

EATON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
JUNE 25, 2019

A regular meeting of the Eaton County Board of Road Commissioners was held at their office in Charlotte, Michigan on June 25, 2019.

Members Present: Commissioners Frazier, Eldred, Lamoreaux, Maxwell

Members Absent: Commissioner Lyons

Chair Frazier called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

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

Chair Frazier called to order the public hearing to hear objections to the absolute abandonment and discontinuance of the curve of Cochran Road located between the northerly driveway to 9800 South Cochran Road and Baseline Highway, in Brookfield and Walton Townships.

Chair Frazier introduced the Board and turned the hearing over to Engineer-Manager Ballou to act as hearing officer.

Mr. Ballou explained the purpose of the hearing and guidelines for public comment.

Greg O'Dell, member of Faith Assembly of God church and representative of petitioning group, explained the history and reason for the petition, citing primarily safety concerns for drivers entering and exiting the church's parking lot.

Dereck Cummings, 8730 S Cochran Rd, expressed concerns regarding semi truck traffic traveling through the area and asked what is being considered to improve the existing T intersection at Cochran Rd and Baseline Hwy.

Mr. Ballou noted that Baseline Hwy at that location is under the jurisdiction of Calhoun County, who has not indicated that they would make improvements to the intersection.

Joe B, of Marshall, commented that he has witnessed semi trucks turning at the intersection of Cochran Rd and Baseline Hwy and doesn't see any problems.

Richard Heisler, 300 W Baseline, expressed concerns about semi truck traffic and increased noise.

Penny Martin, lives south of the curve, expressed concerns about semi truck traffic and encouraged the Road Commission to work with Calhoun County to develop a plan for the intersection if the curve is abandoned.

Mr. Ballou reiterated that Calhoun County is not in favor of abandoning the curve on Cochran Rd and also expressed that there may be issues with the location of the church's driveway on Baseline Hwy if the curve is abandoned.

Dave Beck, 2228 Flanders Rd, suggested additional "Hidden Drive" signage with flashing lights be installed to improve safety.

Moved by Lamoreaux, second by Maxwell that hearing no further comments, the public hearing be closed. Motion carried.

Moved by Maxwell, second by Eldred, that the minutes of June 11, 2019 be approved as corrected. Motion carried.

There was no public comment.

Moved by Lyons, second by Maxwell to place discussion regarding Mr. Beck's concerns on the agenda for the next regularly scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Eldred, second by Maxwell, that Payroll (VO#62) of 06-11-19 in the amount of \$100,955.56, Payroll (VO#63) of 06-11-19 in the amount of \$71.81, Accounts Payable (VO#64) of 06-12-19 in the amount of \$23,171.09, Payroll (VO#65) of 06-20-19 in the amount of \$71.81, Accounts Payable (VO#66) of 06-20-19 in the amount of \$711,548.28, and Payroll (VO#67) of 06-21-19 in the amount of \$20.52, for total expenditures of \$835,839.07, be approved. There was discussion.

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

The Board discussed Old Business.

Moved by Maxwell, second by Lamoreaux for Commissioners Maxwell and Frazier to present a draft evaluation form for the Engineer-Manager to the Board at its regular meeting on August 13, 2019. Motion carried.

Moved by Lamoreaux, second by Maxwell for the Finance Director to begin gathering information from other road commissions and the County Road Association of Michigan regarding public relations matters. Motion carried.

Mr. Hannahs reported on the status of road projects. There was discussion.

Mr. Ballou reported on the activities of the road crews. There was discussion.

There was no correspondence.

Jerry Kubica, 1908 W Five Point Hwy, thanked the Road Commission for addressing his concern on Five Point Highway.

Commissioner Maxwell updated the Board on the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission's activities.

Chair Frazier adjourned the meeting at 6:46 pm without objection.