

EATON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
OCTOBER 22, 2019

A regular meeting of the Eaton County Board of Road Commissioners was held at their office in Charlotte, Michigan on October 22, 2019.

Members Present: Commissioners Frazier, Eldred, Lamoreaux

Members Absent: Commissioners Lyons, Maxwell

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

Moved by Eldred, second by Lamoreaux, that the agenda be approved as amended to include consideration of a permit to the Faith Assembly of God and discussion of a potential ORV ordinance. Motion carried.

Moved by Lamoreaux, second by Eldred, that the minutes of October 8, 2019 be approved as printed. Motion carried.

Dave Beck, 2228 Flanders Road, was present to express concern about the status of his neighbor's driveway. There was discussion.

Moved by Eldred, second by Lamoreaux, that Accounts Payable (VO#03) of 10-10-19 in the amount of \$337,363.52, Accounts Payable (VO#04) of 10-10-19 in the amount of \$27,850.78, Payroll (VO#05) of 10-15-19 in the amount of \$89,462.40, and Accounts Payable (VO#06) of 10-17-19 in the amount of \$86,517.64, for total expenditures of \$541,194.34, be approved. There was discussion.

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

Mark Eberline and Beth Lavery, Capital One, presented information regarding the bank's commercial card program and answered questions.

Engineer-Manager Ballou reviewed the Road Commission's purchasing through MiDeal and recommended Sourcewell, a program similar to MiDeal but on a larger scale, as an alternative. He recommended the Board authorize the purchase of a tractor from MiDeal and the purchase of a mower from Sourcewell, to take advantage of lower pricing. He noted that these purchases are included in the current year's capital outlay budget. There was discussion.

Moved by Eldred, second by Lamoreaux to approve the purchase of a tractor and mower as recommended by staff. Motion carried.

There was discussion regarding the annual employee holiday breakfast.

Moved by Eldred, second by Lamoreaux to schedule the annual employee holiday breakfast for December 10, 2019 at 7:00 am, and to approve gift cards or apparel for employees to be distributed at the breakfast. Motion carried.

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 permit issued to the Faith Assembly of God, 9800 S Cochran Rd, in 1981 to install a culvert in the road right-of-way. He noted that the culvert had been removed during the current year project on Cochran Road and the church is requesting permission to install a new one. Mr. Ballou presented to the Board language to extend and supersede the original permit and recommended the Board approve the new permit. There was discussion.

Moved by Eldred, second by Lamoreaux to approve the permit as recommended by staff.

There was additional discussion.

Motion carried.

Mr. Ballou discussed the Road Commission's legal authority as it relates to any ORV ordinance that could be adopted by the County Board of Commissioners, noting that the Road Commission can exempt or prevent ORV use on up to 30% of the county road system independent of the County. He noted that the County is required to hold a public hearing and to formally notify the Road Commission, and is currently seeking input from the Road Commission. There was discussion.

Mr. Ballou reviewed correspondence from the County Road Association of Michigan regarding permit fees.

Dave Beck, 2228 Flanders Road, again expressed concern about the status of his neighbor's driveway.

Chair Frazier adjourned the meeting at 7:27 pm without objection.