

**OGEMAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES OF**  
**Wednesday, January 28, 2026**

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, Superintendent Kurt Trout, Supervisor Justin Johnson, District Foreman Dean Horn

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

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions to the Agenda:

Administrative Bonus/Union Contract Economic Changes

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

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of January 14, 2026, 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 Considering Material Exempt From Disclosure-A Written Legal Opinion under MCL 15.268(h) on January 14, 2026, as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: Marshall, Sheltroun, Winter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Approval of Payroll and Payable Vouchers:

Motion by Marshall, supported by Winter, to approve and pay payroll voucher #2618 and payable voucher #2617 for \$365,765.75. Roll call vote: Ayes: Sheltroun, Marshall, Winter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Ogemaw County Commissioner Craig Scott commented on the weekend plowing conducted during the recent storm.

Larry Denstedt approached the Board requesting an update on the Bass Lake Road gate encroachment and structure over the stream.

New Business:

Mr. Bennie White from William Lake/Maple Drive requested to be on the agenda and did not show.

BOARD RESOLUTION  
2026-01  
RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC SERVICE – DEAN HORN

At a meeting of the Board held on January 28, 2026, at a regular meeting of the Ogemaw County Road Commission located at 1250 S. M-33, West Branch, Michigan, 48661.

Present: Sheltroun, Winter, Marshall

Absent: None

The following Resolution was made by Marshall, supported by Sheltroun:

WHEREAS, Dean Horn has served as a valuable full-time employee of the Ogemaw County Road Commission from 2000 to 2026, and has elected to secede on February 3, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Dean Horn has provided 25 years of knowledge and experience, which has greatly benefited the Ogemaw County Road Commission, the residents of Ogemaw County, and the traveling public; and

WHEREAS, the Ogemaw County Road Commission deems it appropriate to express its thanks and appreciation to Dean Horn for his dedicated service with the Ogemaw County Road Commission as a valued and worthy employee; and

WHEREAS, the Ogemaw County Road Commission recognizes the services Dean Horn provided as District Foreman by his tireless commitment and dedication to the Board and staff of the Ogemaw County Road Commission, as well as his commitment to the safety of the traveling public in Ogemaw County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ogemaw County Road Commission thanks, acknowledges, and commends Dean Horn for his dedicated service and wishes him continued health, happiness, and prosperity in all his future endeavors.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Sheltroun, Winter, Marshall

No: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Reinke and Curtis reviewed the Cintas Workplace Solutions Cooperative Acceptance Agreement with the Board. Motion by Marshall, supported by Winter, to authorize the Manager to sign the Cintas Workplace Solutions Cooperative Acceptance Agreement for a term of 36 months. Roll call vote: Ayes: Winter, Sheltroun, Marshall. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Reinke reviewed the security camera system proposal for the salt/sand storage areas. Motion by Marshall, supported by Winter, to approve the security camera system proposal for the salt/sand storage areas provided by UpNorth Security for \$2,563. Roll call vote: Ayes: Marshall, Winter, Sheltroun. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Trout informed the Board that the equipment and wing setup for two state trucks and one county truck, will not be available until the spring of 2027. Trout reviewed the estimates provided by Viking Cives for the equipment and wings. Motion by Marshall, supported by Winter, to approve the quotes provided by Viking Cives for one state truck with a double wing for \$207,715, one state truck with a single wing for \$179,215, and one county truck with a dumb box and single wing for \$147,132. Roll call vote: Ayes: Winter, Sheltroun, Marshall. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Reinke discussed with the Board the economic modifications in the union contract for 2026-2028 and the previous practices relating to the administrative staff. Motion by Sheltroun, supported by Marshall, to approve a \$500.00 administrative bonus, same as union contract, and to be included in the first full payroll of February 2026. Roll call vote: Ayes: Winter, Marshall, Sheltroun. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Unfinished Business:**

A discussion took place regarding the suggestion of a road millage for 2026 in the upcoming election year. Various topics were brought up, including potential road projects, ways to inform the community, and the necessary funding. The consensus of the Board was to ask the Board Clerk to present a policy on the use of social media by the Road Commission for consideration, and to keep the topic going about the road millage.

**Information and Reports:**

Reinke, Trout, and Johnson reported on winter maintenance, snowfall, and material usage.

Horn provided insights into the increased occurrence of ice on the roads observed in winter months throughout the years.

County Commissioner Scott reported on the interviewing process for the new county administrator/controller.

**Public Comment:**

Ken Schnautz, the supervisor of Churchill Township, mentioned that utilizing Facebook can serve as an effective means of communicating with the community. He also highlighted the commendable efforts of the team in response to the recent storm, clearing the roads. County Commissioner Craig Scott, agreed with Mr. Schnautz on using Facebook as a means of communication.

**Adjournment:**

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Van Sheltroun, Chair

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