

BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS
FOR OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Thursday, June 26, 2025

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Approved
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Esshaki / McPherson

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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; COMMISSIONER – VACANT

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
Samuel Fitzer, Director, Engineering
Mary Gillis, Director, Central Operations
Danielle Deneau, Director, Traffic-Safety
Pam Cahill, Director, Human Resources
Craig Bryson, Manager, Communications
Shannon Miller, Deputy-Secretary/Clerk of the Board

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

3. MOVED BY: ESSHAKI SUPPORTED BY: MCPHERSON

THAT the Board approve the agenda for June 26, 2025, as written.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Chair McPherson recognized the following member(s) of the public wishing to address the Board:

Stephanie Nahas, Springfield Township

Ms. Nahas wanted to bring a special land use permit for a sand and gravel mine, located at 6651 Ormond Road, to the attention of the Road Commission. She co-chaired Springfield Township Environment Protectors and has concerns regarding the routes the trucks will utilize to/from the gravel mine and how that would impact residents and the roads, in particular the bridge that was just redone on Davisburg Road. She requested that the Road Commission deny any request from Levy Corporation for any special use permits variances. Chair McPherson confirmed there was an informational letter mailed to her that morning on this topic. Gary Piotrowicz, Deputy Managing Director, explained the process for new developments is done through local planning. He also confirmed that the Road Commission has not received any requests for permits for driveway(s) or exit(s) at this time.

5. MOVED BY: ESSHAKI SUPPORTED BY: MCPHERSON

That the Board approve the minutes of June 12, 2025, as written.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

RESOLVED, that checks numbered 514264 through 514317; and ACH payments 60142 through 60188 numbered 101 be approved for payment for an aggregate amount of \$2,195,790.94; 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: MCPHERSON

RESOLVED, that checks numbered 514318 through 514349; and ACH payments 60189 through 60227 numbered 71 be approved for payment for an aggregate amount of \$1,692,009.90; 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: MCPHERSON

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

	66431	Through		66470	Construction Permits
AA	0372	Through	AA	0415	Driveway Permits
AAR	0624	Through	AAR	0626	Adopt-A-Road

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8A. MOVED BY: ESSHAKI SUPPORTED BY: MCPHERSON

WHEREAS, Oxford Real Estate, LLC owns land known as West Drahner Road, which is part of Tax Parcel No. 04-34-200-025, in the Township of Oxford, County of Oakland, State of Michigan (the "Property"). The Property is designated as Road Commission Project Number 16-1069 and is more particularly described in the records of this Board's Engineering Department, with said description being incorporated by reference herein:

WHEREAS, West Drahner Road in the Township of Oxford, is a county road under the jurisdiction and control of the Board;

WHEREAS, the owner wishes to convey the Property to the Board, and has executed a quit claim deed ("Quit Claim Deed") as a voluntary dedication;

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

Oxford Real Estate, LLC
10503 Citation Drive
Brighton, MI 48116

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 Quit Claim Deed, as proposed, and 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: MCPHERSON

WHEREAS, Falcon Trucking Company owns land known as Dunlap Road, which is part of Tax Parcel No. 04-20-200-001 and 04-20-400-001, in the Township of Oxford, County of Oakland, State of Michigan (the "Property"). The Property is designated as Road Commission Project Number 16-1070 and is more particularly described in the records of this Board's Engineering Department, with said description being incorporated by reference herein:

WHEREAS, West Dunlap Road in the Township of Oxford, is a county road under the jurisdiction and control of the Board;

WHEREAS, the owner wishes to convey the Property to the Board, and has executed a quit claim deed ("Quit Claim Deed") as a voluntary dedication;

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

Falcon Trucking Company
9300 Dix Avenue
Dearborn, MI 48120

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, as proposed, and 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: MCPHERSON

WHEREAS, Joslyn Road between Great Lakes Crossing Drive and Brown Road is under the jurisdiction of this Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board has been requested to temporarily close Joslyn Road between Great Lakes Crossing Drive and Brown Road in order to facilitate an electrical infrastructure improvement; and

WHEREAS, 1917 PA 165, as amended authorizes this Board to close roads or portions of roads under the jurisdiction of this Board, which roads and portions of roads are under repair; and

WHEREAS, no County road under the jurisdiction and control of this Board shall be closed under the provisions of said Act until suitable barriers have been erected at the ends of the County road under repair, or the closed portion thereof, suitable barriers being those which conform to the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices, adopted pursuant to Section 608 of 1949 PA 300; and

