

****Unofficial Meeting Minutes**

OGEMAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES OF

Wednesday, June 24, 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, Traffic Sign Technician Chad Wangler

In Attendance: Ogemaw County Commission Charles Wiltse, Churchill Township Supervisor Ken Schnautz

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions to the Agenda:

None

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of June 10, 2026, were reviewed. There are no additions or corrections, so the minutes stand as submitted.

Approval of Payroll and Payable Vouchers:

Motion by Marshall, supported by Winter, to approve and pay payroll voucher #2636 and payable voucher #2637 for \$198,860.64. Roll call vote: Ayes: Sheltroun, Winter, Marshall. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

None

Unfinished Business:

Reinke shares photos taken on Rau Road, west of Sunset Drive. The driveway in question does not meet the sight-distance criteria necessary for installation of a Hill Block View sign. Reinke suggested the residents or Edwards Township install an R4-21R, right turn only, sign or follow the MDOT design guidance that follows specific access management and geometric guidance to restrict left turns by utilizing curbed median barriers or specific corner areas. The consensus of the Board was to request the Manager to follow up with Edwards Township or Mr. Goscicki.

Reinke and Curtis reviewed the licensed and unlicensed depreciation/appreciation categorization with the Board. Curtis and Reinke will review the depreciation/appreciation asset status yearly through MCRC SIP. No action was taken.

New Business:

BOARD RESOLUTION

2026-08

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC SERVICE – CHAD WANGLER

At a meeting of the Board held on June 24, 2026, at a regular meeting of the Ogemaw County Road Commission located at 1250 S. M-33, West Branch, Michigan, 48661.

Present: Sheltroun, Marshall, Winter

Absent: None

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

WHEREAS, Chad Wangler has served as a valuable full-time employee of the Ogemaw County Road Commission from 1997 to 2026, and has elected to secede in June of 2026; and

WHEREAS, Chad Wangler has provided 29 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 Chad Wangler 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 Chad Wangler provided as Traffic Sign Technician 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 Chad Wangler for his dedicated service and wishes him continued health, happiness, and prosperity in all his future endeavors.

Roll call vote: Yes: Winter, Marshall, Sheltroun No: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Reinke and Curtis updated the Board about the motor grader operator training available for employees through AIS Training Center & Technical Institute, which costs \$1,200 daily for two individuals, along with expenses for the AIS representative's travel or accommodations. Currently there are approximately six individuals we would like to enroll in the motor grader training with an estimated cost of \$4,600. Motion by Sheltroun, supported by Winter, to authorize the Manager to enroll six employees at an estimate of \$5,000 for motor grader operator training through AIS Training Center & Technical Institute. Roll call vote: Ayes: Sheltroun, Marshall, Winter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Reinke reported to the Board that the new mechanic holds a CDL B. He is interested in pursuing a class A license in order to assist with winter maintenance operations. Reinke contacted Freedom Atlas School of Trucking and the estimated fee for enrollment is \$2,500. Motion by Marshall, supported by Winter, to authorize the manager to send the employee to Freedom Atlas School of Trucking to obtain his class A endorsement. Roll call vote: Ayes: Winter, Marshall, Sheltroun. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Resolution to Renew State Maintenance Contract 2026-09

At a meeting of the Board held on June 24, 2026, at a regular meeting of the Ogemaw County Road Commission located at 1250 S. M-33, West Branch, Michigan, 48661.

Present: Sheltroun, Marshall, Winter

Absent: None

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

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Transportation (“MDOT”) has presented a proposed contract between MDOT and the Ogemaw County Road Commission under which the Road Commission would perform maintenance on state trunkline highways within Ogemaw County, and

WHEREAS, MDOT has affirmatively found that contracting with the Ogemaw County Road Commission for the maintenance of State Trunkline highways and bridges within Ogemaw County, is in the best public interest; and

WHEREAS, the Ogemaw County Road Commission concurs in MDOT’s finding that it is in the best public interest to contract with the Ogemaw County Road Commission for the maintenance of State Trunkline highways and bridges within Ogemaw County for the reason that the Road Commission has a proven record of efficiently providing a high level of service on State Trunkline Highways within Ogemaw County for many years;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ogemaw County Road Commission hereby accepts and agrees to enter into the State Trunkline Maintenance Contract presented by MDOT and Van Sheltroun, Chairman, and Pat Reinke, Manager, are authorized and instructed to sign the State Trunkline Maintenance Contract on behalf of the Ogemaw County Road Commission.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Klint Marshall, Van Sheltroun, Dan Winter Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

Reinke updated the Board about his discussion with the contractor, which was requested by Commissioner Winter regarding solar energy. According to the contractor, there are no grants or tax credits available for public entities. The Board asked Reinke to reach out to the contractor for rough estimates on installation costs that would generate enough power balance the commercial power bill.

The luncheon for Chad Wangler is scheduled for Thursday, June 25th at 11:00 am.

Information and Reports:

Reinke provided an update regarding the Michigan State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division, confirming that they met the 2026 fiscal year road patrol agreement and discussed the findings with the Board.

Reinke reported that the Traffic Sign Technician opening was awarded to Dave Miller and the Heavy Equipment Operator was awarded to Dan Johnson. Interviews have been conducted and two applicants were selected for the Laborer-Truck Driver position scheduled to begin July 6th and July 13th.

Reinke is meeting with EGLE today to review various locations to include the Peters Road culvert.

Pettit Road soil borings are complete. The Board discussed the roadbed and moisture content highlighting a significant observation that an insignificant amount of muck was discovered.

Johnson reported that the 4th of July brine application has begun in the southern half of the county and will continue moving north. County-wide overlays began last week.

Mowing is now complete on all county-maintained paved roads. I-75 mowing started today, and mowing on county-maintained gravel roads will resume after the 4th of July holiday weekend.

Crews continue to work on culvert replacement projects throughout the county.

The chip and fog seal program have been delayed until after the 4th of July due to recent rain.

County Commissioner Wiltse reported on the millages included on the August 4th ballot, the county's financial stability, and current capital improvement projects. He noted that after several years of financial instability, the county is now managing its funds responsibly and is able to move forward with capital improvement initiatives.

Public Comment:

Churchill Township Supervisor Schnautz informed the Board that he spoke with Supervisor Justin Johnson regarding the location of Lake Ogemaw and Mohawk, where sand and gravel have been washing down the road.

He also noted that he has enjoyed the Road Commission's Facebook page.

Adjournment:

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

Signed: _____
Van Sheltrown, Chair

Attest: _____
Brandy Curtis, Board Clerk