

EATON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
JUNE 11, 2019

A regular meeting of the Eaton County Board of Road Commissioners was held at their office in Charlotte, Michigan on June 11, 2019.

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

Members Absent: none

Chair Frazier called the meeting to order at 8:32 am.

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

Moved by Lyons, second by Eldred, that the minutes of May 28, 2019 be approved as corrected. Motion carried.

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

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 Lyons, second by Lamoreaux, that Payroll (VO#57) of 05-24-19 in the amount of \$106,167.72, Payroll (VO#58) of 05-30-19 in the amount of \$287.23, Accounts Payable (VO#59) of 05-30-19 in the amount of \$484,520.41, Payroll (VO#60) of 06-05-19 in the amount of \$71.81, and Accounts Payable (VO#61) of 06-06-19 in the amount of \$479,674.16, for total expenditures of \$1,070,721.33, be approved. There was discussion.

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

Engineer-Manager Ballou reviewed a request for a variance from the Road Commission's driveway standards from Geronimo Energy related to a solar farm development in rural Benton and Oneida Townships. There was discussion. Mr. Ballou recommended the Board approve a variance for the permanent access driveways that would waive the requirement for asphalt tapers on the paved roads and the requirement for curb and gutter.

Moved by Eldred to approve the requested variance from the Road Commission's commercial driveway standards as recommended by staff.

There was further discussion.

Second by Lyons. Motion carried.

Mr. Ballou reviewed Contract D with Michigan Paving & Materials Company for HMA resurfacing and recommended the Board approve and sign the contract.

Moved by Lyons, second by Lamoreaux to approve Contract D with Michigan Paving & Materials Company for HMA resurfacing. Motion carried.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the 2018-2019 General Appropriations Act be amended as follows:

	<b>2018-2019 ORIGINAL</b>	<b>2018-2019 AMENDED</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Current Property Taxes	\$ 4,304,977	\$ 4,304,977
Permit Revenue	75,000	75,000
Intergovernmental:		
Federal Sources	3,664,284	2,521,441
Michigan Transportation Funds	12,214,265	12,680,717
Other State Sources	1,472,808	1,834,130
Township Contributions	991,205	1,060,105
Other Local Sources	-	21,419
Interest and Rentals	60,000	150,000
Other Revenue	100,000	100,000
Total Revenue	22,882,539	22,747,789
Other Sources	-	-
<b>Total Revenues and Other Sources</b>	<b>\$ 22,882,539</b>	<b>\$ 22,747,789</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
Primary Road Fund		
Construction/Capacity Improvements	\$ -	\$ -
Preservation/Structural Improvements	12,545,500	12,021,025
Routine & Preventative Maintenance	3,330,000	3,280,000
Local Road Fund		
Construction/Capacity Improvements	-	-
Preservation/Structural Improvements	5,424,977	7,247,500
Routine & Preventative Maintenance	3,100,000	3,100,000
Equipment Expense	-	150,000
Administration (net)	700,000	800,000
Maintenance Service for Other Units	100,000	100,000
Non-Road Projects	833,410	833,410
Capital Outlay (net)	786,000	839,000
Debt Service	-	-
Drain Assessment	300,000	300,000
Total Expenditures	27,119,887	28,670,935
Amounts Needed for Contingencies	-	-
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 27,119,887</b>	<b>\$ 28,670,935</b>
Net Revenues (Expenditures)	\$ (4,237,348)	\$ (5,923,146)

Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	\$ 7,513,870	\$ 8,771,392
<b>Fund Balance at End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 3,276,522</b>	<b>\$ 2,848,246</b>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Engineer-Manager, as Chief Administrative Officer, is hereby charged with general supervision of the execution of the budget adopted by this Board and is authorized to transfer, when necessary, up to 25% from one line to another.

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

The Board reviewed candidates for the Michigan County Road Commission Self-Insurance Pool (MCRCSIP) Board of Director.

Moved by Eldred, second by Maxwell to cast the Road Commission's ballot for Dorothy Pohl, incumbent, for MCRCSIP's Board of Directors. Motion carried.

Mr. Ballou reviewed a recent MLive article that ranked the condition of Michigan roads by county, noting that the data used in the article for Eaton County does not represent solely roads under the jurisdiction of the Road Commission and is likely out of date. He presented the Board with current and more accurate data. There was discussion regarding messaging and public relations.

Moved by Lamoreaux to direct staff to explore options for more frequent messaging to the public. There was further discussion.

Second by Lyons. Motion carried. Chair Frazier requested the topic be added to the agenda under Old Business.

Mr. Ballou reviewed abandonment hearing format and procedures. There was discussion and the Board requested staff prepare the following information about the proposed abandonment of the curve on Cochran Road at Baseline Hwy for presentation at the hearing:

- Traffic volume data
- Potential cost to the Road Commission
- What happens at the intersection of Cochran and Baseline
- Calhoun County requirements
- How does removing the curve impact traffic flow
- Before and after sketches of intersection
- Impact of agricultural traffic
- Impact to intercounty drain in area and Drain Commission requirements

Moved by Maxwell, second by Lamoreaux to appoint the Engineer-Manager as hearing officer at the public hearing and to limit comments to 3 minutes.

There was brief discussion regarding the process for evaluating the Engineer-Manager.

The Board discussed Old Business.

Mr. Ballou reported that the low bid for the project on Mall Drive West was approximately 31% over the engineer's estimate, and per the agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation, the Road Commission has the option to reject the bid. There was discussion.

Moved by Lyons, second by Lamoreaux not to reject the low bid for the Mall Drive West project. Motion carried.

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

Commissioner Maxwell excused herself from the meeting.

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

Correspondence from Tyler Lake was reviewed.

Correspondence from Representative Angela Witwer was reviewed.

There was no public comment.

There was discussion regarding flooding and drain issues around Eaton County.

There was discussion regarding Dave Beck's concerns.

Moved by Lyons, second by Eldred to move the discussion item regarding Mr. Beck from the agenda for the next regularly scheduled meeting to the agenda for the meeting on July 9, 2019 due to time constraints. Motion carried.

Chair Frazier adjourned the meeting at 10:44 am without objection.