

OGEMAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES OF
Wednesday, December 31, 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 Sheltroun, Vice-Chair Klint Marshall, Member Dan Winter

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

In Attendance: Ogemaw County Commissioners Charles Wiltse and Craig Scott, Churchill Township Supervisor Ken Schnautz, In Support of Bass Lake Randy Short, Mills Twp Resident Jim Allen

On the Telephone: Bill Henn with Henn Lesperance PLC

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Election of Officers:

Reinke opened the floor for nominations for Chair. Motion by Marshall, supported by Winter, to nominate Sheltroun for Chair. Roll call vote: Ayes: Winter, Marshall, Sheltroun. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The floor was opened for nominations for Vice-Chair. Motion by Sheltroun, supported by Winter, to nominate Marshall for Vice-Chair. Roll call vote: Ayes: Sheltroun, Winter, Marshall. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The meeting was turned back to Chair Sheltroun.

Additions to the Agenda:

Closed Session Under MCL 15.268(h), considering material exempt from disclosure—a written legal opinion Denstedt Road Contract with Logan Township
2026 Road Millage on the Ballot for Winter Maintenance and Overlays

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

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of December 31, 2025, were reviewed. There are no additions or corrections, so the minutes stand as submitted.

Motion by Marshall, supported by Winter, to approve the closed session for the Union Negotiations under MCL 15.268(c) on December 31, 2025, as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: Sheltroun, Winter, Marshall. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Approval of Payroll and Payable Vouchers:

Motion by Marshall, supported by Winter, to approve and pay payroll voucher #2614-2616 and payable voucher #2615 for \$160,948.82. Roll call vote: Ayes: Marshall, Winter, Sheltroun. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Randy Short thanked the Board and staff members for the diligent work on bringing the Bass Lake Road gate encroachment to a close. Mr. Short informed the Board that the snowmobile club receives approximately \$58-\$68 per mile to groom trails.

Ken Schnautz approached the Board asking for guidance on planning for 2026 road projects.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

The Board received Logan Township’s contract for the place and shape of 6” loose measure of processed 23A road gravel on Denstedt Road, along with spot ditching at the direction of the Road Commission for an estimated cost of \$116,191.88. the Township’s portion of \$58,095.94, and the Road Commission \$58,095.94. Motion by Marshall, supported by Winter, to approve and sign the contract with Logan Township for the Denstedt Road gravel and ditch upgrade. Roll call votes: Ayes: Marshall, Sheltroun, Winter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Chair Sheltroun discussed the placement of a road millage on the 2026 ballot for winter maintenance and overlay projects. A discussion was held on the current salt and sand barn structures, winter maintenance, and overlay options. The topic will be tabled until the next meeting to allow time for staff to review the request.

Information and Reports:

Reinke reported on winter maintenance, snowfall, equipment updates, and employee updates.

Notice was received from Dean Horn, district 3 foreman, that he will retire on February 3, 2026.

The consensus of the Board was to post for the District 3 foreman position.

Motion by Winter, supported by Marshall, to authorize the Manager to advertise for a laborer/truck driver position. Roll call vote: Ayes: Sheltroun, Winter, Marshall. Nays: None. Motion carried.

County Commissioner Scott reported on the interviewing process for the new county administrator and the 2025 audit.

Public Comment:

Jim Allen informed the Board of the section on M-33 that are pot holing.

At 9:40 a.m., the Board took a five-minute break before proceeding into closed session.

Closed Session:

At 9:45 a.m., motion by Marshall, supported by Winter, to go into a closed session MCL 15.268(h) considering material exempt from disclosure—a written legal opinion. Roll call vote: Ayes: Marshall, Winter, Sheltroun. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Marshall, supported Winter, to exit the closed session and reconvene the regular meeting at 10:08 a.m. Roll call vote: Ayes: Sheltroun, Winter, Marshall. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Marshall, supported by Winter, to install “End of Maintenance” signs along Bass Lake Road, request the Manager reach out to EGLE concerning the structure situated over the stream, and aim to remove the structure when conditions are favorable to avoid any environmental impact.

Adjournment:

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

Signed: _____
Van Sheltroun, Chair

Attest: _____
Brandy Curtis, Board Clerk