

EATON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

April 13, 2021

A regular meeting of the Eaton County Board of Road Commissioners was held in the Board Room at the Road Commission offices and by video conferencing, Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act and a resolution passed by the Eaton County Board of Commissioners declaring a local State of Emergency for the County of Eaton, on April 13, 2021.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lyons at 8:33 a.m.

Members present: Commissioners Lyons, Lamoreaux, Aitch-Guerrant (Zoom), Frazier and Eldred (Zoom).

Others present: Nathalie F. Hooper (Zoom), Blair Ballou, Engineer/Manager; Matt Hannahs, Assistant County Engineer; Jeremiah Nelson, Acting Superintendent (Zoom); and Patty Loosemore, Finance Director

Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Frazier that the agenda be approved with the following additions: i.) Consider adding Grenoble Circle to 2021 millage program and j.) Discuss member designated projects. Roll call vote: Ayes: Lyons, Lamoreaux, Aitch-Guerrant, Eldred and Frazier; Nays: None; Motion carried.

The Chairman asked if the minutes of the March 23, 2021 meeting were correct as presented. Motion by Eldred and seconded by Frazier to approve the March 23, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: Lyons, Aitch-Guerrant, Eldred and Frazier; Nays: None; Abstain: Lamoreaux; Motion carried.

Public comment: Nathalie Hooper discussed her concerns regarding the deteriorating condition of Grenoble Circle.

The following vouchers were presented:

a.)	VO. 43 (03-25-21)	Accounts Payable	\$	291,347.16
b.)	VO. 44 (04-01-21)	Payroll	\$	89,443.85
c.)	VO. 45 (04-01-21)	Accounts Payable	\$	28,177.87
d.)	VO. 46 (04-08-21)	Accounts Payable	\$	20,650.42

Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Eldred that the vouchers with total expenditures of \$429,619.30 be approved. Roll call vote: Ayes: Lyons, Lamoreaux, Aitch-Guerrant, Eldred and Frazier; Nays: None; Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the designation on a third person to Chair Board Meetings in the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Eldred to designate Commissioner Lauren Aitch- Guerrant to Chair meetings in the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair. Roll call vote: Ayes: Lyons, Lamoreaux, Aitch-Guerrant, Eldred and Frazier; Nays: None; Motion carried.

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The Board reviewed and discussed an agreement with MDOT and the Eaton County Road Commission for the removal and replacement of the East Vermontville Highway Bridge over the Thornapple River as presented by the Assistant County Engineer.

Commissioner Timothy J. Lamoreaux motioned for the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Michigan Department of Transportation wishes to enter into a contract agreement with the Eaton County Road Commission to accomplish the following project:

The removal and replacement of the structure #2346, which carries East Vermontville Highway over the Thornapple River, Section 27, T3N, R4W, Benton Township, Eaton County, Michigan; side by side pre-stressed concrete box beam installation, approach, and maintaining traffic work; and all together with necessary related work. located in Eaton County, Contract No. 21-5045, Job no. 202457CON, Control Section BRT 23000

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Benjamin S. Lyons, Chairman and Patricia M. Loosemore, Clerk shall be duly authorized to sign the contract for the Eaton County Road Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that true copies of this resolution will be sent to the Michigan Department of Transportation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jerry L. Frazier. Roll call vote: Ayes: Lyons, Lamoreaux, Aitch-Guerrant, Eldred and Frazier; Nays: None; Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the preliminary plat for Echo Valley East as presented by the Assistant County Engineer. Motion by Eldred and seconded by Lamoreaux to approve the preliminary plat for Echo Valley East, subject to subdivision regulations. Roll call vote: Ayes: Lyons, Lamoreaux, Aitch-Guerrant, Eldred and Frazier; Nays: None; Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the preliminary plat for Fieldstone Farms No. 6 as presented by the Assistant County Engineer. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Frazier to approve the preliminary plat for Fieldstone Farms No. 6. Roll call vote: Ayes: Lyons, Lamoreaux, Aitch-Guerrant, Eldred and Frazier; Nays: None; Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed Engineering Intern/Co-op wages for additional hires as presented by the Assistant County Engineer. Motion by Frazier and seconded by Eldred to approve the Engineering Intern/Co-op wages for the additional hires as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: Lyons, Lamoreaux, Aitch-Guerrant, Eldred and Frazier; Nays: None; Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the extension of the contract for lawn mowing with D & D Service for the 2021 season as presented by the Engineer/Manager. Motion by Eldred and seconded by Lamoreaux to approve the contract extension for lawn mowing with D & D Service for the 2021 season. Roll call vote: Ayes: Lyons, Lamoreaux, Aitch-Guerrant, Eldred and Frazier; Nays: None; Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the disposal of equipment no. 980, 1994 International Dump and equipment no. 1380, 2000 Freightliner Tandem thru MIBID and the disposal of equipment no. 1000, 1996 International dump for scrap material. Motion by Eldred and seconded by Frazier to approve the disposal of equipment no.980, 1994 International and equipment no. 1380, 2000 Freightliner Tandem thru MIBID and the disposal of equipment no. 1000, 1996 International dump for scrap material. Roll call vote: Ayes: Lyons, Lamoreaux, Aitch-Guerrant, Eldred and Frazier; Nays: None; Motion carried.

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The Board reviewed and discussed the extension of auditing services with Maner Costerisan for the 2021 Fiscal Year as presented by the Finance Director and the Engineer/Manager. Motion by Eldred and seconded by Lamoreaux to approve the extension of auditing services with Maner Costerisan for the 2021 Fiscal Year. Roll call vote: Ayes: Lyons, Lamoreaux, Aitch-Guerrant, Eldred and Frazier; Nays: None; Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the addition of Grenoble Circle to the 2021 Millage Program project list as presented by the Engineer/Manager. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Aitch-Guerrant to approve the addition of Grenoble Circle to the 2021 Millage Program project list. Roll call vote: Ayes: Lyons, Lamoreaux, Aitch-Guerrant, Eldred and Frazier; Nays: None; Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the requests for highway and transit project designations received from Congressman Tim Walberg regarding member designated projects. This is a part of the Federal infrastructure package which is providing additional funding for roads. The Engineer/Manger provided information on projects in Eaton County that would be eligible for submission.

The Engineer/Manager updated the Board on the status of the Access Control/Video Surveillance system project.

The Assistant County Engineer updated the Board on the status of several 2021 projects. Notice to Bidders for HMA Resurfacing should be going out soon.

The Acting Superintendent updated the Board on maintenance projects taking place through out the county. Culverts for millage related projects are being replaced, gravel roads are being bladed and bridge decks cleaned. Advertisement for temporary summer help is now taking place.

The Engineer/Manager updated the Board on the Gates Road Structure. Smith Road South of Bunker remains closed.

The date and time of the next regular meeting will be Tuesday, April 27, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Frazier and seconded by Eldred to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m. Motion carried.

Benjamin S. Lyons, Chairman

Patricia M. Loosemore, Clerk to the Board