

**OGEMAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES OF**  
**Wednesday, April 22, 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 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Chair Van Sheltroun, Member Dan Winter

Arrived Late: Vice-Chair Clint Marshall

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, Ogemaw County Road Commission Employee Chad Wangler

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions to the Agenda:

Property and Equipment Coverage Quotes

MESSA Life Insurance Plan

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

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of April 8, 2026, 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 Sheltroun, to approve and pay payroll voucher #2628 and payable voucher #2629 for \$236,456.64. Roll call vote: Ayes: Winter, Marshall, Sheltroun. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

None

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

At 6:10 p.m., the bituminous paving bid opening was held. Bids were received from Ace-Saginaw Paving, Pyramid Paving, and Reith-Riley. Motion by Sheltroun, supported by Winter, to allow the staff to review for accuracy and accept the low bidder with the requirement that the bid bond must be received prior to the next regularly scheduled board meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes: Winter, Sheltroun. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Curtis reviewed the 2026 budget adjustments to the primary and local maintenance funds due to the recent ice storm and flooding. The recent winter snowfall, ice storm, and flooding have drastically lowered our fund balance and she recommends ceasing any commitments towards township projects until the road damage from the recent storm is repaired in effort to give crews the needed time and to stop any further depletion to the road commission's fund balance which went from \$4,507,022 the beginning of this fiscal year to a projection of \$2,205,082. Motion by Sheltroun, supported by Winter, to approve the budget adjustments as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: Marshall, Winter, Sheltroun. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A discussion was held on how to pursue any future township participation due to the decrease in the Ogemaw County Road Commission's fund balance. Motion by Marshall, supported by Winter, for fiscal year 2026 the Road Commission will allow only participating contracts with townships for culvert or ditching projects; gravel upgrades and reconstruction projects will be excluded. Roll call vote: Ayes: Winter, Marshall, Sheltroun. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Chair Sheltroun, Reinke, and Curtis reported on the Ogemaw County Commissioner Committee of the Whole meeting and the request to place a county-wide road millage on the August 2026 ballot. Curtis reported county wide road millage question will be placed on the November 3, 2026, ballot. No action was taken.

Reinke reported that the crew had a great deal of work to complete the primary and local roads after the recent flooding and recommended closing the seasonal roads until the crew had time to evaluate the roads and clean up any debris from the ice storm and flooding.

**OGEMAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
RESOLUTION 2026-07**

**TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE SEASONAL ROADS DUE TO SEVERE WEATHER IMPACT**

At a meeting of the Board held on April 22, 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 Winter:

**WHEREAS**, beginning on April 12, 2026, Ogemaw County experienced prolonged rainfall, rapid snowmelt, and widespread flooding resulting in damaged and impassable roads, as documented in the Governor's *Declaration of State of Emergency* (Executive Order 2026-7); and

**WHEREAS**, these severe weather conditions have caused significant deterioration to the county's primary and local road system, requiring immediate attention from Road Commission staff to ensure public safety and maintain essential access; and

**WHEREAS**, seasonal roads are particularly vulnerable to damage during periods of excessive moisture and flooding, and continued public use during these conditions may result in further degradation, increased repair costs, and unsafe travel conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, temporarily closing seasonal roads will allow Road Commission personnel to focus resources on stabilizing and repairing primary and local roads that serve the greatest number of residents, emergency responders, and essential services;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Ogemaw County Road Commission hereby orders the temporary closure of all seasonal roads within Ogemaw County effective immediately and continuing until further notice; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that these closures shall remain in effect until Road Commission staff determine that conditions have improved sufficiently to allow safe public travel and prevent further damage to the roadway system; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that notice of these closures shall be provided to the public, local law enforcement, emergency services, and affected townships.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Sheltroun, Winter, Marshall

No: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Curtis informed the Board of Richland Township's 2026 brine application and two roads selected only the 3<sup>rd</sup> brine. Curtis is requesting input from the Board as to accept the application as is or require all roads in the township receive brine versus selecting only two roads during the 3<sup>rd</sup> brine application. The consensus of the Board was to continue with prior practice. Two roads were included in the 3<sup>rd</sup> brine during 2025.

Reinke reported the Edwards Township would like 4 W11-22 Horse Crossing signs installed on Brewer Road and Green Road at an estimated cost of \$600. Motion by Marshall, supported by Sheltroun, to allow the installation of 3 Horse Crossing signs, Edwards Township will incur the cost, installation and continue maintenance of the signs. Any repairs to the signs will be paid by Edwards Township. Roll call vote: Marshall, Winter, Sheltroun. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Winter, supported by Marshall, to approve and sign the private road maintenance agreement and upgrade agreement with Edwards Township for Debbie Lane, Windie Drive, and Vicki Drive in Chapman Green Acres subdivision for approximately 0.76 miles. Roll call vote: Ayes: Sheltroun, Winter, Marshall. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Reinke and Curtis reviewed commercial auto insurance and property insurance from Auto-Owners Insurance, West Bend Insurance out of Wisconsin, and Michigan County Road Commission Self-Insurance Pool. Motion by Marshall, supported by Winter, to accept and enroll in commercial auto and property insurance with the low quote, Michigan County Road Commission Self-Insurance Pool and authorize the Manager to cancel the Auto-Owners and Property contract with Diebold Insurance Agency. Roll call vote: Ayes: Sheltroun, Marshall, Winter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Curtis informed the Board she received correspondence from MESSA regarding \$5,000 life insurance for all active employees. The cost of the life insurance coverage is approximately \$42 a month. Motion by Marshall, supported by Winter, to request the Board Clerk to formally inform MESSA the Ogemaw County Road Commission wishes to decline the life insurance option. Roll call vote: Ayes: Marshall, Winter, Sheltroun. Nays: None. Motion carried.

#### Information and Reports:

Reinke regrettably informed the Board of the passing of Matt Taylor, the Ogemaw County Road Commission's MERS representative.

MERS roundtable is scheduled for May 14, 2026, in Gladwin.

Reinke and Johnson reported on the recent storm and disaster declaration and MDOT projects.

Ogemaw County Commissioner Scott reported on new administrator and interview process for a new county treasurer.

#### Public Comment:

Churchill Township Supervisor requested clarification on what projects will and won't be accepted during fiscal year 2026.

#### Adjournment:

There being no further business before the Board of Road Commissioners, Ogemaw County, Chair Sheltroun adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

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

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