

EATON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

APRIL 26, 2016

A regular meeting of the Eaton County Board of Road Commissioners was held at their office in Charlotte, Michigan on April 26, 2016.

Members Present: Commissioners Maxwell, Eldred, Lamoreaux, Tennis

Members Absent: Commissioner Lyons

Chair Maxwell called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Moved by Eldred, second by Tennis, that the agenda be approved as amended to include consideration of applications for the critical bridge program and discussion regarding a written attorney-client communication. Motion carried.

Moved by Lamoreaux, second by Eldred, that the minutes of April 12, 2016 be approved as printed. Motion carried.

Moved by Eldred, second by Lamoreaux, that the minutes of the closed session of April 12, 2016 be approved as printed. Motion carried.

Sharon Kubica, 1908 W Five Point Hwy, was present to thank Chair Maxwell for returning her phone call and stated she and others were present to listen to the discussion regarding the date for the special meeting.

Moved by Eldred, second by Lamoreaux, that Accounts Payable (VO#52) of 04-14-16 in the amount of \$115,456.68, Payroll (VO#53) of 04-20-16 in the amount of \$76,028.02, Accounts Payable (VO#54) of 04-21-16 in the amount of \$75,860.73, and Payroll (VO#55) of 04-26-16 in the amount of \$310.46, for total expenditures of \$491,831.96 be approved. There was discussion.

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

Finance Director Friedlis reviewed a Fund Change Request for the Eaton County Road Commission 457 Deferred Compensation Plan, noting that the recommendation had been as a result of regular review of investment options by Steve Anabel at Northern Financial Management. There was discussion.

Moved by Tennis, second by Eldred to approve the recommended Fund Change Request and to authorize Chair Maxwell to sign as Trustee. Motion carried.

Chair Maxwell opened the meeting to discussion regarding a date for a special meeting regarding the Five Point swamp.

Commissioner Tennis reported that he had attended a meeting regarding a study to determine future work to be done on the Battle Creek River downstream of Five Point Highway, which could have an

impact on the Brown Drain, and suggested that the special meeting be scheduled this fall after data collection efforts, analysis and documentation were complete, and that the agencies involved in the project attend the meeting.

Commissioner Eldred concurred.

Engineer-Manager Ballou reported that he had spoken with representatives from the Drain Commission, the Township, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), the engineering firm that performed the feasibility study, and others regarding their availability to attend a special meeting in early May. He noted that the Drain Commission is pursuing a project to relocate the Brown drain and they are currently starting the permit process.

Chair Maxwell opened the meeting to public comment.

Several residents were in attendance as well as County Commissioners Austin and Ridge, and after much discussion, all expressed the desire to schedule the special meeting earlier than the fall.

There was additional discussion.

Moved by Lamoreaux, second by Eldred to schedule a special meeting for Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 6:00 pm. Motion carried.

Mr. Ballou opened the bids for grader blades.

BID TABULATION FOR GRADER BLADES

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Type A:	Surface Hardened Steel Blade	¾"x8"x6' (Single Bevel Curve)
Type B:	Surface Hardened Steel Blade	¾"x8"x7' (Single Bevel Curve)
Type C:	Surface Hardened Steel Blade – Serrated	¾"x8"x6' (Single Bevel Curve)
Type D:	Surface Hardened Steel Blade – Serrated	¾"x8"x7' (Single Bevel Curve)

Bidder	Shults Equipment, Inc.	Winter Equipment Co.	Michigan CAT
Local	No	No	No
Brand Name	Esco		Caterpillar

Description	Weight per Ft	Unit Price per Ft	Weight per Ft	Unit Price per Ft	Weight per Ft	Unit Price Per Ft
Type A	19.17	17.29		No Bid	19.30	13.94
Type B	19.17	17.29		No Bid	19.40	13.79
Type C	15.34	18.90		No Bid	13.80	16.38
Type D	15.34	19.71		No Bid	14.60	16.20

There was discussion.

Moved by Tennis, second by Lamoreaux that the bid for grader blades be awarded to the low bidder, Michigan CAT. Motion carried.

Mr. Hannahs reported on the status of road projects, noting that the replacement of the St. Joe Hwy bridge in Sunfield Township was scheduled to start May 2 and the St. Joe Highway resurfacing project between Canal and Creyts Road will be let in June or July. There was discussion.

Mr. Hannahs reported that representatives from Workin' Bridges had approached him with an interest in purchasing and relocating the Powers Road bridge. There was discussion. The Board consensus was that staff should explore the opportunity.

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

Mr. Hannahs presented recommendations for the 2019 Critical Bridge Program.

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

WHEREAS, this Board of Eaton County Road Commissioners has been advised that the bridges on Mt. Hope Highway over the Sebewa Creek in Sunfield Township; Vermontville Highway over the Thornapple River in Benton Township; Vermontville Highway over the Little Thornapple River in Chester Township; Marshall Road over Big Creek in Walton Township; Five Point Highway over the Battle Creek River in Brookfield Township; and Ionia Road over the Thornapple River in Vermontville Township continue to deteriorate, and

WHEREAS, closure of these bridges has or would cause significant problems for and delays to the traveling public in these parts of Eaton County, and

WHEREAS, there are local bridge funds available through the Michigan Department of Transportation to replace and perform preventative maintenance on structures such as these,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Road Commission Engineer-Manager is hereby directed to process applications for the replacement of the Mt. Hope Highway bridge; rehabilitation of the Five Point Highway bridge; preventative maintenance on the Ionia Road and the Old 27 (Marshall Road) bridges; and multiple PM on the Vermontville Highway bridges, all located in Eaton County.

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

There was discussion regarding written, attorney-client communication regarding Canadian National correspondence dated March 23, 2016.

Commissioner Lamoreaux reported that Harry Bell, the oldest living Road Commission retiree had passed away at nearly 98 years of age.

Mr. Ballou distributed correspondence regarding MDOT's project to install a traffic signal at M-43 and Broadbent Road. There was discussion.

Denis Starr, 4306 Battle Creek Road, expressed concerns regarding visibility at stop signs at the intersections of Chester Rd and Kalamo Hwy and Spicerville Hwy and Ainger Rd.

Chair Maxwell adjourned the meeting at 7:33 pm, without objection.