

BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS
FOR OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Thursday, January 8, 2026

1. THE meeting was called to order by the Chair of the Board, Eric D. McPherson at 1:33 P.M. in the Board Room of the County Road Commission Offices, 31001 Lahser Road, Beverly Hills, Michigan. Initial notice of the meeting was posted on November 8, 2024, in compliance with provisions of Act 267 of 1976.

ROLL CALL: MCPHERSON – PRESENT; ESSHAKI – PRESENT; HENRY – PRESENT

Dennis Kolar, Executive Managing Director
Gary Piotrowicz, Deputy Managing Director / County Highway Engineer
Jennifer Henderson, General Counsel
Tim Becroft, Director, Finance Department
Brad Knight, Director, Planning and Environmental Concerns
Jay Carter, Maintenance Operations Engineer
David Czerniakowski, Director, Customer Services
Samuel Fitzer, Director, Engineering
Mary Gillis, Director, Central Operations
Danielle Deneau, Director, Traffic-Safety
Jolene Yono, Labor and Employee Relations Manager
Craig Bryson, Manager, Communications
Shannon Miller, Deputy-Secretary/Clerk of the Board

2. Chair McPherson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

- 2.1 MOVED BY: HENRY SUPPORTED BY: ESSHAKI

THAT Eric D. McPherson be selected as Chair of the Board of Road Commissioners for the County of Oakland for the year 2026 or until a successor has been selected.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY: MCPHERSON SUPPORTED BY: HENRY

THAT James Esshaki be selected as Vice Chair of the Board of Road Commissioners for the County of Oakland for the year 2026.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 2.2 MOVED BY: ESSHAKI SUPPORTED BY: HENRY

THAT Eric D. McPherson serve as Road Commission representative to the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission for the year 2026.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. MOVED BY: HENRY SUPPORTED BY: ESSHAKI

THAT the Board approve the agenda for January 8, 2026, as written.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. There were no members of the public wishing to address the Board.

Chair McPherson expressed thanks to Managing Director, Dennis Kolar, and RCOC leaders for keeping the Board aware of an accident that occurred on New Year's Day. He extended thoughts and prayers to everyone involved.

5. MOVED BY: ESSHAKI SUPPORTED BY: HENRY

That item the Board approve the minutes of December 11, 2025, as written.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 6A. MOVED BY: ESSHAKI SUPPORTED BY: HENRY

RESOLVED, that checks numbered 515402 through 515500; and, ACH payments 61247 through 61287, numbered 140 be approved for payment for an aggregate amount of \$2,107,963.64; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Oakland County Treasurer be directed to pay the checks from the funds in the County Road Account.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 6B. MOVED BY: ESSHAKI SUPPORTED BY: HENRY

RESOLVED, that checks numbered 515501 through 515529; and, ACH payments 61288 through 61311, numbered 53 be approved for payment for an aggregate amount of \$1,641,155.46; and, checks 515124, 515327, 515374 voided; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Oakland County Treasurer be directed to pay the checks from the funds in the County Road Account.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6C. MOVED BY: ESSHAKI SUPPORTED BY: HENRY

RESOLVED, that checks numbered 515530 through 515565; and, ACH payments 61312 through 61360, numbered 86 be approved for payment for an aggregate amount of \$2,784,605.83; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Oakland County Treasurer be directed to pay the checks from the funds in the County Road Account.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. MOVED BY: ESSHAKI SUPPORTED BY: HENRY

THAT Permits applications issued by the Road Commission for Oakland County, Customer Service Department, be approved and become effective on the date issued:

	67152	Through		67249	Construction Permits
AA	0002, 0805	Through	AA	0813	Driveway Permits

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. MOVED BY: ESSHAKI SUPPORTED BY: HENRY

WHEREAS, this Board is in the process of rehabilitating the culverts under Inkster Road in the City of Farmington Hills, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, being Road Commission Project Number 58053 ("Project");

WHEREAS, Inkster Road in the City of Farmington Hills is a county primary road under the jurisdiction and control of the Board;

WHEREAS, the Project requires the acquisition of a temporary easement ("Temporary Easement") over a parcel of land ("Property") that is known as Parcel Number 4, part of Tax Parcel No. 23-01-226-003, and commonly known as 27750 W. 14 Mile Road. The Property is more particularly described in the records of this Board's Engineering Department, with said description being incorporated by reference herein;

WHEREAS, Carl Bradley, State Certified General Appraiser, has prepared a compensation summary statement dated 9/17/2025 estimating the just compensation for the Temporary Easement to be \$541.00;

WHEREAS, the owners have executed a Temporary Easement in the amount of \$541.00 which is equal to the amount of estimated just compensation;

WHEREAS, the Property has the following record ownership and parties in interest:

