

EATON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
MARCH 22, 2016

A regular meeting of the Eaton County Board of Road Commissioners was held at their office in Charlotte, Michigan on March 22, 2016.

Members Present: Commissioners Maxwell, Eldred, Lamoreaux, Lyons, Tennis

Members Absent: none

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

Moved by Lamoreaux, second by Lyons, that the agenda be approved as amended to include discussion regarding a diesel vehicle replacement program under consideration at the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission and consideration of the purchase of a backhoe through the state extended purchasing program. Motion carried.

Moved by Tennis, second by Eldred, that the minutes of March 8, 2016 be approved as printed. Motion carried.

Jerry Kubica, 1908 W Five Point Hwy, read a prepared statement on behalf of a group of residents regarding the condition of Five Point Highway between Matthews and Maurer Roads and requested the minutes reflect that their attendance at this meeting represented the third time since last October that the group had spoken to the Road Commission regarding their safety concerns.

There was discussion.

Jerry Frazier, 1188 W Five Point Hwy, suggested the Road Commission extend the culverts at the location and replace the shoulder.

Andrea Funk, 2192 W Five Point Hwy, suggested the Road Commission repave the portion of Five Point Hwy under discussion, add pavement markings and a stop light or signs to force drivers to slow down.

Jim Smith, 2858 W Five Point Hwy, agreed with the suggestion that pavement markings be placed on the road.

Chair Maxwell responded to questions from the group.

Denis Starr, 4306 Battle Creek Road, suggested the Road Commission put logs under the road to hold it up.

Sharon Kubica, 1908 W Five Point Hwy, suggested the Board transfer Michigan Transportation Funds (MTF) the county's Local road system to the Primary road system for Five Point Highway.

Engineer-Manager Ballou explained the provisions of Public Act 51 of 1951 that allow the Road Commission to make transfers of MTF distributions between the Primary and Local road funds. He added that currently, the Local road system is allocated only around 25% of MTF distributions which is currently not enough to even maintain the Local road system. He added that the funds from the Local Road Millage may not be spent on maintenance.

There was further discussion.

Chair Maxwell suggested the Board schedule a special meeting to further meet with residents regarding Five Point Highway.

Moved by Eldred, second by Lyons to schedule a special meeting, the date to be determined. Motion carried.

Moved by Eldred, second by Lyons, that Payroll (VO#43) of 03-10-16 in the amount of \$86,625.37, Accounts Payable (VO#44) of 03-10-16 in the amount of \$46,036.59, Accounts Payable (VO#45) of 03-17-16 in the amount of \$140,469.44, and Payroll (VO#46) of 03-24-16 in the amount of \$70,183.75, for total expenditures of \$343,315.15 be approved. There was discussion.

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

There was discussion regarding the Spicerville Highway railroad crossing. Chair Maxwell allowed further public comment.

Moved by Tennis, second by Lyons to install signal lights, gates and audible warning devices at the railroad grade crossing of Spicerville Highway at the Canadian National Railroad between White Road and Battle Creek Road in sections 5 and 8, Walton Township. Motion carried.

Assistant County Engineer Hannahs presented the December 31, 2015 certification maps, noting that the maps reflected the deletion of Dimondale Highway and the addition of several subdivision streets as previously approved by the Board. He recommended the Board approve the certification maps and authorize the chair to sign.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That all of the roads on which lengths have been entered along the road bands of the township and enlarged section maps dated December 31, 2015 are normally open to automobile traffic during the months of May through October and under the jurisdiction of the Eaton County Road Commission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chair, namely Dorothy E. Maxwell, be authorized to sign the certification maps.

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

Commissioner Tennis reported that the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission is exploring the use of Congestion Mitigation (CMAQ) grant money, as a region, to modernize diesel engines. There was discussion.

Superintendent Parshall recommended the Board approve the purchase of a backhoe through the State of Michigan's extended purchasing program (MiDeal) for approximately \$106,000, as detailed in the 2015-2016 capital outlay budget. There was discussion.

Moved by Lyons, second by Tennis to approve the purchase of a backhoe through MiDeal. 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.

Mr. Ballou reported that seasonal weight restrictions would be lifted effective March 23, 2016 at 6:00 am. There was discussion.

Mr. Ballou reported that he attended the county's Public Works & Planning committee meeting to discuss the 2014-2015 Annual Report and the results of the 2015 Local Road Millage Program. He noted that he and several members of the Board also attended the County Commission meeting.

Mr. Ballou reported that he, Mr. Hannahs and Chair Maxwell met with representatives from Delta Township to discuss various concerns relating to Delta Township roads.

Mr. Ballou reminded the Board that the annual update with the Townships was scheduled for March 28, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

There was no correspondence.

There was no public comment

Moved by Tennis, second by Lyons to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 pm. Motion carried.