

EATON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
DECEMBER 13, 2016

A regular meeting of the Eaton County Board of Road Commissioners was held at their office in Charlotte, Michigan on December 13, 2016.

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

Members Absent: none

Chair Maxwell called the meeting to order at 8:28 am.

Moved by Lyons, second by Eldred, that the agenda be approved as printed. Motion carried.

Moved by Tennis, second by Eldred, that the minutes of November 22, 2016 be approved as printed. Motion carried.

There was no public comment.

Moved by Eldred, second by Lyons, that Accounts Payable (VO#13) of 11-23-16 in the amount of \$36,331.37, Payroll (VO#14) of 11-30-16 in the amount of \$83,327.91, Payroll (VO#15) of 12-12-16 in the amount of \$23,176.31, Accounts Payable (VO#16) of 12-02-16 in the amount of \$71,832.94, and Accounts Payable (VO#17) of 12-08-16 in the amount of \$112,136.50, for total expenditures of \$326,805.03 be approved. There was discussion.

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

Finance Director Friedlis reviewed restated plan documents for the Eaton County Road Commission Money Purchase Plan and recommended the Board approve and sign the Adoption Agreement.

Moved by Eldred, second by Lyons to approve the restatement of the Eaton County Road Commission Money Purchase Plan as recommended by staff. Motion carried.

Finance Director Friedlis reviewed restated plan documents for the Eaton County Road Commission 457 Deferred Compensation Plan and recommended the Board approve and sign the Adoption Agreement. She noted the Board approved a restatement at the regular Board meeting of November 8, 2016 but a minor change to the Adoption Agreement required re-approval. There was discussion.

Moved by Lyons, second by Eldred to approve the restatement of the Eaton County Road Commission 457 Deferred Compensation Plan as recommended by staff. Motion carried.

There was discussion regarding the meeting schedule for the remainder of 2016.

Moved by Lyons, second by Eldred that the business of the next regular meeting of the Eaton County Board of Road Commissioners be suspended until the meeting of January 10, 2017. Motion carried.

Engineer-Manager Ballou and Assistant County Engineer Hannahs presented an additional request from William Walker for a variance from the Road Commission's commercial driveway standards by waiving the width requirement for the road and tapers on Walker's Lane, a private road in Benton Township.

Mr. Ballou stated that the concern of the Road Commission is the impact of the private road on the County road, Doane Highway and due to potential problems for drivers on Doane Hwy, thinks the initial variance was adequate and does not recommend any further variances.

Mr. Walker was present to explain his plans for the property and noted that he doesn't expect additional usage of the drive beyond how it is used currently.

There was discussion.

Moved by Lyons, second by Tennis to deny the variance as recommended by staff.

There was further discussion.

Motion carried.

Correspondence from Mary Benson and the residents of River Park Farms subdivision, regarding the resurfacing of their streets, was reviewed. There was discussion regarding this and the Local Road Millage Program in general.

Correspondence from the City of Grand Ledge, regarding Tallman Road and Lincoln Brick Park, was reviewed. There was discussion.

Email correspondence from Patrick Spyke, CEO of LAFCU, regarding winter maintenance on Marketplace Blvd, was reviewed. There was discussion. Mr. Ballou indicated he would reach out to Mr. Spyke to address his concerns.

There was further discussion regarding maintenance during and after the recent snow event.

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 updated the Board on the status of the CN/Grand Trunk Western Railroad lawsuit.

Sharon Kubica, 1908 W Five Point Hwy, was present to inquire about further work to be done on Five Point Highway at the swamp. There was discussion.

Chair Maxwell adjourned the meeting at 10:00 am without objection.