

EATON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
FEBRUARY 24, 2015

A regular meeting of the Eaton County Board of Road Commissioners was held at their office in Charlotte, Michigan on February 24, 2015.

Members Present: Commissioners Maxwell, Eldred, Tennis

Members Absent: Commissioners Lyons, Lamoreaux

Vice Chair Maxwell called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

Moved by Tennis, second by Eldred, that the agenda be approved as amended to consider awarding the bid for furnishing and mounting two multibody boxes, two live hydraulic systems, two underbody scrapers, two tarp systems, with and without a mid-mounted patrol wing. Motion carried.

Moved by Eldred, second by Tennis, that the minutes of February 10, 2015 be approved as printed. Motion carried.

There was no public comment.

Moved by Eldred, second by Tennis, that Accounts Payable (VO#35) of 02-12-15 in the amount of \$239,009.14, Accounts Payable (VO#36) of 02-19-15 in the amount of \$222,196.92, Accounts Payable (VO#37) of 02-19-15 in the amount of \$37,989.00, and Payroll (VO#38) of 02-24-15 in the amount of \$85,950.61, for total expenditures of \$585,145.67 be approved. There was discussion.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Maxwell, Eldred, Tennis; Nays: None. Motion carried.

Steve Anabel and Steve Schade from Northern Financial Management, were present to review the Eaton County Road Commission Money Purchase Plan and to recommend transitioning the Plan from John Hancock to Empower Retirement. There was discussion.

Moved by Eldred, second by Tennis to approve the transition of the Eaton County Road Commission Money Purchase Plan to Empower Retirement. Motion carried.

Engineer-Manager Ballou presented the bid tabulation for furnishing and mounting two multibody boxes, two live hydraulic systems, two underbody scrapers, two tarp systems with and without a mid-mounted patrol wing.

He noted that the low bidder was Knapheide Truck Equipment Co., but wings the Road Commission had purchased from them in the past were not functioning as intended, which makes the bid non-responsive. Mr. Ballou and Mr. Parshall recommended the bid be awarded to the second lowest bidder, Truck & Trailer Specialties, Inc. Mr. Parshall noted that he traveled to Montcalm County Road Commission to research the equipment bid by Truck & Trailer Specialties and found it to be acceptable.

Moved by Tennis, second by Eldred to award the bid for furnishing and mounting two multibody boxes, two live hydraulic systems, two underbody scrapers, two tarp systems with mid-mounted patrol wings to Truck & Trailer Specialties, Inc. Motion carried.

Mr. Ballou discussed seasonal weight restrictions and requested the Board authorized staff to invoke weight restrictions as necessary. He noted that unless the Road Commission determines otherwise, seasonal weight restrictions will be imposed on March 1 by state law.

Moved by Eldred, second by Tennis to authorize the Engineer-Manager to invoke seasonal weight restrictions as he deems necessary. Motion carried.

Mr. Hannahs updated the Board on the status of road projects. There was discussion.

Mr. Parshall reported on the activities of the road crews. There was discussion.

There was discussion regarding the proposed Local Road Millage Program projects and communications between the Road Commission and the townships and other stakeholders.

Mr. Ballou provided an update of the MDOT Office of Commission Audits' examination. There was discussion.

Commissioner Tennis requested that a discussion of state-wide Proposal 1 be added to the next meeting's agenda and that the Board consider passing a resolution of support.

There was no correspondence.

There was no public comment.

Vice Chair Maxwell adjourned the meeting at 7:56 pm, without objection.