

How Is Road Commission for Oakland County Accountable to Our Board of Trustees?

Let's pretend you are a newly elected Oakland Township Trustee and its November 20, 2020, your first day in office. You do not like something the Road Commission of Oakland County (RCOC) has done or not done in Oakland Township. You want to make a motion for your Township Board to do something about it. What will your motion be?

Consider this helpful background information first.

RCOC says below at this part of their website that that "RCOC has jurisdiction over all roads in all townships in the county" and "The Road Commission is not part of Oakland County general government"

<https://www.rcocweb.org/163/Road-Jurisdiction>

Legal Authority

The Road Commission is not part of Oakland County general government. It is a legally separate entity, receiving the bulk of its operating funds directly from the state. RCOC does not directly receive property taxes for road maintenance or improvements. RCOC operates with a budget in excess of \$90 million and with 548 employees (the same number RCOC had in 1974).

RCOC has jurisdiction over all roads in all the townships in the county. Additionally, it has jurisdiction over many of the primary, or "mile-type" roads (Big Beaver, Southfield Road, Pontiac Trail, etc.) in the cities and villages in Oakland County.

The Road Commission for Oakland County has a website <https://www.rcocweb.org/>

The Road Commission for Oakland County is overseen by three Commissioners, below, appointed for 6 years by the 21 elected Oakland County Commissioners. The County Commissioners then have no involvement in roads, after appointing three Road Commissioners.



19 of the 21 County Commissioners who have no involvement in roads once they appoint the three Road Commissioners below

RCOC Board of Commissioners (from left to right) Chairman Gregory Jamian, Vice Chairman Ron Fowkes and Member Andrea LaLonde.



Read RCOC Commissioner latest minutes

https://www.rcocweb.org/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Minutes/_01092020-182 and you will see that 40 motions / resolutions put in front of them by RCOC Managing Director, Dennis Kolar, were unanimously approved in 33 minutes. Read these minutes and determine how many items dealt with improving service to a Township.



RCOC Managing Director, Dennis Kolar

