

BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS
FOR OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Thursday, February 12, 2026

1. THE meeting was called to order by the Chair of the Board, Eric D. McPherson at 4:03 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
Darryl Heid, Director, Highway Maintenance
David Czerniakowski, Director, Customer Services
Michael Smith, Project Development Manager
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.

Chair McPherson acknowledged the artwork and treat bags received from Detroit Country Day School [as part of a community engagement program they facilitated] and a thank you to RCOC for keeping the roads clear and safe throughout the winter season. These items will be distributed amongst the districts. Dennis Kolar, Executive Managing Director, also highlighted the video description of their project that was provided, detailing their project. Many thanks to Detroit Country Day School and all involved.

3. MOVED BY: HENRY SUPPORTED BY: ESSHAKI

THAT the Board approve the agenda for February 12, 2026, as written.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Chair McPherson recognized the following members of the public wishing to address the Board:

Robert Loiseau – SiFi Networks

Mr. Loiseau and two other guests represent SiFi Networks and provided a project overview and update on its FiberCity rollout in Farmington and Farmington Hills area. Anticipated completion is on schedule by June 2026.

David Peltz – West Bloomfield, MI

Mr. Peltz expressed concerns regarding a snow removal issue in his subdivision off of Union Lake Road between Commerce and Richardson. He noted surrounding subdivision roads have been addressed and has reported these concerns to Customer Services as well. Managing Director Kolar will have this investigated and will have our Maintenance Department follow up with Mr. Peltz.

5. MOVED BY: ESSHAKI SUPPORTED BY: HENRY

That item the Board approve the minutes of January 22, 2026, as written.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

RESOLVED, that checks numbered 515664 through 515719; and, ACH payments 61460 through 61499, numbered 96 be approved for payment for an aggregate amount of \$3,636,675.61; and checks 514834, 515412, 515509 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

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

RESOLVED, that checks numbered 515720 through 515772; and ACH payments 61500 through 61557, numbered 111 be approved for payment for an aggregate amount of \$5,128,127.18; 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 515773 through 515811; and ACH payments 61558 through 61620, numbered 102 be approved for payment for an aggregate amount of \$2,352,090.74; 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:

	67352	Through		67441	Construction Permits
BB	0020, 0022	Through	BB	0023	Driveway Permits

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8A. MOVED BY: ESSHAKI SUPPORTED BY: HENRY

WHEREAS, this Board is in the process of reconstructing Greenfield Road in the City of Berkley, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, being Road Commission Project Number 57871 ("Project");

WHEREAS, Greenfield Road in the City of Berkley is a county road under the jurisdiction and control of the Board;

WHEREAS, the Project requires the acquisition of a highway easement ("Highway Easement") and temporary easement ("Temporary Easement") over a parcel of land ("Property") that is known as Parcel Number 44, part of Tax Parcel No. 25-18-351-029, and commonly known as 4200 W. Eleven 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, Peggy Young, State Certified General Appraiser, has prepared an appraisal report, dated 1/22/2026, estimating the just compensation for the Highway Easement to be \$5,070.00 and the just compensation for the Temporary Easement to be \$59,816.00, with the total just compensation being \$64,886.00;

WHEREAS, the owners have executed a Highway Easement in the amount of \$5,070.00 and a Temporary Easement in the amount of \$59,816.00, for a total amount of \$64,886.00, which is equal to the total estimated just compensation;

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

Kathryn Allweiss
4200 W. Eleven Mile Road
Berkley, MI 48072 &

Griffin Investment Property, LLC
5824 Arimoore Dr.
West Bloomfield Twp., 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 Highway Easement and Temporary Easement, as proposed, over the Property, and the Board authorizes payment of \$64,886.00 to only Griffin Investment Property, LLC 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

8B. 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 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 5, part of Tax Parcel No. 23-01-227-005, and commonly known as 27550 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 \$2,428.00;

WHEREAS, the owners have executed a Temporary Easement in the amount of \$2,428.00 which is equal to the amount of estimated just compensation;