Sam Peters and Paige E. Peters
27750 W. 14 Mile Road
West Bloomfield, MI 48322

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the relevant materials regarding the Property and is otherwise informed about the subject matter;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this Board hereby approves the Temporary Easement, as proposed, over the Property, and the Board authorizes payment of \$541.00 to the owners and parties in interest in exchange for the conveyance. The Board further authorizes the Right of Way Division to complete the transaction and record the necessary documents with the Oakland County Register of Deeds.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9A. MOVED BY: ESSHAKI SUPPORTED BY: HENRY

THAT the Board approve and sign Contract Authorization No. 2 for Project No. C00052 Fuel Tank and Island Replacement - Troy Garage in the amount of \$50,996.44 or 28% increase over the original contract price of \$639,054.00 with Corrigan Mechanical Contractors, 775 N Second Street, Brighton, MI 48116.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9B. MOVED BY: ESSHAKI SUPPORTED BY: HENRY

THAT the Board approve and sign Contract Authorization No. 6 for Project No. 202325-02 Snow Removal in the amount of \$\$37,878.56 or 413% increase over the original contract price of \$26,894.99 with R.C. Tuttle Refinishing Co., 2475 S Hickory Ridge Trail, Milford, MI 48430.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9C. MOVED BY: ESSHAKI SUPPORTED BY: HENRY

THAT the Board approve and sign Contract Authorization No. 6 for Project No. 202325-02 Snow Removal in the amount of \$68406.10 or 458% increase over the original contract price of \$39,588.40 with Arrow Craft Construction LLC, 12180 Parkin Lane, Fenton, MI 48340.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10A. MOVED BY: ESSHAKI SUPPORTED BY: HENRY

THAT the Board approve and sign the 2205-2026 Winter Maintenance Agreement with the City of Sylvan Lake for Pontiac Drive from Orchard Lake Road to the east city limits of Sylvan Lake; and authorize the Managing Director to execute the agreement on behalf of the board.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10B. MOVED BY: ESSHAKI SUPPORTED BY: HENRY

THAT the Board approve and sign the 2025-2026 Winter Maintenance Agreement with the Charter Township of Royal Oak for Wyoming Road from 8 Mile Road north to Oak Park city limits; and on North End from Meyers to Wyoming; and authorize the Managing Director to execute the agreement on behalf of the board.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. MOVED BY: ESSHAKI SUPPORTED BY: HENRY

THAT the Board approve and sign the Preliminary Engineering Task Order Agreement with Hubbell, Roth and Clark, Inc. for 2027 Bloomfield Township Culvert Replacements; Project No. 58453, and authorize the Managing Director to execute the agreement on behalf of the board.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. MOVED BY: ESSHAKI SUPPORTED BY: HENRY

WHEREAS, this Board, in cooperation with the Michigan Department of Transportation, has programmed the resurfacing work along 12 Mile Road from Northwestern Highway to Telegraph Road, in the City of Southfield, as Road Commission for Oakland County Project No. 56941; and

WHEREAS, this Board has received Michigan Department of Transportation Contract No. 24-5259 for the purpose of amending Contract No.24-5259 dated July 12, 2024. In order to fix the rights and obligations of the parties. Section 5 of the Contract is amended to read as follows:

PART A

Federal Surface Transportation Urban Funds in combination with Federal Surface Transportation Flex Funds and Federal Surface Transportation Exchange Funds shall be applied to the eligible items of the PART A portion of the PROJECT COST. Federal Surface Transportation Exchange Funds shall be applied to the eligible items of the PART A portion of the PROJECT COST up to the lesser of: (1) \$334,682.26, or (2) an amount such that 81.85 percent, the normal Federal participation ratio for such funds, for the PART A portion of the PROJECT is not exceeded at the time of the award of the construction contract. Federal Surface Transportation Flex Funds shall then be applied to the eligible items of the PART A portion of the PROJECT COST up to the lesser of: (1) \$1,152,028.00, or (2) an amount such that 81.85 percent, the normal Federal participation ratio for such funds, for the PART A portion of the PROJECT is not exceeded at the time of the award of the construction contract. Federal Surface Transportation Urban Funds shall then be applied to the eligible items of the PART A portion of the PROJECT COST at the established Federal participation ratio equal to 52.10 percent. The balance of the PART A portion of the PROJECT COST, after deduction of Federal Funds, shall be charged to and paid by the REQUESTING PARTY in the manner and at the times hereinafter set forth.

PART B

The PART B portion of the PROJECT COST is not eligible for Federal participation and shall be charged to and paid 100 percent by the REQUESTING PARTY in the manner and at the times hereinafter set forth.

PART C

Federal Carbon Reduction Funds shall be applied to the eligible items of the PART C portion of the PROJECT COST up to the lesser of: (1) \$200,000.00 or (2) an amount such that 81.85 percent, the normal Federal participation ratio for such funds, for the PART C portion of the PROJECT is not exceeded at the time of the award of the construction contract. The balance of the PART C portion of the PROJECT COST, after deduction of Federal Funds, shall be charged to and paid by the REQUESTING PARTY in the manner and at the times hereinafter set forth.

