

EATON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

March 8, 2022

A regular meeting of the Eaton County Board of Road Commissioners was held in the Board Room at the Road Commission offices in Charlotte, Michigan on March 8, 2022.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Eldred at 8:35 a.m.

Members present: Commissioners Lamoreaux, Frazier, and Eldred

Members absent: Commissioner Aitch-Guerrant and Lyons

Others present: Blair Ballou, Engineer/Manager; Jeremiah Nelson, Superintendent; Louanna Lawson, Finance Director; Natalie Petermann, Accounting Technician; and Ron Clark, ET Mackenzie Company.

Absent: Matt Hannahs, Assistant County Engineer

Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Frazier that the agenda be approved with the following addition: d.) Consider Auto Owners Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement. Motion carried.

The Chairman asked if the minutes of the February 22, 2022, meeting were correct as presented.

Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Frazier to approve the February 22, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Public comment: None

The following vouchers were presented:

a.)	VO 38 (02/28/22)	Accounts Payable	\$ 305,968.63
b.)	VO 39 (03/03/22)	Payroll	\$ 97,072.44
c.)	VO 40 (03/04/22)	Accounts Payable	\$ 82,512.60

There was discussion. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Frazier that the vouchers with total expenditures of \$485,553.67 be approved.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Lamoreaux, Eldred, and Frazier; Nays: None. Absent: Aitch-Guerrant and Lyons. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Wage Authorization for a returning Engineering Intern, increased to \$18, as presented by the Engineer/Manager. Motion by Frazier and seconded by Lamoreaux to approve the Wage Authorization for the Engineering Intern. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed a contract with Michigan Department of Transportation and Eaton County Road Commission for Bridge Preventative Maintenance, as presented by the Engineer/Manager.

1. The preventative maintenance of West Vermontville Highway Bridge over the Thornapple River.
2. The preventative maintenance of the Mahan Highway Bridge over the Battle Creek River; Spicerville Highway Bridge over the Battle Creek River, Lamie Highway Bridge over the Little Thornapple River, and the Mason Road Bridge over the Thornapple River

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Commissioner Jerry L. Frazier motioned for Board approval of the contract between Michigan Department of Transportation and Eaton County Road Commission regarding Bridge Preventative Maintenance as discussed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Timothy J. Lamoreaux. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed providing electronic signatures per Michigan Department of Transportation's request. There was discussion. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Frazier that the electronic signatures be provided to Michigan Department of Transportation for future approvals. Motion carried.

The Superintendent updated the Board on the Security Audit and System. Discussion was had. Commissioner Eldred inquired why the representative from Siemens Industry Inc. was not in attendance as requested at the previous regular meeting, February 22. The representative indicated he would not be able to attend earlier this morning. The board was updated on recent developments from Siemens coming out to identify resolution and actions taken. There was discussion.

The Superintendent updated the Board regarding the ongoing winter maintenance the crews have performed, as needed. He updated on the gravel roads being graded (if possible), and cold patching asphalt as best as possible. He provided an update on mowing for the millage projects since the mower is back in working condition and that the Workers Composition Pool conducted a Risk Management Inspection last week. The Superintendent reported the culvert on Kinsel Hwy, east of Ionia Road, in Vermontville is being evaluated. He also gave an update on interviews conducted for the Sign Shop Supervisor position. There was discussion.

The Assistant County Engineer was absent. The Engineer/Manager updated the Board regarding bids that are being advertised for 2022 annual maintenance which included: Aggregate Surface, Dust Control, Curb and Street Sweep, and Pavement Marking.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement between Auto Owners and the Eaton County Road Commission as presented by the Engineer/Manager. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Frazier to approve the Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement with Auto Owners. Motion carried.

The Engineer/Manager had no further updates.

Board correspondence: None

Ron Clark, ET Mackenzie, was present to propose the Eaton County Road Commission abandon the Right of Way on Rupp Road (Willow Hills Subdivision). There was discussion but with no action taken.

Commissioner Eldred commented on his appreciation of the Clerk of the Board for providing the updated Schedule of Events for 2022.

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The date and time of the next regular meeting will be Tuesday, March 22, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Frazier to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 a.m. Motion carried.

Duane A. Eldred, Chairman

Louanna L. Lawson, Clerk to the Board