

EATON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

JANUARY 28, 2020

A regular meeting of the Eaton County Board of Road Commissioners was held at their office in Charlotte, Michigan on January 28, 2020.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Vice Chairman Lamoreaux.

Members present: Commissioners Frazier, Eldred, Lamoreaux and Aitch

Members absent: Chairman Lyons

Others present: Blair Ballou, Patty Loosemore, Matt Hannahs, Dave Beck, Ray Mast, Neal Mast, Jonuthan Hockstetler, Richard Miller, Ivan Lee Mast, Marvin Hockstetler, Henry Detweiler, Wayne Hockstetler, Nelson Miller, Robert Hockstetler, Wilbur Hockstetler, David Yoder, David Hockstetler, Ben Yutzy, Lavern Yutzy, Junior Miller, Amos Hockstetler, Mahlon Lambright, Samuel Lambright, Levi Coblent, Steve Hockstetler, Edward Schrock, Fred Yutzy, Alvin Mast, Steven Eicher, Mathew Stewy, Nathan Delagrance, Christopher Anderson, Adam Morris, and Mr. Gardner.

Motion by Eldred and seconded by Frazier, that the agenda be approved as amended to include additions: 6 e. Award bid for Royston Road culvert Installation and deletions: 6.a. Consider accepting roads for Village of Shadow Glen Ph. V & VI and 6.b. Consider purchase of Asphalt distributor and truck chassis through MI-Deal. Motion carried.

The Vice-Chairman asked if the minutes of the January 14, 2020 meeting were correct as presented. Motion by Eldred and seconded by Aitch to approve the January 14, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Lavern Yutzy of Chester Road was present to express concern for the safety of buggies on county roads. While safety is a concern everywhere, Chester Road to Vermontville Road is of major concern. He is open to suggestions and working together to provide safer travel on the roads for buggies.

Chief Deputy Adam Morris suggested putting together a committee of individuals who share an interest in the concerns of buggy safety on the roadways to discuss possible solutions.

An unidentified second speaker commented on the speed of vehicles on Vermontville Highway while he is out with his granddaughter on her bike and said this is a similar concern as the buggies. Wondered if there is a law for how close a motorist can come to a bicyclist and if something similar could be enforced for buggies.

An unidentified third speaker commented that he makes flashing strobe lights for buggies and demonstrated one he had brought with him. Buggy safety on hills is a big concern due to the limited vision and flashing strobe lights help. He also wondered if it is possible to get signs that say slow down when passing a buggy.

Public Comment: Dave Beck, 2228 Flanders Road, was present to express concern regarding a dirt pile in his neighbor's driveway and to inquire as to whether a site inspection had taken place.

The following vouchers were presented:

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a.) VO. 26 (01/16/20)	Accounts Payable	\$ 241,607.90
b.) VO. 27 (01/21/20)	Payroll	\$ 97,404.97
c.) VO. 28 (01/23/20)	Payroll	\$ 3,198.53
d.) VO. 29 (01/24/20)	Accounts Payable	\$ 79,002.68

Motion by Eldred and seconded by Frazier that the vouchers with total expenditures of \$421,214.08 be approved. Motion carried.

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

The Engineer/Manager, Mr. Ballou updated the Board on the proposal from SME to prepare the final assessment report for the Charlotte site LUST issue. The Board reviewed and discussed the proposal. Motion by Eldred and seconded by Frazier to approve the proposal from SME to prepare the final assessment report for the Charlotte site LUST issue and authorize the Engineer/Manager to sign the proposal. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the current mailbox replacement policy and considered changes to the policy as recommended by Engineer/Manager, Mr. Ballou. A proposed amended policy will be presented to the Board at the next meeting.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Royston Road Culvert installation bid tabulations and recommendation. Motion by Eldred and seconded by Aitch to approve J. Sebastian Truckin & Exc. as the contractor for the Royston Road Culvert installation, being the low bidder. Motion carried.

Engineer/Manager, Mr. Ballou updated the Board on the security consulting services received from Security Risk Management Consultants, LLC.

Commissioner Frazier reported that the Engineer/Manager evaluation summary is not yet complete.

Assistant County Engineer, Mr. Hannahs reported on the status of Battle Creek Rd Project and the Mt Hope Bridge project. Delta Township will be holding a Public Informational Meeting for the Michigan Ave 4-3 lane conversion project on March 4, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Delta Township Library. Mr. Hannah provided the Board with information on an I-496 Reconstruction project and the public meeting taking place February 4, 2020.

Engineer/Manager, Mr. Ballou updated the Board on a county drain meeting. He provided information on winter maintenance costs, media and personnel.

Second public comment: None

The date and time for the next regular meeting will be Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

Motion by Eldred and seconded by Lamoreaux to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. Motion carried.

Timothy J. Lamoreaux, Vice-Chairman

Patricia M. Loosemore, Clerk to the Board