WHEREAS, no County road under the jurisdiction and control of this Board shall be closed under the provisions of 1917 PA 165, as amended, until a suitable detour around said County road is provided and placed in a reasonably safe condition for the passage of traffic, and proper warning signs are installed along said detour as is determined to be necessary to plainly mark the same; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the provisions of 1917 PA 165, as amended, Joslyn Road between Great Lakes Crossing Drive and Brown Road will hereby be closed on June 27, 2025 through June 28, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a detour is hereby established; such detour route for Joslyn Road being Great Lakes Crossing Drive to Baldwin Road to Brown Road of which Baldwin Road and Brown Road are under the jurisdiction of this Board. Great Lakes Crossing Drive is under the jurisdiction of the City of Auburn Hills.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ITC is hereby directed to supply, install, maintain and remove suitable barriers, signs and lighting in accordance with the detour plans supplied by ITC and with provisions of the aforesaid statute. The contractor is also directed to provide additional signs as may be required by the Board.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9B. MOVED BY: ESSHAKI SUPPORTED BY: MCPHERSON

WHEREAS, Wise Road over Huron River in Commerce Township is under the jurisdiction of this Board; and

WHEREAS, Wise Road over Huron River is to be improved, which improvement will necessitate the temporary closure of Wise Road between Carroll Lake Road and Bogie Lake Road / North Commerce Road, located in Commerce Township, Oakland County, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, 1917 PA 165, as amended authorizes this Board to close roads or portions of roads under the jurisdiction of this Board, which roads and portions of roads are under repair; and

WHEREAS, no County road under the jurisdiction and control of this Board shall be closed under the provisions of said Act until suitable barriers have been erected at the ends of the County road under repair, or the closed portion thereof, suitable barriers being those which conform to the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices, adopted pursuant to Section 608 of 1949 PA 300; and

WHEREAS, no County road under the jurisdiction and control of this Board shall be closed under the provisions of 1917 PA 165, as amended, until a suitable detour around said County road is provided and placed in a reasonably safe condition for the passage of traffic, and proper warning signs are installed along said detour as is determined to be necessary to plainly mark the same; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the provisions of 1917 PA 165, as amended, Wise Road between Carroll Lake Road and Bogie Lake Road / North Commerce Road, in Commerce Township, Oakland County, Michigan, will hereby be closed from approximately July 7, 2025 through approximately October 3, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a detour is hereby established; vehicles traveling east on Wise Road will need to travel south on N. Commerce Road to east on W. Commerce Road to north on Carroll Lake Road back to Wise Road. Vehicles traveling west on Wise Road will need to travel south on Carroll Lake Road to west on W. Commerce Road to north on N. Commerce Road back to Wise Road. All roads are under the jurisdiction of the Road Commission for Oakland County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Traffic-Safety Department is hereby directed to have erected suitable barriers and signing in reference to the above-described road closure and detour; such barriers and signing to be erected in accordance with the provisions of the aforesaid statute.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9C. MOVED BY: ESSHAKI SUPPORTED BY: MCPHERSON

WHEREAS, 12 Mile Road in the city of Wixom is under the jurisdiction of this Board; and

WHEREAS, 12 Mile Road is to be improved, which improvement will necessitate the temporary closure of 12 Mile Road between Martindale Road and Spaulding Road, located in Lyon Township, Oakland County, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, 1917 PA 165, as amended authorizes this Board to close roads or portions of roads under the jurisdiction of this Board, which roads and portions of roads are under repair; and

WHEREAS, no County road under the jurisdiction and control of this Board shall be closed under the provisions of said Act until suitable barriers have been erected at the ends of the County road under repair, or the closed portion thereof, suitable barriers being those which conform to the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices, adopted pursuant to Section 608 of 1949 PA 300; and

WHEREAS, no County road under the jurisdiction and control of this Board shall be closed under the provisions of 1917 PA 165, as amended, until a suitable detour around said County road is provided and placed in a reasonably safe condition for the passage of traffic, and proper warning signs are installed along said detour as is determined to be necessary to plainly mark the same; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the provisions of 1917 PA 165, as amended, 12 Mile Road between Martindale Road and Spaulding Road, in Lyon Township, Oakland County, Michigan, will hereby be closed from approximately August 4, 2025 to approximately October 3, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a detour is hereby established; vehicles traveling east or west on 12 Mile Road will need to travel south on Milford Road to New Hudson Drive to Pontiac Trail Road to 11 Mile Road and vice versa. All roads are under the jurisdiction of the Road Commission for Oakland County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Traffic-Safety Department is hereby directed to have erected suitable barriers and signing in reference to the above-described road closure and detour; such barriers and signing to be erected in accordance with the provisions of the aforesaid statute.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9D. MOVED BY: ESSHAKI SUPPORTED BY: MCPHERSON

WHEREAS, Pontiac Trail over Norton Drain in the city of Wixom is under the jurisdiction of this Board; and