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

George Batiu and Tania Batiu
27550 W. 14 Mile Road
Franklin, MI 48025-1073

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 \$2,428.00 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

8C. MOVED BY: ESSHAKI SUPPORTED BY: HENRY

WHEREAS, this Board is in the process of replacing the Deerhill Drive Culverts over Deer Lake Creek in the Charter Township of Independence, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, being Road Commission Project Number 58064 ("Project");

WHEREAS, Deerhill Drive in the Charter Township of Independence is a county road under the jurisdiction and control of the Board;

WHEREAS, the Project requires the acquisition of a highway easement ("Highway Easement") and temporary easement ("Temporary Easement") over a parcel of land ("Property") that is known as Parcel Number 64, part of Tax Parcel No. 08-19-151-003, and commonly known as 7770 Deerhill Drive. 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 1/21/2026, estimating the just compensation for the Highway Easement to be \$724.00 and the just compensation for the Temporary Easement to be \$823.00, with the total just compensation being \$1,547.00;

WHEREAS, the owners have executed a Highway Easement in the amount of \$724.00 and a Temporary Easement in the amount of \$823.00, for a total amount of \$1,547.00, which is equal to the total estimated just compensation;

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

David Wirth and Karrie Wirth
7770 Deerhill Drive
Clarkston, MI 48346

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 Highway Easement and Temporary Easement, as proposed, over the Property, and the Board authorizes payment of \$1,547.00 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

8D. MOVED BY: ESSHAKI SUPPORTED BY: HENRY

WHEREAS, this Board is in the process of replacing the Heatherwood Drive Culverts over Lake Sherwood Tributary in the Charter Township of Commerce, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, being Road Commission Project Number 58174 ("Project");

WHEREAS, Heatherwood Drive in the Charter Township of Commerce is a county 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 01, part of OCCP No. 956, and commonly known as North Ridge Preserve Park. 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 1/9/2026 estimating the just compensation for the Temporary Easement to be \$180.00;

WHEREAS, the owner has executed a Temporary Easement in the amount of \$180.00 which is equal to the amount of estimated just compensation;

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

Northridge Preserve Owners Association, Inc.
6080 Northbrook Court
Commerce Twp., MI 48382

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 \$180.00 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

9. MOVED BY: ESSHAKI SUPPORTED BY: HENRY

WHEREAS, the Budget Resolution under date of September 25, 2025, resolves that the number of authorized positions shall not be increased or changed without the approval of the Board of County Road Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Central Operations Director has requested the following change in the Central Operations Department to provide continued efficient maintenance of the equipment.

by adding four (4) Grade 14 – Mechanic New Hire positions.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 2026 Budget adopted September 25,2025, and the number of authorized positions be amended to include the following change:

Add Four (4) Grade 14 – Mechanic New Hire positions in the Central Operations Department.

This change will be effective upon acceptance and approval of the Board of County Road Commissioners.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. MOVED BY: ESSHAKI SUPPORTED BY: HENRY

THAT the Board approve the request for Appropriation Transfer No. 26-01 in the amount of \$24,153,062 to carry forward and reappropriate from fund balance from FY2025 budget for capital outlay, contracted services and various other budgets.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11A. MOVED BY: ESSHAKI SUPPORTED BY: HENRY

THAT the Board approve and sign Contract Authorization No. 7 for Project No. 202325-02 Snow Removal in the amount of \$29,000.00 or 531% increase over the original contract price of \$39,588.40 with Arrow Craft Construction, LLC, 12180 Parkin Lane, Fenton, MI 48340.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11B. MOVED BY: ESSHAKI SUPPORTED BY: HENRY

THAT the Board approve and sign Contract Authorization No. 7 for 202325-02 Snow Removal in the amount of \$66,780.00 or 660% 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

