

EATON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

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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 Senate Bill 1108, on March 23, 2021.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lyons at 6:03 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Commissioner Lamoreaux

Others present: Nathan Chapman (Zoom), Anna Chapman (Zoom), David Bonofiglio, Siemens Industry Inc. (Zoom), Blair Ballou, Engineer/Manager; Matt Hannahs, Assistant County Engineer; Jeremiah Nelson, Acting Superintendent (Zoom); and Patty Loosemore, Finance Director

Motion by Eldred and seconded by Frazier that the agenda be approved with the following additions: i.) Consider bridge inspection proposal and j.) Consider 4-10 hours days. Roll call vote: Ayes: Lyons, Aitch-Guerrant, Eldred and Frazier; Nays: None; Absent: Lamoreaux. Motion carried.

The Chairman asked if the minutes of the special meeting held March 8, 2021 were correct as presented. Motion by Eldred and seconded by Frazier to approve the March 8, 2021 special meeting minutes as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: Lyons, Aitch-Guerrant, Eldred and Frazier; Nays: None; Absent: Lamoreaux. Motion carried.

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

Public comment: None

The following vouchers were presented:

a.)	VO. 40 (03-11-21)	Accounts Payable	\$	34,970.30
b.)	VO. 41 (03-18-21)	Payroll	\$	94,502.52
c.)	VO. 42 (03-18-21)	Accounts Payable	\$	204,929.71

Motion by Frazier and seconded by Eldred that the vouchers with total expenditures of \$334,402.53 be approved. Roll call vote: Ayes: Lyons, Aitch-Guerrant, Eldred and Frazier; Nays: None; Absent: Lamoreaux. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the bridges selected for the MDOT Local Bridge funding application as presented by the Assistant County Engineer. Motion by Eldred to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, this Board of Eaton County Road Commissioners has been advised that there are bridges in Eaton County in need of repairs that are eligible for Federal and State Funds through the Local Bridge Program, and

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WHEREAS, eight of those bridges are as follows:

<u>Priority</u>	<u>Bridge (Bridge No.)</u>	<u>Crossing</u>	<u>Treatment</u>	<u>Twp</u>
1	Vermontville Hwy (2345)	Little Thornapple Rv	Replacement	Chester
2	Mulliken Rd (2353)	Thornapple River	Preventative Maint	Chester
2	Ainger Road (2352)	Battle Creek River	Preventative Maint	Walton
2	Bunker Highway (2397)	Grand River	Preventative Maint	Eaton Rap
2	Waverly Rd (2361)	Grand River	Preventative Maint	Hamlin
3	Smithville Rd (2403)	Grand River	Preventative Maint	Hamlin
4	Webster Rd (2362)	Grand River	Rehabilitation	Delta
5	Marshall Rd (2364)	Big Creek	Preventative Maint	Walton

WHEREAS, closure of these bridges would cause significant problems and delays to the traveling public, agriculture, and other commercial traffic in these parts of Eaton County, and

WHEREAS, there are local bridge funds available through the Michigan Department of Transportation to perform preventative maintenance, rehabilitation, and replacement on structures such as these, and

WHEREAS, respective townships where the local road (off-system) bridges are located have agreed to participate in the local matching funds necessary for Local Bridge Program funding as well as the preliminary engineering and construction engineering if awarded, and

WHEREAS; this Board has considered the applications for Local Bridge Program Funds and authorizes the submission of the applications for Local Bridge Program Funds for Fiscal Year 2024 for those bridges listed in this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Eaton does request affirmative consideration of our application for Local Bridge Program Funds and agrees to provide the necessary local funds for these projects if award.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lauren K. Aitch-Guerrant and carried on a roll call vote.

Ayes: Commissioner Benjamin S. Lyons
Commissioner Duane A. Eldred
Commissioner Jerry L. Frazier
Commissioner Lauren K. Aitch-Guerrant

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Timothy J. Lamoreaux

The Board reviewed and discussed the Access Control/Video Surveillance System Bid Proposals as

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presented by the Engineer/Manager. Motion by Eldred and seconded by Aitch-Guerrant to award the Access Control/Video Surveillance System contract to Siemens Industry Inc., being the low bidder. Roll call vote: Ayes: Lyons, Aitch-Guerrant, Eldred and Frazier; Nays: None; Absent: Lamoreaux. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the 2020 MDOT Act 51 Annual Financial Report as presented by the Finance Director. Motion by Eldred and seconded by Frazier to accept and place on file the 2020 MDOT Act 51 Annual Financial Report, authorizing the Chairman and Chief Financial Officer to attest and sign the report. Roll call vote: Ayes: Lyons, Aitch-Guerrant, Eldred and Frazier; Nays: None; Absent: Lamoreaux. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the 2020 Act 51 certification maps as presented by the Assistant County Engineer, with a recommendation that the maps be approved and the Chairman be authorized to sign the certification maps.