WHEREAS, Pontiac Trail over Norton Drain is to be improved, which improvement will necessitate the temporary closure of Pontiac Trail between Oak Creek Drive and Wixom Road, located in the City of Wixom, Oakland County, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, 1917 PA 165, as amended authorizes this Board to close roads or portions of roads under the jurisdiction of this Board, which roads and portions of roads are under repair; and

WHEREAS, no County road under the jurisdiction and control of this Board shall be closed under the provisions of said Act until suitable barriers have been erected at the ends of the County road under repair, or the closed portion thereof, suitable barriers being those which conform to the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices, adopted pursuant to Section 608 of 1949 PA 300; and

WHEREAS, no County road under the jurisdiction and control of this Board shall be closed under the provisions of 1917 PA 165, as amended, until a suitable detour around said County road is provided and placed in a reasonably safe condition for the passage of traffic, and proper warning signs are installed along said detour as is determined to be necessary to plainly mark the same; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the provisions of 1917 PA 165, as amended, Pontiac Trail over Norton Drain between Oak Creek Drive and Wixom Road in the city of Wixom, Oakland County, Michigan, will hereby be closed from approximately August 4, 2025 to approximately October 3, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a detour is hereby established; vehicles traveling east on Pontiac Trail will need to travel south on Milford Road to east on Grand River Avenue to north on Wixom Road back to Pontiac Trail. Vehicles traveling west on Pontiac Trail will need to travel south on Wixom Road to west on Grand River Avenue to north on Milford Road back to Pontiac Trail. All roads are under the jurisdiction of the Road Commission for Oakland County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Traffic-Safety Department is hereby directed to have erected suitable barriers and signing in reference to the above-described road closure and detour; such barriers and signing to be erected in accordance with the provisions of the aforesaid statute.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. MOVED BY: ESSHAKI SUPPORTED BY: MCPHERSON

THAT the Board approve and sign Contract Authorization No. 3 for Project No. 202430, 2024 Limestone Gravel Haul Program in the amount of \$141,899.28 or 36% increase over the original contract price of \$121,152.00 with Dani's Aggregate, 5700 Ready Road, S Rockwood, MI 48179.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11A. MOVED BY: ESSHAKI SUPPORTED BY: MCPHERSON

THAT the Board approve and sign the Local Cost Participation Agreement / Tri-Party Program with the Township of Holly for 2025 Gravel Road Program, various county roads; Project No. 58192, and authorize the Managing Director to execute the agreement on behalf of the board.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11B. MOVED BY: ESSHAKI SUPPORTED BY: MCPHERSON

THAT the Board approve and sign the Local Cost Participation Agreement / Tri-Party Program with the Charter Township of Commerce for Richardson Road, Martin Road to Union Lake Road; Project No. 58211, and authorize the Managing Director to execute the agreement on behalf of the board.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. MOVED BY: ESSHAKI SUPPORTED BY: MCPHERSON

THAT the Board approve and sign the Geotechnical Engineering Task Order Agreement with SOMAT Engineering Inc. for Wixom / Duck Lake / Sleet Road Intersection Improvement; Project No. 56501, and authorize the Managing Director to execute the agreement on behalf of the board.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. MOVED BY: ESSHAKI SUPPORTED BY: MCPHERSON

THAT the Board approve and sign the Interlocal Technology Service Agreement Renewal with Oakland County for I.T. Services - Oaknet Connectivity (communication lines and equipment), ESRI (GIS Services), CAMS (Cityworks and asset management), Pictometry products (aerial photography) and other I.T. Services; and authorize the Managing Director to execute the agreement on behalf of the board.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. MOVED BY: ESSHAKI SUPPORTED BY: MCPHERSON

THAT bids were advertised for, electronically opened and posted on Tuesday, April 22, 2025 for IFB No. 6499, Filters - 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 eight response(s) received.

THE Board accept and award the bid to the low bidder meeting specifications from A-1 Truck Parts, Pontiac, MI for an estimated total amount of \$24,213.35, with terms of net 30 days, FOB destination; 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: MCPHERSON

THAT bids were advertised for, received, electronically opened and posted on Tuesday, June 17, 2025 for: Cooley Lake Road over Elizabeth Lake Canal Culvert Replacement, Project No. 57623:

Contractor's Name	Amount of Bid
Superior Contracting Group L.L. C.	\$ 970,580.00
Anglin Civil, LLC	\$ 1,553,385.40

THE Board accept the proposal of the low bidder Superior Contracting Group, LLC; in the amount of \$970,580.00, 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