11C. MOVED BY: ESSHAKI SUPPORTED BY: HENRY

THAT the Board approve and sign Contract Authorization No. 1 for 202360-03 Tree Removal in the amount of \$300,000.00 or 100% increase over the original contract price of \$300,000.00 with The Michigan Property Network, 376 Beach Farm Circle No. 1088, Highland, MI 48356.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11D. MOVED BY: ESSHAKI SUPPORTED BY: HENRY

THAT the Board approve and sign Contract Authorization No. 1 for Project No. 202380-03 Storm Sewer Cleaning Program in the amount of \$125,000.00 or 111% increase over the original contract price of \$112,500.00 with Duke's Root Control (formerly Pipetek), 400 Airport Road, Suite E, Elgin, IL 60123.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11E. MOVED BY: ESSHAKI SUPPORTED BY: HENRY

THAT the Board approve and sign Contract Authorization No. 1 for Project No. 202380-03 Storm Sewer Cleaning Program in the amount of \$110,250.00 or 113% increase over the original contract price of \$110,250.00 with LJ Inc, 6349 Miller Road, Swartz Creek, MI 48473.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12A. MOVED BY: ESSHAKI SUPPORTED BY: HENRY

THAT bids were advertised for, electronically opened and posted on Tuesday, November 18, 2026 for RFP 18-2025 FY2026 Janitorial Services for the PVR Facility - Waterford & the Beverly Hills Facility. 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 16 response(s) received.

THE Board accept and award the bid to the bidder meeting specifications from GDI Services with an annual total proposed amount of \$77,707.00 (BH - \$36,035.00, PVR - \$41,672.00); all other bids be rejected, and the Board authorize the Managing Director to act on behalf of the Board.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12B. MOVED BY: ESSHAKI SUPPORTED BY: HENRY

THAT bids were advertised for, electronically opened and posted on Tuesday, December 9, 2026 for IFB No. 7565 U-Channel Sign Posts, Annual Estimated Quantities. 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 nine response(s) received.

THE Board accept and award the bid to the low bidder meeting specifications from Dornbos Sign Inc., Charlotte, MI, in the amount of \$109,080.00; all other bids be rejected, and the Board authorize the Managing Director to act on behalf of the Board.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12C. MOVED BY: ESSHAKI SUPPORTED BY: HENRY

THAT bids were advertised for, electronically opened and posted on Tuesday, January 6, 2026 for RFP 019-2025 Fuel Tank and Island Replacement - Milford Garage. 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 five response(s) received.

THE Board accept and award the bid to the low bidder meeting specifications from Phoenix Environmental, Plymouth, MI, with a total bid price of \$560,000.00 with a \$100,000.00 allowance to be requested for additional line items/soil remediation associated with this project; all other bids be rejected, and the Board authorize the Managing Director to act on behalf of the Board.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. MOVED BY: ESSHAKI SUPPORTED BY: HENRY

THAT bids were advertised for, received, electronically opened and posted on Tuesday, February 3, 2026 for: 10 Mile Road over Rouge River Culvert Replacement, Project No. 57033:

Contractor's Name	Amount of Bid
Toebe Construction LLC	\$ 1,381,350.00
DiPonio Contraction, LLC	\$ 1,393,929.96
Z Contractors, Inc.	\$ 1,426,061.31
Fonson Company, Inc.	\$ 1,440,576.55
Springline Excavating, LLC	\$ 1,464,822.31
Dan's Excavating, Inc.	\$ 1,626,809.86
Miller LS Bridge Construction, LLC	\$ 1,720,309.75
Erie Construction, LLC	\$ 1,749,220.00

THE Board accept the proposal of the low bidder Toebe Construction LLC; in the amount of \$1,381,350.00, that all other bids be rejected, and the Board authorize the Managing Director to act on behalf of the Board to proceed with requirements to execute a contract for this Project upon receipt of the necessary bonds and insurance and all other related documents.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14A. MOVED BY: ESSHAKI SUPPORTED BY: HENRY

