

OGEMAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES OF

Wednesday, September 24, 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: Chair Van Sheltrown, Vice-Chair Klint Marshall, Member Dan Winter

Staff Present: Managing Director Pat Reinke, Board Clerk Brandy Curtis, Supervisor Justin Johnson

In Attendance: Ogemaw County Commissioner Craig Scott, Churchill Township Supervisor Ken Schnautz, Logan Township Supervisor Kathy David, Logan Township Clerk Nick Clark, Tom Nelson with Nelson Trucking, Mills Township Resident Jim Allen

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Additions to the Agenda:

McCallum Maintenance Price Increase

Motion by Marshall, supported by Winter, to approve the addition to the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of September 10, 2025, were reviewed. There are no additions or corrections, so the minutes stand as submitted.

Approval of Payroll and Payable Vouchers:

Motion by Marshall, supported by Winter, to approve and pay payroll voucher #2550 and payable voucher #2555 for \$492,753.83. Roll call vote: Ayes: Marshall, Winter, Sheltrown. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

None

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

At 9:03 a.m., Commissioner Marshall moved to open the public hearing for the 2026 Proposed Budget/Construction Schedule, supported by Winter. Roll call vote: Ayes: Sheltrown, Winter, Marshall. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Curtis reviewed the Construction Schedule, Capital Outlay Schedule, and Proposed Budget for fiscal year 2026.

The floor was opened to public comment.

No public comment was received.

Motion by Marshall, supported by Winter, to close the public hearing at 9:08 a.m. and return to the regular meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes: Marshall, Winter, Sheltrown. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**General Appropriations Act
Resolution for Approval and Adoption of the 2026 Budget
by the Board of Ogemaw County Road Commission
Resolution 2025-07**

Motion by Marshall, supported by Winter to adopt the following Resolution Number 2025-07 which reads as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, that a public hearing was held on September 24, 2025, with no oral or written inquiries received regarding the proposed budget, and

BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution shall be both the general appropriation resolution and the budget adoption resolution of the Ogemaw County Road Commission for the year ending September 30, 2026. This resolution adopts proposed revenues and expenditures as presented in the accompanying budget document. Total revenues are adopted as \$8,478,435, and total expenditures as \$8,478,435, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no Ogemaw County Road Commission member or employee of the Commission shall expend any funds or obligate any expenditure except pursuant to appropriations authorized by the budget document. Changes in amounts appropriated by the Commission shall require approval of the Commission, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Finance and Human Resource Administrator/Board Clerk, Brandy Curtis, is hereby charged with general supervision of the execution of the budget adopted by the Commission, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is to take effect on October 1, 2025.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Sheltrown, Winter, Marshall Nays: None The resolution is declared adopted.

Tom Nelson approached the Board requesting a variance for a commercial driveway on Campbell Road in West Branch Township. Reinke reviewed the permit with the Board. Motion by Marshall, supported by Winter, to approve the permit variance waiving the curb and gutter specification and in place of paving, requiring six inches of rap. Roll call vote: Ayes: Winter, Sheltrown, Marshall. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Curtis reviewed the Deyo Stone Estimate with the Board. Motion by Sheltrown, supported by Marshall, to approve the estimate for building contents at \$2,700. Roll call vote: Ayes: Marshall, Winter, Sheltrown. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Marshall, supported by Winter, to approve contract with McCallum Maintenance for the weekly janitorial services provided to the Road Commission for \$161.60 per week and authorize the Manager to sign the contract. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Sheltrown, Marshalls, Winter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Marshall discussed with the Board proposing a revised wage increase to the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners for the Ogemaw County Road Commissioners. The last proposed wage increase was presented to the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners in January of 2025 and approved during their next regularly scheduled board meeting. A discussion was held on rising health care costs, meeting per diems, and surrounding road commissioner's salaries and per diems. The consensus of the Board was to request the Board Clerk to provide a revised proposal allocating salaries and regularly scheduled board meeting per diems to calculate out to \$12,000 a year, highlighting the importance of meeting attendance. Curtis will follow up.

Reinke assessed different rates for attorneys in anticipation of future negotiations with the Board. Motion by Sheltrown, supported by Marshall, to authorize the manager to contract with Michael Kluck from Foster and Swift at a fee of \$250 per hour for the preparation of the upcoming negotiations with the United Steelworkers union. Roll call votes: Ayes: Winter, Sheltrown, Marshall. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Information and Reports:

Reinke reported on registering with FMCSA for a CDL training program and UST registrations.

Reinke and Johnson reported on road projects.

Ogemaw County Commissioner Craig Scott reported on recent upgrades to the County building, negotiations, and fiscal year-end financials.

Public Comment:

Ken Schnautz approached the Board asking about the status of snowplow placement and painting by the local school districts.

Logan Township trustee approached the Board requesting information on private roads and how to bring them up to county standards.

Adjournment:

There being no further business before the Board of Road Commissioners, Ogemaw County, Chair Sheltrown adjourned the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Signed: _____
Van Sheltrown, Chair

Attest: _____
Brandy Curtis, Board Clerk