

EATON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
APRIL 23, 2019

A regular meeting of the Eaton County Board of Road Commissioners was held at their office in Charlotte, Michigan on April 23, 2019.

Members Present: Commissioners Frazier, Lyons, Eldred, Lamoreaux

Members Absent: Commissioner Maxwell

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

Moved by Lyons, second by Eldred, that the agenda be approved as amended to include consideration of the disposal of vehicle #205, a wage authorization and a petition for the abandonment of a portion of Maurer Road. Motion carried.

Moved by Lyons, second by Eldred, that the minutes of April 9, 2019 be approved as printed. Motion carried.

Robert Sepeter, 7290 Island Highway, was present to express concerns regarding flooding on Canal Road. He provided a written statement to the Board.

Victoria Spector, 6700 Aberdeen Drive, was present to express concern regarding drainage on her property. There was discussion.

Moved by Eldred, second by Lyons, that Accounts Payable (VO#45) of 04-11-19 in the amount of \$69,898.31, Payroll (VO#46) of 04-15-19 in the amount of \$90,979.69, and Accounts Payable (VO#47) of 04-18-19 in the amount of \$320,142.84, for total expenditures of \$481,020.84, be approved. There was discussion.

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

Wayne Jackson was present to request a variance from the Road Commission's sight driveway standards for sight distance for his property on Columbia Highway between M-99 and Waverly Road. There was discussion. Engineer-Manager Ballou recommended the Board grant an agricultural variance.

Moved by Lyons, second by Lamoreaux to approve an agricultural variance as recommended by staff. Motion carried.

Mr. Ballou reviewed the bid tabulation for roadside mowing and recommended the Board delay the award for further review. There was discussion.

Moved by Lamoreaux, second by Eldred that the bid for road and sealcoat aggregates be awarded to Carr Bros & Sons, Inc. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Lyons, second by Lamoreaux that the bid for HMA Resurfacing – Contract C be awarded to the low bidder, Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc. Motion carried.

Moved by Eldred, second by Lyons that the bid for HMA Base Crushing & Shaping, Modified be awarded to the low bidder, CL Trucking & Excavating LLC. Motion carried.

Mr. Ballou reviewed Contract A with Lakeland Asphalt Corp. for HMA resurfacing and recommended the Board approve and sign the contract.

Moved by Eldred, second by Lyons to approve Contract A with Lakeland Asphalt for HMA resurfacing. Motion carried.

Mr. Ballou reviewed a contract with Hunter-Prell Co. for the widening and HMA base crushing and shaping of Cochran Road and recommended the Board approve and sign the contract.

Moved by Eldred, second by Lamoreaux to approve the contract with Hunter-Prell Co. for the widening and HMA base crushing and shaping of Cochran Road. Motion carried.

Mr. Ballou reviewed a contract with Crandell Bros. Trucking Co. for the 2019 aggregate surface course program and maintenance gravel and recommended the Board approve and sign the contract.

Moved by Lyons, second by Eldred to approve the contract with Crandell Bros. Trucking Co. for the 2019 aggregate surface course program and maintenance gravel. Motion carried.

Assistant County Engineer Hannahs reviewed his recommendations for the bridge funding applications.

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

WHEREAS, this Board of Eaton County Road Commissioners has been advised that the hot mix asphalt surfaced bridges on; Vermontville Highway over the Thornapple River in Vermontville Township; Mason Road over the Thornapple Creek in Vermontville Township; Spicerville Highway over the Battle Creek River in Brookfield Township; Lamie Highway over the Little Thornapple River in Chester Township; and Mahan Highway over the Battle Creek River in Brookfield Township need preventative maintenance to extend the useful life of the bridge, and

WHEREAS, this Board of Eaton County Road Commissioners has been advised that the concrete deck bridges on Mulliken Road over the Thornapple River in Chester Township; Ainger Road over the Battle Creek River in Walton Township; Bunker Road over the Grand River in Eaton Rapids Township; and Waverly Road over the Grand River in Hamlin Township need preventative maintenance to extend the useful life of the bridge, and

WHEREAS, this Board of Eaton County Road Commissioners has been advised that the bridges on Vermontville Highway over the Little Thornapple River in Chester Township; Marshall Road over Big Creek in Walton Township; and Five Point Highway over the Battle Creek River in Eaton and Brookfield Townships continue to deteriorate, and

WHEREAS, closure of these bridges would cause significant problems for and delays to the traveling public as well as agriculture and other commercial traffic in these parts of Eaton County, and

WHEREAS, there are local bridge funds available through the Michigan Department of Transportation to perform preventative maintenance and rehabilitation on structures such as these,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Road Commission Engineer-Manager is hereby directed to:

Process an application for rehabilitation as the first priority on the following bridge located in Eaton County: Vermontville Highway over the Little Thornapple River (2345) in Chester Township.

Process an application for rehabilitation as the second priority on the following bridge located in Eaton County: Five Point Highway over the Battle Creek River (2340) in Eaton and Brookfield Townships.

Process an application for preventative maintenance as the third priority on the following bridges all located in Eaton County: Vermontville Highway over the Thornapple River (2344) in Vermontville Township; Mason Road over the Thornapple Creek (2420) in Vermontville Township; Spicerville Highway over the Battle Creek River (2380) in Brookfield Township; Lamie Highway over the Little Thornapple River (2388) in Chester Township; and Mahan Highway over the Battle Creek River (2378) in Brookfield Township.

Process applications for preventative maintenance as the fourth priority on the following bridges all located in Eaton County: Mulliken Road over the Thornapple River (2353) in Chester Township; Ainger Road over the Battle Creek River (2352) in Walton Township; Bunker Road over the Grand River (2397) in Eaton Rapids Township; and Waverly Road over the Grand River (2361) in Hamlin Township.

Process an application for preventative maintenance as the fifth priority on the following bridge located in Eaton County: Marshall Road (Old 27) over Big Creek (2364) in Walton Township.

Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a ballot from the County Road Association of Michigan (CRA) regarding changes to its Constitution & Bylaws.

Moved by Lamoreaux, second by Eldred to vote yes to CRA's proposed changes to its Constitution and Bylaws. Motion carried.

The Board discussed Old Business.

Moved by Lyons, second by Eldred to adopt revised Policy 1995-02: Mailbox Replacement Policy. Motion carried.

Chair Frazier requested gravel road maintenance be added to Old Business.

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.

Mr. Ballou reported that the bridge on Mt. Hope Highway has been inspected and recommended for closure. He noted it is scheduled for replacement in 2019.

Mr. Ballou requested the Board approve the disposal of equipment #205, a 2001 Dodge pickup, via online auction. There was discussion.

Moved by Lyons, second by Eldred that staff be authorized to dispose of equipment #205, Dodge pickup, via online auction. Motion carried.

Mr. Ballou reviewed a petition received to abandon a portion of Maurer Road between Battle Creek Hwy and Kalamo Hwy. There was discussion.

Moved by Lyons, second by Eldred to table action on the petition until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Lyons, Eldred, Lamoreaux; Nays: Frazier. Motion carried.

Moved by Lamoreaux, second by Eldred to approve the wage authorization of four engineering co-op students. Motion carried.

Mr. Ballou reviewed a resolution passed by the Windsor Township Board of Trustees to instruct the Road Commission to reduce the speed limit to 40 mph on Creyts Road from Hart Hwy to Lansing Road. There was discussion.

Mr. Ballou reviewed complaints from a resident on Saginaw Hwy regarding the impact of certain road work on his lawn. There was discussion.

There was no public comment.

There was discussion regarding the responsibility of road maintenance at railroad crossings.

Chair Frazier adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm without objection.