

OGEMAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES OF
Wednesday, August 13, 2025

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: Vice-Chair Klint Marshall, Member Dan Winter

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

In Attendance: Ogemaw County Commissioners Craig Scott and Charles Wiltse, Churchill Township Supervisor Ken Schnautz, Logan Township Supervisor Kathy David, Foster Township Trustee Bob Kaseman, Foster Township Residents Richard Manick and Janis Grigan, Mills Township Resident Jim Allen

Absent: Chair Van Sheltrown

Pledge of Allegiance:
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Additions to the Agenda:
None

Approval of Minutes:
The minutes of July 30, 2025, were reviewed. There are no additions or corrections, so the minutes stand as submitted.

Approval of Payroll and Payable Vouchers:
Motion by Winter, supported by Marshall, to approve and pay payroll voucher #2544 and payable voucher #2549 for \$663,343.21. Roll call vote: Ayes: Marshall, Winter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Public Comment:
Janis Grigans approached the Board regarding drainage issues on Francois Street in Foster Township.

Unfinished Business:
None

New Business:
Richard Mancik approached the Board regarding a private highway-rail crossing in Foster Township near Airport Road. The rail crossing is located on a section of roadway that is not open to use by the public nor under the jurisdiction of the Ogemaw County Road Commission. Reinke informed the Board that he had spoken with MDOT Office of Rail, confirmed that the location in question is an illegal crossing, and Mr. Mancik can work with the MDOT Office of Rail to construct a private crossing. Reinke recommended that Mr. Mancik continue contact with MDOT Rail if he wishes to create a private crossing for travel. Any guidance on permitting and requirements pertaining to a private cross should be directed towards the MDOT Office of Rail. The consensus of the Board was to have Mr. Mancik follow up with the MDOT Office of Rail.

Reinke reviewed the CRASIF 2025 Board of Trustees ballot. Motion by Marshall, supported by Winter, to authorize the Manager to complete the 2025 CRASIF Board of Trustees ballot. Roll call vote: Ayes: Winter, Marshall. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The private road upgrade and maintenance agreement for Jack Morris and Irene Morris Drive in Edwards Township was received. Reinke informed the Board that the wedging, which was required as part of the agreement, is not complete. The wedging must be complete by November 1, 2025, or the agreement is terminated. The consensus of the Board review the upgrade and maintenance agreement in October 2025 to allow the residents time to complete the wedging as required.

Reinke informed the Board that Rob Reid, Hill Township Supervisor, had requested an extension for the private road maintenance agreements and upgrade agreements for Maple Street and Lakeshore Drive. The original documents were emailed on April 11, 2025, with the stipulation that they were due back by the close of business on August 4, 2025. Motion by Marshall, supported by Winter, to extend the deadline for the maintenance agreements and upgrade agreements for Maple Street and Lakeshore Drive in Hill Township until October 1, 2025. Roll call vote: Ayes: Winter, Marshall. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Information and Reports:

The next East Central Council meeting is Thursday, August 21, 2025, at Buck's Country Cookin. Reinke and Winter will attend.

Reinke and Trout reported on road, employees, and equipment.

Curtis reported on MCRCSIP 2025 Liability Refund.

Commissioner Marshall visited the Scribner Road project and commented on how well the project is progressing.

Ogemaw County Commissioner Scott reported on Ogemaw County's 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 budget and fund balance status.

Public Comment:

Logan Township Supervisor Kathy David approached the Board requesting information on the scheduling of 2026 road projects.

Ogemaw County Commissioner Wiltse reported on Mills Township's recent board meeting and the discussion held on gravel upgrade projects. Mr. Wiltse requested an update on the Bass Lake Road encroachment.

Churchill Township Supervisor Ken Schantuz requested an update on the David and O'Neil Road projects.

Adjournment:

There being no further business before the Board of Road Commissioners, Ogemaw County, Vice-Chair Marshall adjourned the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Signed: _____
Klint Marshall, Vice-Chair

Attest: _____
Brandy Curtis, Board Clerk