

EATON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
MARCH 26, 2019

A regular meeting of the Eaton County Board of Road Commissioners was held at their office in Charlotte, Michigan on March 26, 2019.

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

Members Absent: none

Chair Frazier called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

Moved by Lyons, second by Lamoreaux, that the agenda be approved as amended to include consideration of a request from Hamlin Township regarding the Local Road Millage Program. Motion carried.

Moved by Eldred, second by Lyons, that the minutes of March 12, 2019 be approved as printed. Motion carried.

Dave Beck, 2228 Flanders Rd, was present to express concern regarding work his neighbor did in the right-of-way. There was discussion.

Moved by Eldred, second by Lamoreaux, that Accounts Payable (VO#38) of 03-14-19 in the amount of \$46,295.32, Accounts Payable (VO#39) of 03-15-19 in the amount of \$250,000.00, Payroll (VO#40) of 03-19-19 in the amount of \$86,517.04, and Accounts Payable (VO#41) of 03-21-19 in the amount of \$332,934.57, for total expenditures of \$715,746.93, be approved. There was discussion.

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

Assistant County Engineer Hannahs reviewed a request for a variance from the Road Commission's commercial driveway standards for Hidden Creek Farms, located at 2181 E Vermontville Highway. Adam and Haley Auvenshine, property owners and proprietors, were present to provide a statement. There was discussion.

Moved by Lyons, second by Eldred to approve the variance as proposed by the property owners. Motion carried.

Engineer-Manager Ballou reviewed the bid tabulations for asphalt emulsion, asphalt patching mix, grader blades, the Cochran Road widening & HMA base crushing & shaping project, HMA Resurfacing Contract A, and aggregate surface course and maintenance gravel.

Moved by Lamoreaux, second by Maxwell that the bid for asphalt emulsion be awarded to the low bidder, Bit-Mat Products of Michigan, with the option to purchase from the second lowest bidder, Michigan Paving & Materials Co., if the costs of shipping outweigh the price difference. Motion carried.

Moved by Lamoreaux, second by Lyons that the bid for asphalt patching mix be awarded to the low bidder, Lakeland Asphalt Corp. Motion carried.

Moved by Eldred, second by Lamoreaux, that the bid for grader blades be awarded to St. Regis Culvert, Inc. for Types A & B and Heights Truck Equipment for Types C & D. Motion carried.

Moved by Eldred, second by Lamoreaux that the bid for Cochran Road – widening & HMA base crushing and shaping be awarded to the low bidder, Hunter-Prell Co. Motion carried.

Moved by Maxwell, second by Lamoreaux that the bid for HMA Resurfacing – Contract A be awarded to the low bidder, Lakeland Asphalt Corp. Motion carried.

Moved by Eldred, second by Lyons that the bid for aggregate surface course and maintenance gravel be awarded to the low bidder for each location. Motion carried.

Mr. Ballou presented an agreement with MDOT and the Eaton County Road Commission for the Battle Creek Hwy project from Five Point to Carlisle. He recommended the Board approve the agreement and authorize the Chair and Clerk to sign. There was discussion.

Moved by Lamoreaux, second by Maxwell to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the agreement between the Michigan Department of Transportation and the Eaton County Road Commission for hot mix asphalt cold milling and resurfacing work along Battle Creek Road from Five Point Highway northerly to Carlisle Highway; including joint and crack repair, shoulder trenching, culvert replacement and cleanout, intersection improvement, concrete curb and gutter, ditching, slope restoration, guardrail, pavement marking, and traffic control work; and all together with necessary related work located in Eaton County known as Job Number 130123A, Control Section STL 23000, Contract No. 19-5109, Project 1900(449), be approved and that the Chair, namely Jerry L. Frazier, and the Clerk, Lori N. Friedlis, be duly authorized to sign the contract.

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

Mr. Ballou reviewed the petition to abandon a portion of Cochran Road at Baseline Highway, noting that the signatures had been reviewed and were valid. He recommended the Board set the public hearing as required by law. There was discussion.

Moved by Lyons, second by Eldred that a public hearing for the abandonment of Cochran Road at Baseline Highway be scheduled for June 25, 2019 during the Board's regularly scheduled meeting at 6:00 pm. Motion carried.

Mr. Ballou reviewed the Road Commission's current mailbox policy and those of the surrounding counties, as well as a specific claim from a Delta Township resident. There was discussion.

Moved by Maxwell, second by Lyons to table both discussions until the next meeting. Motion carried.

Mr. Ballou distributed rankings of the security audit proposals. There was discussion.

Moved by Eldred, second by Lyons to approve the proposal of Security Risk Management Consultants, LLC (SRMC) to perform a security audit and risk assessment.

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

The Board discussed Old Business.

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 reviewed a request from Hamlin Township to replace Ballard Hwy and Fuller Rd in the 2019 Local Road Millage Program with Smithville Rd from Plains to VFW. There was discussion.

Moved by Lamoreaux, second by Lyons to approve the request by Hamlin Township to add Smithville Rd, from Plains to VFW, to the 2019 Local Road Millage Program and to remove Ballard Hwy and Fuller Rd. Motion carried.

Dave Beck, 2228 Flanders Rd, again expressed his concern regarding work his neighbor did in the right-of-way.

Commissioner Maxwell reported on her attendance at a Chamber of Commerce function at which the governor and MDOT director spoke, regarding their proposed road funding increase.

Chair Frazier suggested the Board consider some alternative options for townships to consider as part of the match program. There was discussion.

Chair Frazier adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm without objection.