

OGEMAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES OF
Wednesday, August 12, 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, Supervisor Justin Johnson

In Attendance: Churchill Township Supervisor Ken Schnautz, Goodar Township Resident Frank Bathrolomeo, In Support of Bass Lake Scott, Denstedt, and Randy Short, Mills Township Resident Jim Allen

Pledge of Allegiance:
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions to the Agenda:
August 26th Regularly Schedule Board Meeting-Conflict

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

Approval of Minutes:
The minutes of July 29, 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 #2644 and payable voucher #2643 for \$294,486.26.
Roll call vote: Yes: Sheltrown, Winter, Marshall. No: None. Motion carried.

Public Comment:
Denstedt and Short requested an update on the Bass Lake structure.

Bartholomeo requested information regarding maintenance of Bass Lake Road.

Unfinished Business:
REOPEN SEASONAL ROADS FOLLOWING IMPROVED CONDITIONS
RESOLUTION 2026-12

At a meeting of the Board held on August 12, 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 Sheltrown, supported by Marshall:

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2026, the Ogemaw County Road Commission adopted Resolution 2026-07 ordering the temporary closure of all seasonal roads due to prolonged rainfall, rapid snowmelt, and widespread flooding

that resulted in damaged and impassable roadway conditions, as documented in the Governor's Declaration of State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, Road Commission staff have since conducted inspections, repairs, and stabilization efforts on the county's primary, local, and seasonal road systems; and

WHEREAS, conditions on seasonal roads have now improved sufficiently to allow safe public travel without risk of further roadway degradation; and

WHEREAS, reopening seasonal roads will restore public access for residents, visitors, emergency responders, and essential services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ogemaw County Road Commission hereby orders the reopening of all seasonal roads within Ogemaw County effective immediately; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Road Commission staff shall continue to monitor road conditions and take additional maintenance actions as necessary to ensure continued safe travel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice of the reopening of seasonal roads shall be provided to the public, local law enforcement, emergency services, and affected townships.

Roll call vote: Yes: Winter, Marshall, Sheltrown. No: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Managing Director Reinke presented photos and video documenting conditions on Knoch Road in Foster Township, Section 31, between Meridian Road and Beaver Lake Trail, noting the roadway has been impassable for an extended period due to water over the surface. Motion by Sheltrown, supported by Marshall, to close this section of Knoch Road due to water over the roadway and the depth of the water.

Roll call vote: Yes: Sheltrown, Winter, Marshall. No: None. Motion carried.

Reinke also updated the Board on guidance materials provided by the attorney recommended by MCRCSIP regarding solar installation.

New Business:

Motion by Marshall, supported by Winter, to authorize Chairman and Manager to sign MDOT form 2067, annual certification of compliance with Section 18j of Public Act 51 of 1951.

Roll call vote: Yes: Winter, Marshall, Sheltrown. No: None. Motion carried.

Reinke reported that the cost estimate for the plow and sander concrete pad increased from \$7,000 to \$30,000.

Motion by Winter, supported by Marshall, to authorize the \$23,000 increase of the concrete pads included in the 2026 capital outlay schedule.

Roll call vote: Yes: Marshall, Sheltrown, Winter. No: None. Motion carried.

An agreement was received from Churchill Township for the placement of 8" of 23A natural road gravel on Huron Cross for approximately 0.12 miles at an estimated cost of \$13,606.91, the Township's portion \$6,803.46, Road Commission \$6,803.46. Motion by Marshall, supported by Winter, to approve the agreement with Churchill Township for Huron Cross as presented.

Roll call vote: Yes: Winter, Sheltrown, Marshall. No: None. Motion carried.

Board Clerk Curtis presented the updated OCRC Paint the Plow Program Policy 2026-04, noting attorney review. Motion by Winter, supported by Marshall, to approve the OCRC Paint the Plow Program Policy 2026-04 as presented.

Roll call vote: Yes: Winter, Sheltroun, Marshall. No: None. Motion carried.

Curtis also presented the updated Paint the Plow Program Guidelines and Photo Release. Motion by Marshall, supported by Winter, to approve the Paint the Plow Guidelines and Photo Release as presented.

Roll call vote: Yes: Marshall, Sheltroun, Winter. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Sheltroun, supported by Winter, approve the economic terms offered by the State of Michigan for the direct lease of nonmetallic mineral rights in Ogemaw County, as outlined in the email dated July 30, 2026, including the 7-year lease term with a 3-year extension option, the minimum annual royalty of \$200, and the production royalty rates of \$0.6355/ton (\$0.8262/cy) for sand and clay; and \$1.2998/ton (\$1.7547/cy) for sand and gravel effective January 25, 2026.

Roll call vote: Yes: Winter, Sheltroun, Marshall. No: None. Motion carried.

Reinke informed the Board that he plans to attend the MCRC SIP Manager's Seminar on Wednesday, September 9, 2026, which coincides with the regularly scheduled Road Commission board meeting. He asked whether the Board wished to reschedule the meeting. No action was taken.

Reinke informed the Board that the Ogemaw County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to discuss a moratorium on Solar Energy Systems, Wind Energy Systems, Battery Storage Systems, and Data Centers on Wednesday, August 26, 2026, at 6:00 PM, which conflicts with the Road Commission's regularly scheduled board meeting. A Motion by Winter, supported by Marshall, to reschedule the Road Commission's regularly scheduled board meeting from Wednesday, August 26, 2026 at 6:00 PM to Tuesday, August 25, 2026 at 6:00 PM due to the conflict.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Winter, Sheltroun, Marshall. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Information and Reports:

Curtis reported that natural gas rates were locked in at \$0.3790/CCF from September 2026 through April 2027, compared to the current rate of \$0.405/CCF.

CRA's Commissioner Seminar will be held September 27–28, 2026; Sheltroun will attend.

Sheltroun, Reinke, Johnson, and Curtis attended the first National Night Out in West Branch Township on August 6, 2026.

EDC will host a networking event on October 30, 2026 at the Lumber Jack Lodge; Sheltroun, Reinke, and Curtis will attend.

The next MTA meeting is scheduled for August 25, 2026, at the Edwards Township Hall. This conflicts with the Ogemaw County Road Commission's regularly scheduled board meeting. The Churchill Township Supervisor stated he could provide a Road Commission update at the MTA meeting. Reinke will follow up.

Curtis updated the Board on the Neighborhood Road Funds Revenue and Receipts Distribution Report, noting a current statewide shortage of \$149,248,074.50 and that bucket replenishment will restart in October 2026. Ogemaw County may receive funds in spring 2027 rather than fiscal year 2026.

Curtis further reported that MTF revenue remains under budget by 283,479 based on the projected 2026 total of \$6,301,950.80 compared to the adopted budget of \$6,585,430.00, and that year-to-date totals reflect a -1.86% decrease from 2025.

Curtis reported that Cumming, Richland, and Rose Township road millages on the August ballot all passed.

Johnson provided an update on current road projects.

Public Comment:

Bartholomeo approached the Board regarding the maintenance of Bass Lake Road stating the first half has not been maintained since 2024.

Jim Allen requested an update on the plow pads located at the front of the building. Commissioner Winter stated that he has not yet met with the Ogemaw Heights Trades instructor.

Adjournment:

There being no further business before the Board of Road Commissioners, Ogemaw County, Chair Sheltrown adjourned the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Signed: _____
Van Sheltrown, Chair

Attest: _____
Brandy Curtis, Board Clerk