

EATON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
FEBRUARY 14, 2017

A regular meeting of the Eaton County Board of Road Commissioners was held at their office in Charlotte, Michigan on February 14, 2017.

Members Present: Commissioners Eldred, Frazier, Lyons, Maxwell

Members Absent: Commissioner Lamoreaux

Chair Eldred called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

Moved by Maxwell, second by Lyons, that the agenda be approved as amended to include consideration of the annual township meeting, a TIP amendment for 2017 and 2018 federal aid projects, and the purchase of truck equipment via MiDeal. Motion carried.

Moved by Maxwell, second by Frazier, that the minutes of January 24, 2017 be approved as printed. Motion carried.

Owen Knoll, 5928 S Ainger Rd, was present to express his concerns regarding truck traffic on Ainger Road and the impact of the trucks during seasonal weight restrictions.

Moved by Lyons, second by Frazier, that Accounts Payable (VO#29) of 01-26-17 in the amount of \$50,410.35, Accounts Payable (VO#30) of 01-27-17 in the amount of \$1,350.00, Accounts Payable (VO#31) of 02-02-17 in the amount of \$111,839.46, Payroll (VO#32) of 02-07-17 in the amount of \$87,639.98, and Accounts Payable (VO#33) of 02-09-17 in the amount of \$64,146.35, for total expenditures of \$315,386.14 be approved. There was discussion.

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

Engineer-Manager Ballou and Assistant County Engineer Hannahs presented the preliminary plat for Wind Trace Phase 1. There was discussion. Mr. Ballou recommended the Board approve the preliminary plat on the condition that the developer construct a roundabout-type connection to proposed private roads in the development to the north of the plat.

Ron Clark, ET Mackenzie Co., gave some history of the project and discussed the roundabout.

Moved by Lyons, second by Maxwell that the preliminary plat of Wind Trace Phase 1 be approved as recommended by staff with the following conditions:

Prior to acceptance of the FINAL plat the proprietor shall dedicate by easement or deed such additional right of way outside the approved plat as necessary to construct and maintain a roundabout type connection to proposed private roads in the development to the north of the plat, and shall construct the roundabout and complete the connection to the roads in the plat at same time as the roads are constructed in phase 1 of the plat, OR

Prior to the acceptance of the FINAL plat the proprietor shall dedicate by easement or deed such additional right of way necessary for the road connection and roundabout and furnish surety acceptable to the board in an amount sufficient to pay for any remaining construction of the public road connection and roundabout at a future date.

Both options would include completion and submittal of construction plans meeting the approval of the road commission, together with the prohibition of direct driveway access onto the roundabout from lots having frontage on the roundabout, and the restriction of driveway access onto the intersecting public and private roads within the influence of the roundabout islands.

Motion carried.

Mr. Hannahs presented a request from M & M Pavement Marking to extend its 2016 bid prices for pavement marking into 2017 and recommended the Board approve the extension. There was discussion.

Moved by Frazier, second by Lyons to approve the request from M & M Pavement Marking to extend its 2016 bid prices for pavement markings to 2017. Motion carried.

Mr. Ballou reviewed the Local Road Heavy Maintenance Program, or "Township Match Program," and recommended the Board approve the program at the same funding level for the 2016-2017 year, noting that the funding is currently included in the budget. There was discussion.

Moved by Lyons, second by Frazier to adopt the 2016-2017 Township Match Program as recommended by staff. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed proposed amendments to the County Road Association of Michigan's Constitution and Bylaws and cast their votes by consensus.

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.

There was discussion regarding the annual meeting with the townships.

Moved by Lyons, second by Frazier that the annual meeting with the townships be scheduled for Monday, March 27, 2017 at 7:00 pm. Motion carried.

Mr. Ballou and Mr. Hannahs reported on available federal funding for the resurfacing of Canal Road from Mt. Hope to Osborn that requires a TIP amendment at the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission because the funding spans a three year period and will require a deposit for advance construction if constructed in 2017. There was discussion.

Moved by Lyons, second by Frazier to approve seeking a TIP amendment for the resurfacing of Canal Road as recommended by staff. Motion carried.

Mr. Ballou requested the Board approve the purchase of the equipment for two truck chassis previously purchased through the State of Michigan's extended purchasing program, MiDeal. There was discussion.

Moved by Lyons, second by Frazier to approve the purchase of truck equipment through MiDeal. Motion carried.

Mr. Ballou distributed a proposed agreement with Delta Township to share equally in the cost of the project on Broadbent Rd at M-43 to facilitate the installation of a traffic signal. There was discussion and staff was directed to continue to pursue an agreement with Delta Township.

Correspondence from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality was reviewed.

There was discussion regarding responsibility and liability for trees inside road right-of-way.

There was no public comment.

Chair Eldred adjourned the meeting at 10:12 am without objection.