THAT the Board approve the purchase of eight Peterbilt 567 Chloride Tractor Chassis utilizing the Sourcewell Contract No. 0811716-PCM from Peterbilt and fulfilled by Reefer Peterbilt in the total amount of \$1,370,000.00.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14B. MOVED BY: ESSHAKI SUPPORTED BY: HENRY

THAT the Board approve the purchase of eight Chloride Tractor Equipment Upfits / Rexroth Hydraulic Packages utilizing the State of Michigan MiDeal Contract No. 200000000034 from Truck & Trailer Specialties in the amount of \$117,168.00.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14C. MOVED BY: ESSHAKI SUPPORTED BY: HENRY

THAT the Board approve the purchase of one Combination Sewer Cleaner Truck utilizing the Sourcewell Contract No. 101221-SCA held by Sewer Equipment of America and fulfilled by Frederickson Supply in the amount of \$585,807.00.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14D. MOVED BY: ESSHAKI SUPPORTED BY: HENRY

THAT the Board approve the purchase of three Kubota M5-091 Tractors with Flail Mowers utilizing the Sourcewell Contract No. 032525-AGI held by Alamo Group and fulfilled by Weingartz Supply Co., Utica, MI, in the amount of \$388,089.06.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15. MOVED BY: ESSHAKI SUPPORTED BY: HENRY

WHEREAS, Section 610, (a) of Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of 1949 as last amended (Complied Laws of 1949 Section 257.610, MSA 9.2310).

"Local authorities and county road commissions in their respective jurisdictions shall place and maintain such traffic control devices upon highways under their jurisdiction as they deem necessary to indicate and to carry out the provisions of this chapter or local traffic ordinances or to regulate, warn, or guide traffic. All such traffic control devices hereafter erected shall conform to the State Manual specifications."

WHEREAS, the Board of County Road Commissioners in one of their regular meetings on March 14, 1961 approved a Traffic Control Order for a traffic signal at the intersection of Southfield Road and Ameritech Driveway in the City of Southfield.

WHEREAS, the intersection of Southfield Road and Ameritech Driveway has outstanding unpaid invoices. The traffic signal is being removed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Traffic Control Order No. TS 58-20-61 approved by the Board is rescinded.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

16. Tim Becroft, Director of Finance, provided a review of the Finance Department's operations and department divisions. These include Accounting, Budget, and Payroll. RCOC is structured on a three-year rolling financial plan. The department provides financial forecasting and tracking, manages budget vs. actual, Capital Asset Accounting, reviewing and approving invoices for payment, and Retirement Plan Administration and Accounting.

17. New Business –

Managing Director – none

Commissioners – none

Commissioner Henry prompted a discussion following a question regarding conditions of employee break rooms, noting her recent observation of the Southfield garage. She inquired about whether there is budget allocation or a formal process for upgrading/enhancing break rooms. MD Kolar noted that most RCOC facilities are aging, with many of the buildings described as outdated or in poor condition. Past improvements to break rooms (appliance purchases) have been typically funded or donated by staff. Significant improvements are limited to funding constraints and high costs of renovating older buildings, requiring structural repairs that can trigger additional extensive work (e.g. plumbing, flooring, walls). Recent efforts for improvement focused and prioritized operational needs by constructing a pole barn in Southfield for truck storage, building the new electrical shop, expanding the sign shop and moving staff out of satellite trailers. The Waterford PVR facility was noted as being in particularly poor condition. MD Kolar referenced the renovation costs as provided in the last meeting's presentation. Central Operations Director, Mary Gillis, offered a tour of facilities to the Board. A suggestion to design a three-year facilities plan was offered by Vice Chair Esshaki. An evaluation of all buildings will be put together to prioritize needs and navigate future decisions.

Chair McPherson inquired about the county's Legionnaires water contamination and whether or not that impacts the Waterford PVR facility. Mary Gillis, COD Director, has not heard anything back from the county after inquiring. Vice Chair Esshaki will reach out to the county.

18. 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 5:30 P.M.

Shannon Miller, Deputy-Secretary/Clerk of the Board