

EATON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
NOVEMBER 22, 2016

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

Members Present: Commissioners Eldred, Lamoreaux, Lyons, Tennis

Members Absent: Commissioner Maxwell

Vice Chair Eldred called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Moved by Tennis, second by Lamoreaux, that the agenda be approved as amended to include consideration of a driveway variance request. Motion carried.

Moved by Lyons, second by Lamoreaux, that the minutes of November 8, 2016 be approved as printed. Motion carried.

There was no public comment.

Moved by Lamoreaux, second by Lyons, that Accounts Payable (VO#10) of 11-10-16 in the amount of \$67,850.33, Payroll (VO#11) of 11-16-16 in the amount of \$88,539.52, and Accounts Payable (VO#12) of 11-17-16 in the amount of \$96,123.83, for total expenditures of \$252,513.68 be approved. There was discussion.

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

Engineer-Manager Ballou presented the 2016-2019 Winter Maintenance contract with Burkett Excavating and recommended approval.

Moved by Lyons, second by Tennis to approve and sign the 2016-2019 Winter Maintenance contract with Burkett Excavating. Motion carried.

Mr. Ballou presented Schwab New Account Setup Forms for the Eaton County Road Commission Money Purchase and 457 Deferred Compensation plans, noting that no action was required. There was discussion.

Assistant County Engineer Hannahs presented the preliminary plat for Fieldstone Farms No. 5. There was discussion. Mr. Ballou recommended the Board approve the plat.

Moved by Lyons, second by Tennis to approve the preliminary plat for Fieldstone Farms No. 5. Motion carried.

Mr. Hannahs presented a request from William Walker for a variance from the Road Commission's commercial driveway standards by waiving the requirement for tapers and curb and gutter on Walker's Lane, a private road in Benton Township. There was discussion.

Moved by Lyons, second by Lamoreaux to approve the variance as recommended by staff. Motion carried.

Mr. Hannahs reported on the status of road projects, noting that preventative maintenance on the Ionia Rd bridge was approved for 2019 funding. There was discussion.

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

Correspondence from James Heckman and residents of Lawson Road, regarding tree trimming, in Oneida Township was reviewed.

Commissioner Tennis noted that at the Walton Township meeting, County Commissioner Kent Austin stated that a resident was compiling a list of dead trees to share with the Road Commission.

There was discussion regarding the lawsuit with Grand Trunk Western Railroad Co.

There was discussion regarding recent Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) correspondence.

Sue Spagnuolo, Executive Director for the Eaton Conservation District, was present to provide information regarding efforts to fight invasive plant species and potential training for Road Commission employees on identification of the plant species. There was discussion.

Moved by Lyons, second by Lamoreaux to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 pm. Motion carried.