

EATON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
AUGUST 25, 2015

A regular meeting of the Eaton County Board of Road Commissioners was held at their office in Charlotte, Michigan on August 25, 2015.

Members Present: Commissioners Maxwell, Eldred, Lamoreaux

Members Absent: Commissioners Lyons, Tennis

Vice Chair Maxwell called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

Moved by Eldred, second by Lamoreaux, that the agenda be approved as amended to consider extending the current contract with the collective bargaining unit and to consider setting a budget hearing. Motion carried.

Moved by Lamoreaux, second by Eldred, that the minutes of August 11, 2015 be approved as printed. Motion carried.

Craig Lackscheide, Trustee on the Maple Valley Board of Education, was present to present a check from Maple Valley Schools representing partial payment of the School District's share of costs for the Safe Routes to Schools Project completed in 2014.

Moved by Eldred, second by Lamoreaux, that Payroll (VO#78) of 08-11-15 in the amount of \$90,499.73, Accounts Payable (VO#79) of 08-13-15 in the amount of \$215,683.05, Payroll (VO#80) of 08-18-15 in the amount of \$325.12, Accounts Payable (VO#81) of 08-20-15 in the amount of \$102,854.72, and Payroll (VO#82) of 08-25-15 in the amount of \$93,039.99 for total expenditures of \$502,402.61 be approved. There was discussion.

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

Assistant County Engineer Hannahs reviewed a driveway variance request from Tim Catron for a property on Five Point Highway in Eaton Rapids Township to waive sight distance requirements. There was discussion.

Moved by Lamoreaux, second by Eldred to deny the variance as requested but to allow staff to recommend the property owners place the driveway in the location with the best sight distance. Motion carried.

Brian Schulz, Vice President of Product Support for Michigan CAT, and Paul Furtaw, Bergmann Associates, were present to request a driveway variance for Michigan CAT's development on Millett Highway in Delta Township. A letter of explanation was distributed. There was discussion. Mr. Furtaw withdrew the request for a variance and will pursue design alternatives with staff.

Charles Abraham, Abraham Real Estate, and David Christian, DC Engineering, were present to request two driveway variances for Mr. Abraham's site at 698 Waverly Road, for the driveway serviced by St. Joe Highway. There was discussion.

Moved by Lamoreaux, second by Eldred to deny the request to waive the requirement for a 10-foot separation between the back of the curb and the sidewalk along St. Joe Highway. Motion carried.

Moved by Lamoreaux, second by Eldred to approve the request to waive the requirement to collect storm water at the driveway. Motion carried.

Ron Clark, with ET Mackenzie Co. and on behalf of Nixon Road Holdings, LLC, was present to request approval for the final plat of Shadow Glen Subdivision No. 4. There was discussion.

Engineer-Manager Ballou recommended the Board approve final plat and street construction agreement with Nixon Road Holdings, LLC.

Moved by Lamoreaux, second by Eldred to approve and sign the street construction agreement with Nixon Road Holdings, LLC for Shadow Glen Subdivision No. 4. Motion carried.

Moved by Eldred, second by Lamoreaux to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the final plat of Shadow Glen Subdivision No. 4. Motion carried.

Mr. Ballou presented contracts with Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC and Scodeller Construction, Inc. for the 2015 HMA Overband Crack Fill program and recommended the Board approve and sign the contracts.

Moved by Eldred, second by Lamoreaux to approve the 2015 HMA Overband Crack Fill Contract A with Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC. Motion carried.

Moved by Lamoreaux, second by Eldred to approve the 2015 HMA Overband Crack Fill Contract B with Scodeller Construction, Inc. Motion carried.

Moved by Lamoreaux, second by Eldred to approve the 2015 HMA Overband Crack Fill Contract C with Scodeller Construction, Inc. Motion carried.

Finance Director Friedlis reviewed the 2015-2016 draft budget. There was discussion.

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

Mr. Parshall reported on the activities of the road crews, noting that approximately 45 miles of sealcoat were complete, and approximately 35 miles had also been fog sealed. He reported that the second application of county-wide dust control was nearly complete. There was discussion.

A letter from the County Road Association Self-Insurance Fund regarding its recommendation to convert from a group fund to a mutual fund was reviewed.

The Road Commission's response to a second request for information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act from Blair Miller was reviewed.

There was discussion regarding the Maple Valley Safe Routes to Schools project.

Moved by Lamoreaux, second by Eldred that the budget hearing for the 2015-2016 fiscal year be scheduled for September 22, 2015 at 6:00 pm. Motion carried.

Mr. Ballou updated the board on negotiations with the collective bargaining unit and recommended the Board agree to extend the contract if negotiations are not completed before the expiration date. There was discussion.

Moved by Eldred, second by Lamoreaux to extend the current Collective Bargaining Agreement to December 31, 2015. Motion carried.

There was no public comment.

Vice Chair Maxwell adjourned the meeting at 8:53 pm, without objection.