

OGEMAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES OF

Wednesday, May 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 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, Supervisor Justin Johnson

In Attendance: Churchill Township Supervisor Ken Schnautz, Foster Township Trustee Bob Kaseman, Mills Township Resident Jim Allen

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions to the Agenda:

Lake State Railway Letter of Support

Energreen Brusher

Peters Road Structure

Ford Maverick Update

Solar

2025-2026 MDOT Engineering Reimbursement

Ace-Saginaw Paving 2026 Bituminous Paving Contract

Mills Township Private Road Upgrade and Maintenance Agreements for:

West Michael Drive

Oaklane Drive and Wildwood Drive

Scenic River Drive

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

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of May 6, 2026, were reviewed. Motion by Marshall, supported by Winter, to make a correction to the minutes which should read “structure replacement at the Prior Creek crossing” not “reconstruction” as identified in the original meeting minutes. Roll call vote: 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 #2632 and payable voucher #2633 for \$441,816.68. Roll call vote: Ayes: Marshall, Sheltroun, Winter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

None

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

Curtis presented the MESSA life insurance and long-term disability products for potential Board approval, noting that employees would initiate their own policies and MESSA would collect premiums through its monthly billing process. A discussion followed regarding existing employee benefits. No action was taken.

Motion by Marshall, supported by Winter, to request the MDOT \$10,000 licensed professional engineer reimbursement for the year 07/01/2025 to 06/30/2026. Roll call vote: Ayes: Winter, Marshall, Sheltroun. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Marshall, supported by Winter, to authorize the Chair to sign the 2026 Bituminous Paving Contract with Ace-Saginaw Paving. Roll call vote: Ayes: Sheltroun, Winter, Marshall. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Reinke reviewed the private road maintenance and upgrade agreements with Mills Township. The township has been informed the upgrades will be delayed due to the ice storm and flood damages encountered this year. Motion by Marshall, supported by Winter, to approve the private road maintenance agreements and upgrade agreements for West Michael Drive in the Hooks North-Woods No. 4 Subdivision, Oaklane Drive and Wildwood Drive in the plat of Hillstream Subdivision and Scenic River Drive in the Turner's Rifle River Subdivision with Mills Township at 100% township cost. Roll call vote: Ayes: Sheltroun, Marshall, Winter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Reinke informed the Board that a request was received from Lake State Railway for a letter of support for Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvement grant application. Motion by Sheltroun, supported by Marshall, to request the Manager to submit a letter of support to the Federal Railroad Administration in support for Lake State Railway Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvement grant application. Roll call vote: Ayes: Winter, Sheltroun, Marshall. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Reinke informed the Board that he met with Cumming Township, which is interested in upgrading the Peters Road structure at the Prior Creek crossing. He is currently obtaining a design estimate.

Reinke informed the Board that he received communication from Henn Lesperance PLC, the Road Commission's attorney, regarding the Bass Lake Road structure and the residents' request for its removal. He is scheduled to speak with attorney Andrew Spica today and will follow up with the Board.

Commissioner Winter reported on solar panel incentives sought by local entities. Reinke will follow up to obtain details on the incentive process.

Reinke updated the Board on the Energreen Brusher recent repairs needed. Consensus of the Board was to continue with the needed repairs.

Information and Reports:

Reinke reported on the status of truck 230, the Ford Maverick's fuel economy, and the FEMA assistance request. As noted at the previous meeting, FEMA funding does not appear promising due to the low amount of documented damage and the overall evaluation process.

The next MTA meeting is scheduled for May 26th at Klacking Township. Marshall will attend.

Curtis reported that the 2024 MDOT audit has been finalized and will result in a \$190,493 adjustment in the Road Commission's favor. The adjustment is largely attributable to the general Schedule C rates applied

Johnson reported on the M-33 project that was completed this week, Memorial Day brine is complete, crews are currently working on culverts, and seasonal roads.

Public Comment:

Churchill Township Supervisor Ken Schnautz asked about the status of the two snowplows for local school painting and the timeline for completing the three approved private road upgrades.

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