



**SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
OTSEGO COUNTY BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2026 – 8:30 A.M.
669 W. MCCOY RD., GAYLORD, MI 49735**

ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ITEM 2 - ROLL CALL

ITEM 3 – AGENDA CHANGES/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ITEM 4 – PUBLIC COMMENT

ITEM 5 – NEW BUSINESS

A. Road Commissioner Board Vacancy Interviews

ITEM 6– ADJOURNMENT

***Posted: April 15, 2026**



Otsego County Road Commission Agenda Item Report

FROM: Rebecca Hilmert, Finance Manager/Board Secretary
MEETING DATE: April 20, 2026
AGENDA ITEM: 5. A
SUBJECT: Road Commissioner Board Vacancy Interviews/Recommendation

DESCRIPTION

Road Commissioner Mike Dipzinski submitted his resignation on February 2, 2026. Mr. Dipzinski's term expires 12-31-2030. The County Board of Commissioners are required to appoint an individual to fill the position. The County Administration Office posted the vacant Road Commissioner Board position as required per their Board/Commission/Committee Appointment Policy and accepted applications until April 8. County Administration has forwarded the applications to the Road Commission office and asked the Road Commission Board to review and make a recommendation for appointment to the County Board of Commissioners for consideration prior to their April 28 regular meeting.

BUDGET ACTION REQUIRED

N/A

LEGAL REVIEW

N/A

SAMPLE MOTIONS

Motion to recommend appointment of _____ to fill the vacant Otsego County Road Commissioner position with a term expiring 12-31-2030 and direct the Board Secretary to submit the Road Commission Board's recommendation to the County Board of Commissioners for consideration.



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APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO
COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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To which committee(s), board(s) or commission(s) are you seeking appointment?

Otsego County Road Commission Board Member

Please print or type.

Name: John Charles Landrie

Address: [REDACTED] Zip Code 49735

Telephone: [REDACTED] Other: NA

Email address: [REDACTED]

Date available for appointment Immediately

County Commission District District 6

Are you a registered voter in Otsego County? Yes No

If yes, which township, city or village? Hayes Township

Please complete the following. You may use additional sheets as needed.

Community Service

List boards, commissions, committees or community service organizations that you are currently serving or have served upon, offices held and in what municipality or county.

MASCI Member	Former Gaylord Quarterback Club President
Otsego County Sanitation Board	MITA Safety Directors
Skills USA Committee Member	
MITA General Member	
AEMP Member	
Knight of Columbus, 4th Degree	

Employment and Education

List any employment experience or education that, in your opinion, best qualifies you for this appointment. List job titles, duties (current and past), level of education and any certificates or degrees you have obtained.

BAA Construction Management - Central Michigan University	1995 Graduate
Residential/Light Commercial Excavation - Laborer, CDL Driver, Operator	1988 - 1991
Heavy Highway, Utility Contractor - Laborer, CDL, Driver Operator	1991 - 1996
Heavy Highway, Utility Contractor - Foreman/Supervisor	1996-2010
Heavy Highway, Utility Contractor - General Superintendent	2010-2016
Heavy Highway, Utility Contactor - Owner and COO (M & M Excavating Co., Inc.)	2016 - Current

Have you ever worked for Otsego County? Yes No
If yes, please list dates and name(s) of departments.

Currently Serving on Otsego County Sanitation Board

Personal

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If yes, please indicate potential conflicts.

NA

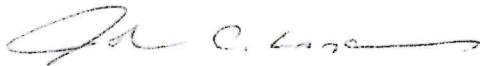
Are you aware of the time commitment necessary to serve on the committee, board and /or commission to which you seek appointment and will you have such time?

Yes No

Please provide information about specific training, education, experience or interests you possess that qualify you as an appointee to the position you seek.

As the C.O.O. of M & M Excavating Co. coinciding with my educational background, continual training, and years of experience in the road building and utility industry, I believe the overlap with the tasks and duties of a OCRC board member could prove very instrumental. I feel the viewpoint of a business owner who's daily operations building and traveling on the very roads in which the OCRC has been tasked to maintain could offer a valuable and possibly distinct perspective. My early career focused on building work and managing the crews to be productive, timely, and safe where-as my current takes on a more strategic role which entails purchasing, budgets, permits, legal, departmental resources and property requisitions, contract negotiations, union/trade negotiations, and and mentoring. In addition, the construction industry has lead me to participate in several groups and organizations which have opened my eyes to other perspectives, needs, and focuses, which I feel has lead me to be more responsible in the decision-making process.

I hereby certify that the preceding information is correct and to the best of my knowledge.



Signature

2-18-2026

Date

Mail or return your completed application to:

Otsego County
Attn: County Administration
225 West Main Street, Room 203
County/ City Building
Gaylord, MI 49735

Thank you very much for giving us the opportunity to consider you for appointment.



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Otsego County Road Commission

PLEASE indicate what board or committee you are applying for in the space provided above.

