

EATON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
MARCH 8, 2016

A regular meeting of the Eaton County Board of Road Commissioners was held at their office in Charlotte, Michigan on March 8, 2016.

Members Present: Commissioners Maxwell, Eldred, Lamoreaux, Tennis

Members Absent: Commissioner Lyons

Chair Maxwell called the meeting to order at 8:33 am

Moved by Eldred, second by Tennis, that the agenda be approved as amended to include consideration of the bid for the Snow Road signal modernization project. Motion carried.

Moved by Tennis, second by Eldred, that the minutes of February 23, 2016 be approved as printed. Motion carried.

There was no public comment.

Jeff Fineis, Partner, and Barry Brannan, Manager, with Andrews Hooper & Pavlik PLC presented the results of the independent financial statement audit for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015 noting that the statements received a clean, unmodified opinion.

Moved by Eldred, second by Lamoreaux, that Accounts Payable (VO#40) of 02-25-16 in the amount of \$100,980.83, Payroll (VO#41) of 02-29-16 in the amount of \$136.32, and Accounts Payable (VO#42) of 03-03-16 in the amount of \$150,370.40, for total expenditures of \$251,487.55 be approved. There was discussion.

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

Engineer-Manager Ballou presented the 2016 Township Match Program with matching funds at the same level as 2015 and as included in the 2015-2016 budget, and recommended that the program be maintained as in prior years. There was discussion.

Moved by Tennis, second by Lamoreaux to adopt the 2015-2016 Township Match Program as recommended by staff. Motion carried.

Mr. Ballou presented an agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation for the replacement of the St. Joe Highway bridge over the Sebewa Creek, and recommended the Board authorize the Chair and Clerk to sign. There was discussion.

Moved by Lamoreaux, second by Eldred to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the agreement between the Michigan Department of Transportation and the Eaton County Road Commission for the removal and replacement of the structure B01 of 23-13-16 (#2410), which carries St. Joe Highway over the Sebewa Creek, sections 14 and 15, T4N, R6W, Sunfield Township, Eaton County, Michigan; the reconstruction of the approaches to the structure for approximately 191 feet westerly and 225 feet easterly of the structure; and all together with necessary related work known as Job Number 118674A, Control Section BRO 23013, Contract No. 15-5331, Project BRO 1523(016), Federal Item No. RT 0195 be approved and that the Chairman, namely Dorothy E. Maxwell, and the Clerk, Lori N. Friedlis, be duly authorized to sign the contract.

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

Assistant County Engineer Hannahs recommended the Board approve a quote from OHM Advisors for the annual inspection of ten bridges. There was discussion.

Moved by Tennis, second by Eldred to approve the quote of OHM Advisors for the annual inspection of ten bridges. Motion carried.

Mr. Hannahs distributed the bid results for the Snow Road signal modernization project. Mr. Ballou noted that the lowest bid was nearly 20% over the engineer's estimate and the Road Commission's agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation allows the Road Commission to reject the bid if the lowest bid is greater than 10% of the engineer's estimate. There was discussion and staff recommended the Board reject the bid with the intention of re-bidding the project at a later date.

Moved by Eldred, second by Tennis to reject the bid for the Snow Road signal modernization project. Motion carried.

Mr. Hannahs reported 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 Road Commission's response to recent winter storms.

There was discussion regarding the draft Supplemental Annual Report for the 2014-2015 fiscal year and the draft 2015 Local Road Millage Program Report. Mr. Ballou noted that he was attending the Eaton County Public Works and Planning Committee meeting to discuss the millage report and was scheduled to give the annual report to the full Board on March 18, 2016.

Correspondence from Delta Township regarding a traffic signal at the intersection of M-43 and Broadbent Road was reviewed.

There was discussion regarding 2016 projects for the Local Road Millage Program.

Commissioner Lamoreaux excused himself from the meeting.

There was discussion regarding Five Point Highway at “Creepy Swamp” and potential work to be done by the Drain Commission.

There was no public comment

Moved by Tennis, second by Eldred to adjourn the meeting at 10:33 am. Motion carried.