

EATON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
AUGUST 13, 2019

A regular meeting of the Eaton County Board of Road Commissioners was held at their office in Charlotte, Michigan on August 13, 2019.

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

Members Absent: none

Chair Frazier called the meeting to order at 8:31 am.

Moved by Lyons, second by Lamoreaux, that the agenda be approved as amended to include consideration of Bellevue Township's request to change a millage program project. Motion carried.

Moved by Maxwell, second by Eldred, that the minutes of July 23, 2019 be approved as printed. Motion carried.

Sam Love, 2150 Flanders Rd, was present to request the Board to reconsider the denial of his request for a variance from the Road Commission's driveway standards.

Kern Slucter, Windsor Township Supervisor, was present to comment regarding the request by Richard Albert for a variance from the Road Commission's driveway standards. He noted that the Township is adamantly opposed to private roads and requested that, if the variance is approved, there be a condition that there would be no future development of a private road.

Moved by Eldred, second by Lyons, that Accounts Payable (VO#78) of 07-24-19 in the amount of \$590,010.29, Accounts Payable (VO#79) of 08-01-19 in the amount of \$163,998.04, Accounts Payable (VO#80) of 08-05-19 in the amount of \$8,710.00, Payroll (VO#81) of 08-06-19 in the amount of \$110,140.76, and Accounts Payable (VO#82) of 08-08-19 in the amount of \$811,300.39, for total expenditures of \$1,684,159.48, 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 for sight distance from Richard Albert for his property on Walnut Highway in Windsor Township. There was discussion.

Moved by Eldred, second by Lyons to deny Richard Albert's request for a variance from the Road Commission's driveway standards. Motion carried.

Mr. Ballou presented a Township Request and Agreement for Road Improvement from Delta Township for the resurfacing of Mall Drive West between Elmwood Road and Saginaw Highway, including road base stabilization, asphalt paving, reconstruction and adjusting drainage structures, repairing curb and gutter, storm sewer, pavement markings, and related work, at a total estimated contracted construction cost of

\$751,000. The estimated Federal and/or State share of those costs is \$615,000 and the cost share amount allocated from the Eaton County Road Commission is estimated to be \$36,000 plus design and construction engineering, and administration, for a maximum cost to Delta Township of \$110,000. There was discussion.

Moved by Lyons, second by Lamoreaux, that the Township Request and Agreement for Road Improvement from Delta Township for the resurfacing of Mall Drive West be approved. Motion carried.

Mr. Ballou reviewed the Michigan Department of Transportation's Local Grade Crossing Surface Program. Mr. Ballou and the Board discussed potential railroad crossings in Eaton County that would be good candidates for the program.

The Board discussed 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 reviewed a request from Bellevue Township that the Board regravels Stoney Point Highway, from Ionia to Pease, instead of Babcock Rd, from Baseline to Butterfield, as part of the Local Road Millage Program.

Moved by Eldred, second by Lamoreaux, that the Local Road Millage Program projects be changed so that Stoney Point Highway, from Ionia to Pease, be regravelled instead of Babcock Road, from Baseline to Butterfield. Motion carried.

There was discussion regarding the operators' union strike at Rieth-Riley Construction and the impact on Road Commission projects.

There was no correspondence.

There was no public comment.

There was discussion regarding the denial of Sam Love's request for a driveway variance. Mr. Ballou advised that the Board's current policy is to require any deficiency to be corrected within thirty days.

Chair Frazier adjourned the meeting at 10:39 am without objection.