

EATON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
JANUARY 10, 2017

A regular meeting of the Eaton County Board of Road Commissioners was held at their office in Charlotte, Michigan on January 10, 2017.

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

Members Absent: none

Chair Maxwell called the meeting to order at 8:35 am.

Moved by Lamoreaux, second by Eldred, that the agenda be approved as amended to include a wage authorization for an engineering technician. Motion carried.

Engineer-Manager Ballou opened the organizational meeting and requested nominations for Chair of the Board.

Moved by Lamoreaux, second by Lyons to nominate Commissioner Eldred for Chair of the Board for 2017. Hearing no further nominations, nominations were closed. Vote in favor of Commissioner Eldred as Chair of the Board for 2017 carried.

Chair Eldred requested nominations for Vice Chair of the Board.

Moved by Lyons, second by Frazier to nominate Commissioner Lamoreaux for Vice Chair of the Board for 2017. Hearing no further nominations, nominations were closed. Vote in favor of Commissioner Lamoreaux for Vice Chair of the Board for 2017 carried.

Moved by Lamoreaux, second by Lyons to appoint Commissioner Maxwell as the Eaton County Road Commission's representative on the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission. Motion carried.

Moved by Lyons, second by Lamoreaux to reappoint Commissioner Eldred as the Eaton County Road Commission's representative on the Eaton County Parks and Recreation Commission. Motion carried.

Moved by Lyons, second by Lamoreaux, that the minutes of December 13, 2016 be approved as printed. Motion carried.

There was no public comment.

Moved by Lyons, second by Lamoreaux, that Payroll (VO#18) of 12-14-16 in the amount of \$90,328.53, Accounts Payable (VO#19) of 12-14-16 in the amount of \$20,000.00, Accounts Payable (VO#20) of 12-15-16 in the amount of \$54,974.14, Accounts Payable (VO#21) of 12-22-16 in the amount of \$76,862.14, Payroll (VO#22) of 12-29-16 in the amount of \$119,641.07, Accounts Payable (VO#23) of 12-29-16 in the amount of \$568,148.63, and Accounts Payable (VO#24) of 01-06-17 in the amount of \$134,467.33, for total expenditures of \$1,064,421.84 be approved. There was discussion.

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

Moved by Lamoreaux, second by Lyons that the current meeting schedule, being the second Tuesday of the month at 8:30 am and the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm, be maintained for 2017, with the last meeting of the year to be held on December 12, 2017. Motion carried.

Mr. Ballou presented an offer from Commonwealth Engineering on behalf of the Lansing Board of Water & Light for \$1,000 for the one-year option to purchase an easement at the Delta garage location for \$41,403. He recommended the Board accept the offer and authorize the Engineer-Manager to sign the option. There was discussion.

Moved by Lyons, second by Maxwell to accept the offer as presented by staff and to authorize the Engineer-Manager to sign the option. Motion carried.

There was further discussion.

Mr. Ballou presented a request from Nathan Delagrange for a variance from the Road Commission's driveway standards by waiving the sight distance requirement for property on Ionia Road. There was discussion.

Moved by Lyons, second by Lamoreaux that Nathan Delagrange's variance request be denied under existing circumstances. 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 requested approval to hire Erik Dehring for the open Engineering Technician position at a rate of \$23.08 per hour. There was discussion.

Moved by Lyons, second by Lamoreaux to authorize the wage for Erik Dehring as Engineering Technician. Motion carried.

There was discussion regarding Road Commission cooperation with local fire departments on private roads, specifically in Benton Township.

Mr. Ballou reported that Delta Township is in the process of passing an ordinance that will prohibit residents from pushing snow onto the streets.

There was no public comment.

Moved by Lyons, second by Lamoreaux to adjourn the meeting at 9:41 am. Motion carried.