Commissioner Duane A. Eldred motioned for the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Road Commission wishes to add roads, de-certify roads, and correct certified road mileages on its road system as part of the Annual Act 51 Certification, and

WHEREAS, the certification maps have been modified to show these changes described as follows:

County Wide

Primary	391.79	2020 Mileage (No Change from 2019)
Local	782.50	2020 Mileage (-0.32 Change from 2019)

Urban

Primary	101.71	2020 Mileage (No Change from 2019)
Local	163.12	2020 Mileage (-0.04 Change from 2019)

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Road Name	Township/Sheet	From	To	Length Change	
				Countywide	Urban
River Ridge Dr (re-measure)	Delta Twp, Sec 1 Sheet 12/Urban 9			+54 feet	+54 feet
White Oaks Dr (re-measure)	Delta Twp, Sec 1 Sheet 12/Urban 9	Delta River Drive	end	-137 feet	-137 feet
River Ridge Dr (re-measure)	Delta Twp, Sec 2 Sheet 13/Urban 10			+111 feet	+111 feet
Yosemite Drive	Delta Twp, Sec 9 Sheet 17/Urban 12	Previous cert	Badlands	+142 feet	+142 feet
Badlands Drive	Delta Twp, Sec 9 Sheet 17/Urban 12	Previous cert	end	+686 feet	+686 feet
River Ridge Drive	Delta Twp, Sec 12 Sheet 20/Urban 17	River Ridge Drive	Willow	-377 feet	-377 feet
Knoll Circle (re-measure)	Delta Twp, Sec 12 Sheet 20/Urban 17	Thomas L Pkwy W	end	-200 feet	-200 feet
Noel Avenue (re-measure)	Windsor Twp, Sec 2 Sheet 43/Urban 37	Lafayette Lane	end	+100 feet	+100 feet
Burgundy Blvd. (re-measure)	Windsor Twp, Sec 2 Sheet 43/Urban 37	Creyts Rd.	end	-176 feet	-176 feet
Baron Blvd. (re-measure)	Windsor Twp, Sec 2 Sheet 43/Urban 37	Saratoga way	end	-136 feet	-136 feet
Nicholas Lane (re-measure)	Eaton Twp, Sec 4 Sheet 56/ Urban 48	Narcisse Lane	end	-300 feet	-300 feet
McDonald (re-measure)	Walton Twp, Sec 21 Sheet 63	Marshal Rd.	end	-0.07 miles	
Griffin (re-measure)	Walton Twp, Sec 7 Sheet 63	Battle Creek Rd.	Ainger	-0.06 miles	
Mathews (re-measure)	Walton Twp, Sec 1 Sheet 63	Five Point Hwy.	end	-0.07 miles	
Spicerville (re-measure)	Walton Twp, Sec 2 Sheet 63	Martin Rd.	end	-0.08 miles	

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Road Commission certifies that all of the roads on which lengths have been entered along the road bands of the certification maps were accepted into the system prior to December 31, 2020, are normally open to automobile traffic during the months of May through October, and are located within right of way under the jurisdiction of the Eaton County Road Commission,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Chairman, namely Benjamin S Lyons, is authorized to sign the certification maps,

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 and carried on a roll call vote.

Ayes: Commissioner Benjamin S. Lyons
 Commissioner Duane A. Eldred
 Commissioner Jerry L. Frazier

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Commissioner Lauren K. Aitch-Guerrant

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Timothy J. Lamoreaux

The Board reviewed and discussed the easement to Vermontville Village for the watermain at Vermontville garage site as presented by the Engineer/Manager, with a recommendation that the easement be approved, and the Chairman authorized to sign. Motion by Eldred and seconded by Frazier to approve the easement to Vermontville Village for the watermain at Vermontville garage site and that the Chairman be authorized to sign. Motion carried. Roll call vote: Ayes: Lyons, Aitch-Guerrant, Eldred and Frazier; Nays: None; Absent: Lamoreaux. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed an increase in the hourly rate for temporary summer maintenance workers as presented and recommended by the Engineer/Manager. Motion by Eldred and seconded by Frazier to increase the hourly rate for temporary summer maintenance workers to \$13.00/hour. Roll call vote: Ayes: Lyons, Aitch-Guerrant, Eldred and Frazier; Nays: None; Absent: Lamoreaux. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Chapman driveway variance for a single private drive on Mt Hope Rd as presented by the Assistant County Engineer. Motion by Eldred and seconded by Frazier that the Chapman driveway variance for a single private drive on Mt Hope Rd be approved as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: Lyons, Aitch-Guerrant, Eldred and Frazier; Nays: None; Absent: Lamoreaux. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the CRA legislative priorities as presented by the Engineer/Manager. Motion by Eldred and seconded by Aitch-Guerrant that the CRA legislative priorities be approved as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: Lyons, Aitch-Guerrant, Eldred and Frazier; Nays: None; Absent: Lamoreaux. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the 2021 Biennial Bridge inspection proposal from OHM Advisors as presented by the Assistant County Engineer. Motion by Frazier and seconded by Eldred to accept the 2021 Biennial Bridge inspection proposal from OHM Advisors as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: Lyons, Aitch-Guerrant, Eldred and Frazier; Nays: None; Absent: Lamoreaux. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed 4–10-hour day work schedule for April 2021 for the Maintenance crew as presented by the Engineer/Manager. Motion by Eldred and seconded by Aitch-Guerrant to approve the 4-10-hour day work schedule for April 2021 for the Maintenance crew as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: Lyons, Aitch-Guerrant, Eldred and Frazier; Nays: None; Absent: Lamoreaux. Motion carried.

The Assistant County Engineer updated the Board on the status of the Vermontville Hwy Bridge project and the Mt Hope Hwy, Nixon Rd to Canal Rd project. The engineering staff is gearing up for the start of the 2021 millage projects.

The Acting Superintendent updated the Board on maintenance activities taking place throughout the county.

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The Engineer/Manager updated the Board on road restrictions which will be suspended March 26, 2021 at 6:00 a.m. Smith Rd South of Bunker Rd is closed due to a culvert failure.

The date and time of the next regular meeting will be Tuesday, April 13, 2021, at 8:30 a.m.

Motion by Eldred and seconded by Frazier to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m. Motion carried.

Benjamin S. Lyons, Chairman

Patricia M. Loosemore, Clerk to the Board