS, Under the Fiscal Year 2022-23 budget, the Michigan Department of Treasury appropriated \$750 million to establish and operate a local unit municipal pension principal payment grant program for qualified retirement systems with a funded ratio below 60%, as defined in the Protecting Local Government Retirement and Benefits Act, Public Act 202 of 2017;

WHEREAS, the Ogemaw County Road Commission has been identified by the Michigan Department of Treasury as having a preliminarily qualified retirement system under the Protecting MI Pension Grant program as determined by the most recent Retirement System Annual Report (Form 5572) submitted by the Ogemaw County Road Commission to the Michigan Department Treasury as of December 31, 2021;

WHEREAS, a qualified retirement system is those with a funded ratio of less than 60% reported on the Form 5572 submission as of December 31, 2021;

WHEREAS, the Ogemaw County Road Commission's qualified retirement system with Municipal Employees Retirement System reported a 58% funded ratio to the Michigan Department of Treasury on Form 5572 submission as of December 31, 2021;

WHEREAS, the funded ratio of 58% reported by the most recent Retirement System Annual Report (Form 5572) submitted by the Ogemaw County Road Commission to the Michigan Department of Treasury as of December 31, 2021, reported a combined ratio consisting of Division-01 Union with a 60% funded level, Division-10 NonUnion 53%, and Division-HA Union/NonUnion 98% per MERS Actuarial;

WHEREAS, if the Ogemaw County Road Commission is awarded funds through the Protecting MI Pension Grant Program, the Michigan Department of Treasury will disburse the funds directly to the Municipal Employees Retirement System and according to the Municipal Employees Retirement System, the funds are applied to a surplus division or a specific division as requested by the municipality;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Ogemaw County Road Commission requests the Municipal Employees Retirement System to place the award funds from the Protecting MI Pension Grant Program estimated at \$234,090.80 into Division-10 NonUnion.

Carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Marshall, Sheltroun, Winter

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Reinke reviewed permit application number 23-0427 for a commercial driveway on Rifle River Trail, Alger, Michigan, applicant is Mills Township. Motion by Sheltroun, supported by Marshall, to approve the permit variance for no curb or gutter at this location. Roll call vote: Ayes: Winter, Sheltroun, Marshall. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A discussion was held on the OCRC Working Rules. The OCRC Working Rules will be reviewed at the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

Reinke informed the Board that Bay County would like to partner again with Ogemaw County on grader training. As more information is received, Reinke will update the Board.

Information:

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

Reinke updated the Board on recent DNR requirements pertaining to deer carcasses in the roadway.

Cumming Township board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm.

Curtis reviewed the 1st quarter OPEB investment report through Constellation Trust.

Public Comment:

None

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board of Road Commissioners, Ogemaw County, Chairman Winter adjourned the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

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

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