

EATON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
JANUARY 24, 2017

A regular meeting of the Eaton County Board of Road Commissioners was held at their office in Charlotte, Michigan on January 24, 2017.

Members Present: Commissioners Eldred, Lamoreaux, Frazier, Maxwell

Members Absent: Commissioner Lyons

Chair Eldred called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

Moved by Lamoreaux, second by Frazier, that the agenda be approved as amended to include consideration of seasonal weight restrictions and designation of a weighmaster. Motion carried.

Moved by Lamoreaux, second by Maxwell, that the minutes of January 10, 2017 be approved as printed. Motion carried.

There was no public comment.

Moved by Lamoreaux, second by Maxwell, that Payroll (VO#25) of 01-11-17 in the amount of \$82,398.54, Accounts Payable (VO#26) of 01-12-17 in the amount of \$54,558.98, Accounts Payable (VO#27) of 01-19-17 in the amount of \$112,427.94, and Payroll (VO#28) of 01-24-17 in the amount of \$86,844.23, for total expenditures of \$336,229.69 be approved. There was discussion.

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

Engineer-Manager Ballou presented an agreement with the Eaton County Drain Commission and the Lansing Board of Water and Light to establish a new branch to the Holly Drain and recommended the Board approve the agreement and authorize the chair to sign the agreement. There was discussion.

Moved by Maxwell, second by Lamoreaux that the agreement with the Eaton County Drain Commission and the Lansing Board of Water and Light to establish a new branch to the Holly Drain be approved and the chair be authorized to sign said agreement. Motion carried.

Mr. Ballou and Assistant County Engineer Hannahs distributed maps and a list illustrating proposed projects to be completed with local road millage proceeds for 2017. There was discussion.

Moved by Maxwell, second by Frazier to approve the preliminary maps and list of projects for the 2017 Local Road Millage Program and to distribute the same to Township officials and place on the Road Commission's website for public comment. Motion carried.

Mr. Ballou discussed seasonal weight restrictions and requested the Board to authorize staff to invoke weight restrictions as necessary. He also requested the Board consider designating Jeff Rutter, Engineering Technician, as a weighmaster for 2017. There was discussion.

Moved by Lamoreaux, second by Frazier to authorize the Engineer-Manager to invoke and/or suspend seasonal weight restrictions on all Eaton County Roads at his discretion. Motion carried.

Moved by Frazier, second by Lamoreaux to designate Jeff Rutter as authorized Weighmaster for the 2017 calendar year for only those times and purposes determined by the Engineer-Manager. 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 two serious accidents, one fatal, had occurred on Battle Creek Hwy within the last week. He noted that they did not appear to be weather or road related, but remain under investigation.

Mr. Ballou reported on the status of the CN Railroad lawsuit.

Phil Bombrys, Hamlin Township Supervisor, was present and commented on the condition of gravel roads and the Road Commission's relationships with Township officials.

Moved by Lamoreaux, second by Frazier to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 pm. Motion carried.