

EATON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

February 23, 2021

A regular meeting of the Eaton County Board of Road Commissioners was held by video conferencing, Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act and Senate Bill 1108, on February 23, 2021.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lyons at 6:08 p.m.

Members present: Commissioners Lyons, Lamoreaux, Aitch-Guerrant, Frazier and Eldred

Others present: Blair Ballou, Engineer/Manager; Matt Hannahs, Assistant County Engineer and Patty Loosemore, Finance Director

Motion by Eldred and seconded by Frazier that the agenda be approved with the following change: e.) Consider 2020-2021 "Local Road Heavy Maintenance Program" becomes New Business "d" and d.) Consider Agreement with Walton Twp- Butterfield Culvert Replacement becomes New Business "e". Roll call vote: Ayes: Lyons, Lamoreaux, Aitch-Guerrant, Eldred and Frazier; Nays: None; Motion carried.

The Chairman asked if the minutes of the February 9, 2021 meeting were correct as presented. Motion by Eldred and seconded by Lamoreaux to approve the February 9, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: Lyons, Lamoreaux, Aitch-Guerrant, Eldred and Frazier; Nays: None; Motion carried.

Public comment: None

The following vouchers were presented:

a.)	VO. 34 (02-11-21)	Accounts Payable	\$	47,898.61
b.)	VO. 35 (02-18-21)	Payroll	\$	115,207.11
c.)	VO. 36 (02-18-21)	Accounts Payable	\$	269,519.46

Motion by Frazier and seconded by Eldred that the vouchers with total expenditures of \$432,625.18 be approved. Roll call vote: Ayes: Lyons, Lamoreaux, Aitch-Guerrant, Eldred and Frazier; Nays: None; Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the street construction agreement with Auto-Owners Insurance Company for Creyts Road, Mt Hope to I-496 as presented by the Assistant County Engineer. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Aitch-Guerrant to approve the street construction agreement with Auto-Owners Insurance Company for Creyts Road, Mt Hope to I-496. Roll call vote: Ayes: Lyons, Lamoreaux, Aitch-Guerrant, Eldred and Frazier; Nays: None; Motion carried.

Motion by Frazier and seconded by Eldred that the approval of the street construction agreement with Auto-Owners Insurance Company is contingent upon the receipt of a check from Auto-Owners Insurance Company to cover the portion of the project not covered by the TEDF grant. Ayes: Lyons, Lamoreaux, Aitch-Guerrant, Eldred and Frazier; Nays: None; Motion carried.

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The Board reviewed and discussed an agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Eaton County Road Commission for the widening of Creyts Road as presented by the Assistant County Engineer. The Assistant County Engineer recommends the Board approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman and the Clerk to sign.

Commissioner Jerry L. Frazier motioned 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:

Widen Creyts Road to accommodate a center turn lane from approximately 400 feet south of Auto-Owners Insurance Company's south campus driveway to the eastbound I-496 ramps. Widening will entail constructing one additional travel lane on the east side of Creyts Road. Minor drainage system improvements are also planned; and all together with necessary related work located in Eaton County, Contract No. 21-5009, Job no. 212146CON, Control Section EDA 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 Timothy J. Lamoreaux and carried on a roll call vote.

Ayes: Lyons, Lamoreaux, Aitch-Guerrant, Eldred and Frazier; Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Mt Hope Hwy Tree Removal Contract with Tree Tech LLC as presented by the Assistant County Engineer, with a recommendation that the Board approve the contract. Motion by Eldred and seconded by Frazier to approve the Mt Hope Hwy Tree Removal Contract with Tree Tech LLC as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: Lyons, Lamoreaux, Aitch-Guerrant, Eldred and Frazier; Nays: None; Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the 2020-2021 Local Road Heavy Maintenance Program as presented by the Engineer/Manager. No changes are recommended to the program for the 2020-2021 year. Motion by Frazier and seconded by Lamoreaux to approve the 2020-2021 Local Road Heavy Maintenance Program as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: Lyons, Lamoreaux, Aitch-Guerrant, Eldred and Frazier; Nays: None; Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the township agreement for the removal of an existing wood box culvert and replacement with an aluminum culvert on Butterfield Highway west of Cochran Rd, a 50/50 cost share with Walton Township as presented by the Engineer/Manager. Motion by Frazier and seconded by Lamoreaux to approve the township agreement with Walton township as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: Lyons, Lamoreaux, Aitch-Guerrant, Eldred and Frazier; Nays: None; Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the additional match from the Local Road Heavy Maintenance Program necessary for the Walton Township agreement for the removal of an existing wood box culvert

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and replacement with an aluminum one on Butterfield Highway west of Cochran Rd. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Frazier to approve the additional match from the Local Road Heavy Maintenance Program as presented by the Engineer/Manager. Roll call vote: Ayes: Lyons, Lamoreaux, Aitch-Guerrant, Eldred and Frazier; Nays: None; Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the revised COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan as presented by the Finance Director and Engineer Manager. Motion by Eldred and seconded by Frazier to approve the revised COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan as presented and authorize the Engineer/Manager to implement changes to this policy as necessary to keep in compliance with MCRC SIP recommendations, bringing revisions to the Board for review. Roll call vote: Ayes: Lyons, Lamoreaux, Aitch-Guerrant, Eldred and Frazier; Nays: None; Motion carried.

The Engineer/Manager updated the Board on the Security Audit bid package. A mandatory site visit took place on Tuesday, February 16th. Bids are due March 2, 2021.

The Assistant County Engineer updated the Board on the Mt. Hope-Nixon to I-96/I-69 project and that final MDOT approval is waiting for the approval letter from the State Historical Preservation Office(SHPO).

The Engineer/Manager updated the Board on the maintenance activities going on through out the county. Weight restrictions go into effect Monday, March 1st at 5:59 a.m.

The date and time of the next regular meeting will be Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at 8:30 a.m.

Motion by Frazier and seconded by Lamoreaux to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m. Motion carried.

Benjamin S. Lyons, Chairman

Patricia M. Loosemore, Clerk to the Board