15B. MOVED BY: ESSHAKI SUPPORTED BY: MCPHERSON

THAT bids were advertised for, received, electronically opened and posted on Tuesday, June 17, 2025 for: Rossdale Drive over Cass Lake Canal Culvert Lining, Project No. 57594:

Contractor's Name	Amount of Bid
Municipal and Contractors Sealing Products	\$ 449,100.00

THE Board accept the proposal of the sole bidder Municipal and Contractors Sealing Products, Inc.; in the amount of \$449,100.00, 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

15C. MOVED BY: ESSHAKI SUPPORTED BY: MCPHERSON

THAT bids were advertised for, received, electronically opened and posted on Tuesday, June 17, 2025 for: Clarkston Road at Camp Agawam Settlement Repair, Project No. 57421:

Contractor's Name	Amount of Bid
Superior Contracting Group LLC	\$439,308.00

THE Board accept the proposal of the sole bidder Superior Contracting, LLC; in the amount of \$439,308.00, 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

15D. MOVED BY: ESSHAKI SUPPORTED BY: MCPHERSON

THAT bids were advertised for, received, electronically opened and posted on Tuesday, June 24, 2025 for: Haggerty Road over Seeley Drain Culvert Replacement, Project No. 57043:

Contractor's Name	Amount of Bid
DiPonio Contracting, LLC	\$ 417,470.71
Erie Construction, LLC	\$ 501,960.00
Anglin Civil, LLC	\$ 665,498.27

THE Board accept the proposal of the low bidder DiPonio Contracting, LLC; in the amount of \$417,470.71, 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

15E. MOVED BY: ESSHAKI SUPPORTED BY: MCPHERSON

THAT bids were advertised for, received, electronically opened and posted on Tuesday, June 24, 2025 for: Tamarack Lane over Stony Creek, Project No. 57583:

Contractor's Name	Amount of Bid
Tim & Sons Construction LLC	\$ 309,625.96

THE Board accept the proposal of the low bidder Tim & sons Construction, LLC; in the amount of \$309,625.96, 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

16. MOVED BY: ESSHAKI SUPPORTED BY: MCPHERSON

THAT the Board approve the purchase of Webex Calling Voice Phone System utilizing the State of Michigan MiDeal Contract No. 210000001333 held by Trace3, Grand Rapids, MI in the total contract amount of \$176,877.75.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

17. New Business

Managing Director – none

Commissioners –

Chair McPherson announced special recognition for Executive Managing Director Dennis Kolar on 40 years of service to the Road Commission for Oakland County and had the following resolution read into record:

WHEREAS, Dennis Kolar has been employed by the Road Commission for Oakland County since June 4, 1985; and

WHEREAS, while employed with the Road Commission, Dennis has filled multiple roles, most of them in leadership, including Civil Engineer I, Civil Engineer II, Civil Engineer III, Design Engineer, Maintenance Operations Engineer, Director of Central Operations, Director of Highway Maintenance, Deputy Managing Director and Managing Director; and

WHEREAS, Dennis has served as Managing Director of the Road Commission since 2012 and continues to lead the agency on a daily basis. He is highly respected among peer agencies and frequently called upon statewide for his expertise; and

WHEREAS, on June 4, 2025, Dennis celebrated 40 years of employment with the Road Commission for Oakland County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Road Commissioners hereby recognizes and thanks Dennis Kolar for his commitment and 40 years of service to the Road Commission for Oakland County and congratulates him on this remarkable accomplishment.

Congratulations and heartfelt thanks from staff were given to Dennis. He thought he would initially be here only a few years but stated it has been a great place to work. He said it's been challenging, but he has always had great staff. He expressed appreciation and thanks.

Chair McPherson made an inquiry on the topic of morale. MD Kolar responded there has been a document put together to provide facts in addressing employee concerns and to quell some rumors. This document is available on the agency's shared drive. He reviewed some of the topics covered, including COVID money, healthcare, RCOC overtime rule, 16-hour rule, and the compensation study being accepted or not accepted into bargaining groups. He wants everyone to have a good understanding of why things are done and wants to keep a good workforce. He also noted the cancellation of the new administrative office building / Traffic Operations Center will need to be discussed as to how to handle the impact for office staff morale. Discussion also included EV charging stations (employee vs. public access, addressing potential disparity amongst staff for employee-owned EV's and employee-owned Internal Combustion Engine (ICE) vehicles, possible fee-based vendor supplied stations to address resources equality), EV vehicles & grants, and applying RCOC signage on agency-owned vehicles that are being taken home.

26. MOVED BY: ESSHAKI SUPPORTED BY: MCPHERSON

THERE being no further business to come before the Board of Road Commissioners, Oakland County, Chair McPherson adjourned the meeting at 2:09 P.M.

Shannon Miller, Deputy-Secretary/Clerk of the Board