

A Regular Meeting of the Oscoda County Road Commission
was held on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. at the Tri-Town Fire Hall, Mio, Michigan

Members Present: James R. Houlton, Roger J. Wiegand, Thomas S. Siegler, David D. Yoder, and Dennis Morse.
Also present: Tom McCauley, Oscoda County liaison, Debbie Rochester, MERS, Steve Defour, Manager, Jim Cooper, Superintendent, Christine Matthews, Clerk, and one member of the public: William Shattuck.

Chairman Wiegand called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Board reviewed the minutes from their Regular Board Meeting on March 14th and approved with one correction. The vouchers for accounts payable and payroll were approved as presented.

Yoder/Morse to approve the minutes of March 14th, 2023, as presented
2023-047 5 ayes : 0 nays ; Motion carried

Morse/Houlton to approve the Master Vouchers for accounts payable (#107496) in the amount of
2023-048 \$121,266.99 and payroll (#107497) in the amount of \$38,843.89, subject to audit
 5 ayes : 0 nays ; Motion carried

Manager's Report

- a) Wednesday, March 29 at 9:00 am is the Pre-con meeting with Bolen Asphalt for 608/Miller Rd project
- b) Friday, March 31 at 10:00am is the Rural Task Force meeting at the Montmorency County Road Commission
- c) Tuesday, April 4 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm - Webinar on Asset Management Basics for Paved Roads
- d) County has transferred money from our general fund to Michigan Class
- e) The Garland Bridge Project will be happening sometime in the near future.
- f) FYI: House Bill 4004 will remove Right-to-Work in Michigan. Waiting for a lawsuit to be settled before it affects any public employees.
- g) FYI: CRA Mineral Brine proposal rule – EGLE sprung the new permit on everyone, and it is not going over very well. Everything is going as usual until they finalize it.
- h) FYI: Energy Hydro Strategy update

No **Public Comment** was received at this time.

A **County Commissioner's Report** was received at this time from Tom McCauley. He said that he attended Greenwood Township meeting, where they discussed dust control. They are not sure if they will do it this year. Moving forward on getting a cell tower put in a few doors down from the township hall.

New Business

- a) MERS Health Care Savings Program – Debbie Rochester – she provided an overview of the program. The money goes in tax-free and can be used tax-free for reimbursement of qualified medical expenses once they leave employment. It can be set up as an employer paid program, or you can also have employee contributions, but they must be the same percentage amounts in each division. The administrative costs are taken from the contributions.

b) County Wide Permanent Signs Upgrade Project Resolution for the safety project

Siegler/Morse to adopt the County Wide Permanent Signs Upgrade Resolution
2023-049 5 ayes : 0 nays ; Motion carried

RESOLUTION 2023-049

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the need for:

PART A-HSIP 68041;JOB#213761CON;23A0323

Permanent signing along 58 various intersections countywide; and all together with necessary related work.

PART B-HSIP 68041;JOB#213762CON;23A0330

Permanent signing along 20 various curves countywide; and all together with necessary related work.

WHEREAS The Oscoda County Road Commission recognizes Roger J. Wiegand as the Chairman and James R. Houlton as Member and;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the above named officials are authorized to sign:

MDOT Contract No. 23-5094
Control Section HSIP 68041
Job Number 213761CON;213762CON

c) Oscoda County Road Commission Vehicle Use Policy

Morse/Siegler to adopt the Oscoda County Road Commission Vehicle Use Policy
2023-050 5 ayes : 0 nays ; Motion carried

Unfinished Business

- a) Critical bridge resolution – something we do every year.
- b) Dust Control – we signed with Elmer and Clinton. Comins is not going to do it. Big Creek is going to do the same dollar amount, so will remove some roads. Greenwood and Mentor are still undecided.
- c) Administrative Contract Negotiation

Siegler/Yoder to use the proposal from Clerk and apply percentages to Superintendent
2023-051 5 ayes : 0 nays ; Motion carried

Commissioner Morse was excused at 9:33 am.

Public Comment was received at this time from Bill Shattuck. He wanted to thank the road commission for the patchwork from Gerber Rd east.

Houlton/Yoder to adjourn the meeting at 9:39 am. Next meeting is Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 8:00am.
2023-052 4 ayes : 0 nays ; Motion carried