

OGEMAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES OF
Wednesday, April 11, 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

Arrived Late: Member Dan Winter

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

In Attendance: Churchill Township Supervisor Ken Schnautz, Mills Township Resident Jim Allen, Foster Township Resident Randy Short

Pledge of Allegiance:
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions to the Agenda:
Resolution 2026-06 Placing Proposed Millage for Road Improvements on the August 4, 2026, Ballot

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

Approval of Minutes:
The minutes of March 25, 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 the Managing Director Personnel Evaluation under MCL 15.268(1)(a) from March 25, 2026, 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 #2626 and payable voucher #2627 for \$298,613.74. Roll call vote: Ayes: Marshall, Winter, Sheltroun. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Public Comment:
None

Unfinished Business:
Churchill Township Supervisor Ken Schnautz approached the Board to request financial assistance for the reconstruction of Pettit Road. Reinke informed the Board that he did not yet have a cost estimate for the project and outlined the required steps, including obtaining soil borings and an engineering estimate. Given the Road Commission's limited funding, the uncertainty of future revenue, and the need to prioritize county-wide upgrades, the Board reached a consensus to recommend that Churchill Township pursue alternative funding sources for the project. No formal action was taken.

New Business:

Reinke informed the Board that CRASIF has submitted a call for Board of Trustee Candidates from the Upper Peninsula Road Builders and the Association of Southern Michigan Road Commissions regions. No action was taken.

Staff reviewed the 2026 capital outlay and 2026 budget adjustments with the Board. Motion by Marshall, supported by Winter, to approve the 2026 capital outlay schedule and budget adjustments as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: Winter, Marshall, Sheltroun. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Sheltroun, supported by Marshall, to authorize a salary increase for Kurt Trout, Superintendent, and Justin Johnson, Supervisor, of 5% effective the first full payroll in May of 2026. Roll call vote: Ayes: Sheltroun, Winter, Marshall. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2026-06
OGEMAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
PLACING PROPOSED MILLAGE FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT ON THE AUGUST 4, 2026
BALLOT**

WHEREAS, pursuant to MCL 224.20b, the Ogemaw County Road Commission has the authority to request that a millage be levied for highway, road, and street purposes, including but not limited to bridges; and

WHEREAS, the Ogemaw County Road Commissioners request that the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners place the ballot proposal set forth below before the electorate of Ogemaw County on the August 4, 2026, election ballot, in furtherance of the Road Commission's efforts to improve, repair, and maintain existing roads within the County as permitted under MCL 224.20b;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ogemaw County Road Commissioners request that the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners approve the following millage ballot question language to be placed on the August 4, 2026, election ballot:

OGEMAW COUNTY ROAD MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

Shall the County of Ogemaw be authorized to levy up to 1.000 mill (\$1.00 for each \$1,000 of taxable value) against all taxable property within Ogemaw County for a period of five (5) years, 2026 to 2030 inclusive, for the sole purpose of funding local and primary road and bridge maintenance and repair in the Townships, the City of West Branch, the City of Rose City, and the Village of Prescott?

If approved and levied in full, this millage will raise an estimated \$1,222,540 for local and primary road and bridge maintenance and repair in the Townships, the City of West Branch, the City of Rose City, and the Village of Prescott in the first calendar year. The millage revenues will be disbursed to the Ogemaw County Road Commission, the City of West Branch, the City of Rose City, and the Village of Prescott in accordance with State law.

YES

NO

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ogemaw County Road Commission hereby requests that the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners exempt this millage from tax increment capture pursuant to the Recodified Tax Increment Financing Act, PA 57 of 2018, so that no portion of the revenues generated by this millage shall be subject to capture by any tax increment financing authority, including but not limited to the City of West Branch Downtown Development Authority, City of Rose City Downtown Development Authority, West Branch Township Downtown Development Authority, and Ogemaw Township Downtown Development Authority.

Motion made by Commissioner Sheltroun, supported by Commissioner Marshall, that the above resolution be adopted.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Marshall, Sheltroun, Winter Nays: None Abstained: None Absent: None

Motion Carried.

Resolution Adopted.

Information and Reports:

Reinke reported on the recent storm and disaster declaration, MDOT projects, Bass Road gate encroachment lawsuit, and a ride around recently completed with Churchill Township Supervisor, Ken Schnautz.

Trout reported that tomorrow, weather permitting, all crew members will be out grading gravel roads

Commissioner Marshall reported on a culvert concern on Mills Road. Johnson has spoken with the resident and instructed her on how to proceed.

Public Comment:

Ken Schnautz informed the Board that Ultimate Archery had contacted MDOT regarding drainage near the business. MDOT reported that they were not going to take any action.

Adjournment:

There being no further business before the Board of Road Commissioners, Ogemaw County, Chair Sheltroun adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Signed: _____
Van Sheltroun, Chair

Attest: _____
Brandy Curtis, Board Clerk