Please print or type.

Name: Christopher S Olson

Address: ~~5878 North Ridge Road~~ Zip Code 49735

Telephone: ~~231-546-4112~~ Other: ~~231-340-6124~~

Email address: ~~csolson62@yahoo.com~~

Date available for appointment immediately

County Commission District 9

Are you a registered voter in Otsego County? Yes No

If yes, which township, city or village? Elmira Township

Please complete the following. You may use additional sheets as needed.

Community Service

List boards, commissions, committees or community service organizations that you are currently serving or have served upon, offices held and in what municipality or county.

- **Gaylord Community Orchestra: President, 2021-present. Board member since 2018. Previously VP and Treasurer.*
- **Member of Gaylord Community Band, Gaylord Community Chorus, GCP Pit Orchestra.*
- **Peace Lutheran Church, Gaylord: church council, 2022-present. Chair of roadside clean-up on Old 27. Member since 1998.*
- **South Lyon Area Chamber of Commerce, elected board member for 5 years; served 2 years as board president.*
- **Active on various MML, MTA and CRA committees to provide state-wide service and local representation.*
- **Active member of Rotary Club at Michigan communities, serving human/community needs.*
- **Active in churches, Boy Scouts, music & other organizations in communities I served over the decades.*

Employment and Education

List any employment experience or education that, in your opinion, best qualifies you for this appointment. List job titles, duties (current and past), level of education and any certificates or degrees you have obtained.

- **Western Michigan University: MPA & BS. *Property Manager at Grand Traverse Resort & Spa, 2021-present, managing 9 condo associations. Several management/repair oversight duties, including repaving projects.*
- **City Manager for 25 years at Bad Axe, Zeeland, Lyon Twp, Marshall, DeWitt, Benzie County, Beaverton, Caro.*
- **Chief Operating Officer, Monroe County Road Commission, directed admin depts and traffic/eqpt safety.*
- **Private Sector: Lakes of the North Association, General Manager; Norman Olson, DDS, practice manager.*
- **Elberta Township consultation: authored deficit elimination & corrective action plans/policies as ordered by State of MI.*

Have you ever worked for Otsego County? Yes No
If yes, please list dates and name(s) of departments.

Personal

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If yes, please indicate potential conflicts.

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Yes No

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*35 years of public & private sector management, including leadership/accountability/policies/customer service.

*Personnel/labor negotiations, wage/benefit studies, policy manual updates, evaluations, hiring/discipline.

*Expertise/experience with budgeting/forecasting/finance/bonding/grants, planning, prioritization, infrastructure, projects, equipment.

*Served as Act 51 Street Administrator, on federal aid committees, safety/risk mgmt, & intergovt. cooperation.

*Organizational knowledge/experience ranging from mission/vision/goals/strategytrends to daily operations/tasks.

*Knowledge of public/private accounting, Act 51, STL contracts, MDOT standards, paving, maintenance, purchasing.

*Have served on public boards for regional transit, senior citizen center/services, community recreation, recycling, drains.

*Will bring systems thinking and "how do we our best for the taxpayers" perspective and outreach, along with organizational support/development and commitment to improve efficiency/effectiveness.

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Signature

Christopher S. Olson, 4-8-26

Date

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Otsego County Road Commission

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Please print or type.

Name: Thomas H. Wagner

Address: [Redacted] ^{Grand} Zip Code 49735

Telephone: [Redacted] Other: _____

Email address: [Redacted]

Date available for appointment Whenever

County Commission District OTSEGO LAKE

Are you a registered voter in Otsego County? Yes No

If yes, which township, city or village? OTSEGO LAKE

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ROTARY 50+ YEARS
Township TRUSTEE 6 Supervisor 16
Jobs

Employment and Education

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College 2 yrs
WAGAR MOTOR SALES WASHKAY TO OWNER 54 yrs

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Township Supervisor

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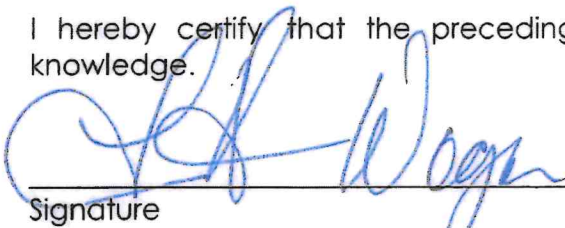
Yes No

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I've ALREADY SAT ON THE ROAD COMMISSION BID FOR 2-3 YEARS BUT RESIGNED WHEN I WAS ASKED TO FILL A VACANCY AT THE TOWNSHIP FOR SUPERVISOR.

I would be happy to return. My experience in business mirrors the workings of the Road Commission. I've run a Service Dept, a Parts Department dealing with the public and high finance. All helps in the decision making process.

I hereby certify that the preceding information is correct and to the best of my knowledge.


Signature

MARCH 26 2026
Date

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