

EATON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
DECEMBER 22, 2015

A regular meeting of the Eaton County Board of Road Commissioners was held at their office in Charlotte, Michigan on December 22, 2015.

Members Present: Commissioners Maxwell, Eldred, Lamoreaux, Tennis

Members Absent: Commissioner Lyons

Vice Chair Maxwell called the meeting to order at 6:11 pm.

Moved by Tennis, second by Eldred, that the agenda be approved as amended to include consideration of a permit policy variance. Motion carried.

Moved by Lamoreaux, second by Eldred, that the minutes of December 8, 2015 be approved as printed. Motion carried.

There was no public comment.

Moved by Eldred, second by Lamoreaux, that Accounts Payable (VO#21) of 12-08-15 in the amount of \$407.50, Accounts Payable (VO#22) of 12-10-15 in the amount of \$43,890.58, Payroll (VO#23) of 12-15-15 in the amount of \$81,218.02, and Accounts Payable (VO#24) of 12-17-15 in the amount of \$385,082.48, for total expenditures of \$510,598.58 be approved. There was discussion.

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

Engineer-Manager Ballou and Assistant County Engineer Hannahs reviewed the preliminary plat for Shadow Glen Nos. 5, 6, and 7 and recommended approval. There was discussion.

Moved by Lamoreaux, second by Eldred that the preliminary plat for Shadow Glen Nos. 5, 6, and 7 be approved. Motion carried.

Mr. Ballou presented a Township Request and Agreement for Road Improvement from Sunfield Township to remove and replace the bridge carrying St. Joe Highway over the Sebewa Creek through participation in the State of Michigan Local Bridge Program. The project includes removal of the existing structure and construction of a 37.4 foot wide single span concrete box beam bridge on concrete abutments together with approach road reconstruction, paving, guardrail, drainage relocation, erosion control, traffic control and related work. Additional work provided as required to participate in the state program includes all related preliminary and design engineering, construction engineering, topographic surveys, soil investigations, structural design, plans and specifications, MDEQ permit application and documentation, construction surveying, staking, material testing, inspection, contract administration overhead and accounting. The total cost, net of Federal and State aid, is estimated to be \$163,500. The cost share amount allocated from the Eaton County Road Commission is estimated to be \$81,750, for a net estimated cost to Sunfield Township of \$81,750. There was discussion.

Moved by Tennis, second by Lamoreaux that the Township Request and Agreement for Road Improvement with Sunfield Township be approved. Motion carried.

A request for a variance from the Road Commission's driveway permit policy from Harry Block, 5162 N Gunnell Rd, was reviewed. There was discussion.

Moved by Lamoreaux, second by Eldred to deny Mr. Block's variance request. Motion carried.

Mr. Ballou reviewed a request from Auto Owners for a variance from the Road Commission's permit policy to allow a private corporation to apply for a permit to hang banners on Anacapri Blvd in Delta Township. There was discussion.

Moved by Tennis, second by Eldred to approve Auto Owners variance request to allow the permit application to be submitted by a private corporation. Motion carried.

Assistant County Engineer Hannahs reported on the status of road projects. There was discussion.

Mr. Ballou reported that a Delta Township resident had requested audible pedestrian signals at the intersection of Snow Road and Michigan Ave. There was discussion.

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

The Board tentatively set a public hearing for February 23, 2016, by consensus, to hear public opinion regarding the potential closing of Spicerville Highway at the railroad crossing.

Various correspondence was reviewed.

There was no public comment.

Vice Chair Maxwell adjourned the meeting at 7:29 pm, without objection.