

OGEMAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES OF
Wednesday, July 15, 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 Sheltrown, Vice-Chair Klint Marshall, 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

Pledge of Allegiance:
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions to the Agenda:
Partnership with Local School Districts – Plow Painting

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

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 #2638, #2640 and payable voucher #2639 for \$312,286.18.64. Roll call vote: Ayes: Marshall, Sheltrown, Winter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Public Comment:
None

Unfinished Business:
None

New Business:
Reinke provided an update on ongoing clean-up efforts following the 2026 ice storm and flooding. By consensus, the Board agreed to keep seasonal roads closed to facilitate staff work..

Resolution to Renew State Maintenance Contract
October 1, 2026 – September 30, 2031
2026-10

At a meeting of the Board held on July 15, 2026, at a regular meeting of the Ogemaw County Road Commission located at 1250 S. M-33, West Branch, Michigan, 48661.

Present: Sheltrown, Marshall, Winter

Absent: None

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

WHEREAS, the Board previously adopted Resolution 2026-09, approving the State Trunkline Maintenance Contract between the Michigan Department of Transportation (“MDOT”) and the Ogemaw County Road Commission; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2026-09 authorized both the Chair and the Manager to sign the State Trunkline Maintenance Contract on behalf of the Ogemaw County Road Commission; and

WHEREAS, MDOT has clarified that only one signature is required for execution of the State Trunkline Maintenance Contract; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to amend the signer authorization to reflect MDOT requirements while maintaining all other provisions of Resolution 2026-09;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ogemaw County Road Commission hereby amends Resolution 2026-09 to authorize only the Manager, Pat Reinke, to sign the State Trunkline Maintenance Contract on behalf of the Ogemaw County Road Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other portions of Resolution 2026-09 remain in full force and effect.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

Staff presented the 2026 budget adjustments, construction schedule, and capital outlay plan, including adding a road widener and removing a flow boy trailer.

Motion by Marshall, supported by Winter, to approve the 2026 construction schedule, budget adjustments, and capital outlay plan as presented, including authorization to process payment for the road widener at an estimated cost of \$60,000. Roll call vote: Ayes: Marshall, Winter, Sheltroun. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Staff presented the proposed 2027 capital outlay schedule and answered questions from the Board.

Curtis reviewed the 1st quarter MERS 2026 statement with the Board and the 2025 MERS Actuarial. A discussion was held on the monthly employer contributions to the MERS Defined Benefit Plan. Curtis recommended continuing with the \$87,000/month flat distribution method and to preserve the Road Commission’s strong funding trajectory and provide a buffer against the future market fluctuation and distribute the funds \$60,000-01 Union, \$20,000-10 NonUnion, and \$7,000-HA Hybrid.

Motion by Marshall, supported by Winter, to contribute a flat employer monthly contribution to MERS in the amount of \$60,000-01 Union, \$20,000-10 NonUnion, and \$7,000-HA Hybrid, versus the MERS recommended No-Phase In amount beginning October 1, 2026. Roll call vote: Ayes: Sheltroun, Marshall, Winter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Johnson presented the Dornbos Sign quote in the estimated amount of \$5,527.50. Motion by Marshall, supported by Winter, to approve the Dornbos Sign quote as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: Marshall, Sheltroun, Winter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Reinke reviewed solar estimates from Harvest Solar and Suntec Wind & Solar. Discussion was held regarding installation feasibility and zoning requirements. Reinke will continue research and follow up with the Board.

Information and Reports:

Reinke provided an update on the County-Wide Emergency Support meeting with coordinators throughout Ogemaw County to include the Michigan State Police.

Curtis reported that the May 2026 MTF figures show the Road Commission remains behind budgeted funding levels year-to-date.

Johnson reported on county-wide culvert replacements due to the 2026 flooding, washouts, and the brine program.

Trout reported on State Highway routine maintenance to include shoulder gravel and ditching.

Commissioner Winter reported ongoing coordination with Ogemaw Heights High School regarding the plow display project. Reinke will also contact Whittemore-Prescott Schools to invite participation.

Marshall raised the topic of providing a bonus to administrative staff member Tiffany Rogers for additional duties performed during a colleague's extended leave. Although not added to the agenda at the start of the meeting, the Board proceeded by consensus. Motion by Marshall, supported by Winter, to approve a \$500 bonus for Tiffany Rogers. Roll call vote: Ayes: Sheltroun, Marshall, Winter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Churchill Township Supervisor Ken Schnautz thanked Reinke for assistance with Lake Ogemaw drainage concerns and requested additional information on trailers and the vac truck included in the 2027 capital outlay schedule.

Adjournment:

There being no further business before the Board of Road Commissioners, Ogemaw County, Chair Sheltroun adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Signed: _____
Van Sheltroun, Chair

Attest: _____
Brandy Curtis, Board Clerk