

OGEMAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES OF Wednesday, February 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 Clint Marshall

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

In Attendance: Ogemaw County Commissioners Charlie Wiltse, Churchill Township Treasurer Linda Miller, Churchill Township Trustee Larry Lauria, Logan Township Resident Lori Jackson

Additions to the Agenda:

Edwards Township-Green Road Contract

Road Bonding

Rose City Road Winter Maintenance

Grader Repair

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

Approval of Minutes:

Past minutes on February 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 #2318 and payable voucher #2319 in the total amount of \$236,679.85. Roll call vote: Ayes: Sheltroun, Winter, Marshall. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

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

New Business:

Linda Miller, Churchill Township Treasurer, and Larry Lauria, Churchill Township Trustee, approached the Board regarding a landlocked parcel the township owns in section 28 of Churchill Township. The township is interested in constructing a road from Gallagher Road to the Rifle River. Reinke suggested the Township present to the Board of County Road Commissioners a set of plans to include easements and an estimate to construct the road. The Board was in concurrence.

Lori Jackson, Logan Township resident, approached the Board regarding a Stahlbush Road gravel upgrade estimate the Road Commission provided to Logan Township. Reinke reviewed the process of how a township requests estimates, when contracts are created, and how work is scheduled. Reinke and Trout answered questions from the Board.

Reinke informed the Board that Rob Reid, Hill Township Supervisor, was interested in decreasing the height of Sage Lake Road near Schemp Road. Reinke will review the road easement, follow up with Rob Reid, and report back to the Board.

Reinke reviewed the 2023 bituminous paving program specification with the Board. A discussion was held on increasing Rifle River Trail to Greenwood Road and including Stillwagon Road from Diebold Ranch Road to Priddy Road. Reinke will update the list, and bid letting will be held on March 15, 2023.

The Board received West Branch Township's contract for gravel upgrade on Finerty Road between Campbell Road and M-33 at an estimated cost of \$70,219.69, the township's portion estimated at \$35,109.58, and the Road Commission \$35,109.58. Motion by Marshall, supported by Sheltroun, to sign the contract with West Branch Township for Finerty Road gravel upgrade. Roll call vote: Ayes: Sheltroun, Marshall, Winter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board received Edwards Township's contract for the reconstruction of Green Road from Lehman Road north approximately 0.50 miles at an estimated cost of \$195,335.62, the township's portion estimated at \$97,667.81, and the Road Commission \$97,667.81. Motion by Winter, supported by Marshall, to sign the contract with Edwards Township for Green Road reconstruction. Roll call vote: Ayes: Marshall, Sheltroun, Winter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Curtis reviewed the 2022 ACT 51 report with the board. Motion by Sheltroun, supported by Marshall, to approve the 2022 ACT 51 Financial Report and authorize Board Clerk and Chairman to sign the attest page. Roll call vote: Ayes: Winter, Marshall, Sheltroun. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Reinke informed the Board that a resident had approached the Road Commission requesting road bonding on Gerald Miller Road south of M-55 during frost laws. Reinke suggested not to pursue road bonding due to prior attorney opinion noting this type of road bonding is illegal. The Board did not take any action.

Unfinished Business:

Reinke informed the Board he did not have any updates on the MDNR NonMetallic Mineral Lease Agreement nor purchasing the mineral rights outright. County Commissioner Wiltse approached the Board asking if he could be of assistance in contacting Representative Hoadley's office. The Board agreed Wiltse's assistance would be appreciated. Curtis will follow up with Wiltse on information pertaining to the proposed lease agreement and attempt to purchase mineral rights outright.

Reinke provided the Board with the information he received regarding in-house CDL training.

Information:

Commissioner Marshall informed the Board of a complaint he received regarding Rose City Road and icy conditions. A discussion was held on the City of Rose City's winter maintenance operations, current weather conditions, and sand/salt distribution on the roads.

Reinke reported on winter maintenance, road report, and equipment updates including necessary repairs for two motor graders.

The 2023 Annual Material and Services bid opening is scheduled for March 15th.

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

The MTA Chapter Meeting is scheduled for March 28th, at 6:30 p.m. at the Ogemaw Township hall.

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 10:30 a.m.

Signed: _____
Dan Winter, Chairman

Attest: _____
Brandy Curtis, Board Clerk