WHEREAS, paragraph 5 of Contract No. 24-5527 states:

“This contract shall become binding on the parties hereto and of full force and effect upon the signing thereof by the duly authorized officials for the parties hereto and upon the adoption of the necessary resolutions approving said contract and authorizing the signatures thereto of the respective officials of the REQUESTING PARTY, a certified copy of which resolution shall be attached to this contract.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board approves Michigan Department of Transportation Contract No. 24-5527 for the resurfacing work along 12 Mile Road from Northwestern Highway to Telegraph Road, in the City of Southfield, Oakland County, Michigan; and by this resolution authorizes the Managing Director to execute the contract on behalf of the Board.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. MOVED BY: ESSHAKI SUPPORTED BY: HENRY

WHEREAS, since August 1, 1996, the Board has leased a portion of the County’s Information Technology Building for use as the RCOC’s Traffic Operations Center; and

WHEREAS, subsequent lease agreements were executed by the Board and the County, which extended the Board’s occupancy of the subject property through July 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the County and the Board have agreed to execute another Agreement which will extend the Board's occupancy through July 31, 2028, with a possible extension through July 31, 2035; and

WHEREAS, in the judgment of this Board, the execution of said Agreement would be in the best interest of the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves the Agreement continuing the Board's occupancy of a portion of the County's Information Technology Building for its Traffic Operations Center through July 31, 2028, with possible extension through July 31, 2035.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes its Managing Director to execute said Agreement on behalf of the Board.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14A. MOVED BY: ESSHAKI SUPPORTED BY: HENRY

THAT bids were advertised for, electronically opened and posted on Tuesday, November 18, 2025 for IFB No. 7481, Cold Patch - Bagged and Palletized. A complete tabulation of bids exported from MITN/Bid Net Direct shall remain on file in the Clerk's Office of the Road Commission. Bids were solicited from several suppliers with two response(s) received.

THE Board accept and award the bid to the second low bidder meeting specifications from Unique Paving Materials Corp., Cleveland, OH not to exceed the FY2026 budgeted amount of \$500,000, monitored by the Highway Maintenance Department, with terms of 30 days, FOB destination; the other bid be rejected, and the Board authorize the Managing Director to act on behalf of the Board.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14B. MOVED BY: ESSHAKI SUPPORTED BY: HENRY

THAT bids were advertised for, electronically opened and posted on Tuesday, December 9, 2025 for IFB No. 7549, Sign Trailer with Arrow Board. A complete tabulation of bids exported from MITN/Bid Net Direct shall remain on file in the Clerk's Office of the Road Commission. Bids were solicited from several suppliers with four response(s) received.

THE Board accept and award the line one from the bid to the low bidder meeting specifications from Abutilon, Toledo, OH for the purchase of two sign trailers with arrow boards in the amount of \$39,994.00 with the optional purchase of the remaining nine units for the total bid amount of \$219,967.00; all other bids be rejected, and the Board authorize the Managing Director to act on behalf of the Board.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15A. MOVED BY: ESSHAKI SUPPORTED BY: HENRY

THAT the Board approve the purchase of two CAT 160 Motor Graders utilizing the Sourcewell Contract No. 011723-CAT held by CAT and fulfilled by MacAllister CAT, Novi, MI, in the amount of \$898,785.78.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15B. MOVED BY: ESSHAKI SUPPORTED BY: HENRY

THAT the Board approve the purchase of one CAT 938 3RQ+ wheel loader utilizing the Sourcewell Contract No. 011723-CAT held by CAT and fulfilled by MacAllister CAT, Novi, MI, in the amount of \$2997.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

16. MOVED BY: ESSHAKI SUPPORTED BY: HENRY

THAT the Board receive and refer to staff a petition to abandon a portion of Marshalsea Drive and a portion of Mario Drive located in Commerce Township, Abandonment No. 2025-003 submitted by Jason Broadrick, 8114 Marshalsea Street, Commerce Township, MI 48382.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

17. Dave Czerniakowski, Director of Customer Services presented the Department Report for the Department of Customer Services, which includes Concerns, Permits and the Weighmaster divisions. He reviewed stats for the year 2025 in comparison to historical data, including the top ten concerns for the year, utilities in the ROW, emergencies that occurred and the Adopt-A-Road and Chloride programs.

18. New Business –

Managing Director – none

Commissioners – none

19. MOVED BY: HENRY SUPPORTED BY: ESSHAKI

THERE being no further business to come before the Board of Road Commissioners, Oakland County, Chair McPherson adjourned the meeting at 2:12 P.M.

Shannon Miller, Deputy-Secretary/Clerk of the Board