

EATON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

May 24, 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 May 24, 2022.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Eldred at 6:04 p.m.

Members present: Commissioners Eldred, Lyons, and Lamoreaux

Members absent: Commissioners Frazier and Aitch-Guerrant

Others present: Blair Ballou, Engineer/Manager; Matt Hannahs, Assistant County Engineer; Jeremiah Nelson, Superintendent; Louanna Lawson, Finance Director; Natalie Petermann, Accounting Technician and Kevin Van Patten, Resident of Eaton County. Absent: None

Moved by Lamoreaux and seconded by Lyons that the agenda be approved as written. Motion carried.

The Chairman asked if the minutes of the April 26, 2022, meeting were correct as presented. Moved by Lyons and seconded by Lamoreaux to approve the April 26, 2022, meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Public comment: Kevin Van Patten, resident of Eaton County spoke regarding speed and road issues on Kinsel Road east of Otto Road (dead-end). The business at the end of the road seems to have caused two to three times the amount of traffic more than the previous business. Lots of traffic and high rates of speed have been witnessed. Many of the residents are annoyed. Kevin would like to know if the Road Commission can assist in any way. Suggestions were change speed limit and enforce more, or possibly speed bumps. These suggestions are not within the road commission purview therefore it was suggested to check into Benton Township and how they have it zoned. Benton does their own zoning. There was some discussion. No action was taken.

The following vouchers were presented:

a.)	VO 51 (05/05/22)	Accounts Payable	\$ 185,202.93
b.)	VO 52 (05/09/22)	Payroll	\$ 100,595.50
c.)	VO 53 (05/23/22)	Accounts Payable	\$ 216,106.88

There was discussion. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Lyons that the vouchers with total expenditures of \$501,905.31 be approved.

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

The Engineer/Manager requested the Board to consider execution of the 2022 HMA Resurfacing – Contract A with Lakeland Asphalt Corporation be signed/executed. There was discussion.

2022 HMA Resurfacing – Contract A with Lakeland Asphalt Corporation was signed/executed by Eldred, Lamoreaux, and Lyons.

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The Engineer/Manager requested the Board to consider execution of the 2022 HMA Resurfacing – Contract B with Lakeland Asphalt Corporation. There was discussion.

2022 HMA Resurfacing – Contract B with Lakeland Asphalt Corporation was signed/executed by Eldred, Lamoreaux, and Lyons.

The Assistant County Engineer asked the Board to consider approval of the Wage Authorization for Matthew Craft, newly hired Engineering Technician on May 16, 2022. There was discussion.

Moved by Lyons, seconded by Lamoreaux to approve wage authorization as presented by the Assistant County Engineer. Motion carried.

The Assistant County Engineer requested the Board to consider submission of one or more projects in relation to the Federal Aid Buyout Program. The project to be considered is resurface of Oneida Road. There was discussion.

Moved by Lyons, seconded by Lamoreaux to approve submission of one or more projects in relation to the Federal Aid Buyout Program as presented by the Assistant County Engineer. Motion carried.

The Assistant County Engineer requested the Board to consider bids for the Crush & Shape Traffic Control. The low bid of \$9,249.15 from Best Barricading, Inc. was recommended. There was discussion.

Moved by Lyons, seconded by Lamoreaux to award contract to the lowest bidder, Best Barricading, Inc. Motion carried.

The Assistant County Engineer requested the Board to consider bids for the Butterfield Highway Culvert Installation. He indicated there was more information needed to make a good recommendation. There was discussion. No action was taken. The request to consider bids for the Butterfield Highway Culvert Installation was table for discussion at the next regular Board meeting on June 14, 2022.

The Assistant County Engineer requested the Board to consider bids for the HMA Contract D. The low bid of \$1,809,143.34 (using LVSP) from Rieth-Riley Construction was recommended. There was discussion.

Moved by Lyons, seconded by Lamoreaux to award contract to the lowest bidder, Rieth-Riley Construction. Motion carried.

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The Engineer/Manager presented to consider withdrawal from mutual aid agreement with City of Grand Ledge (winter maintenance). There was discussion.

Moved by Lyons, seconded by Lamoreaux to withdraw from the mutual aid agreement with the City of Grand Ledge. Motion carried.

The Superintendent requested the Board to consider quotes on roof repairs for the Sign Shop. It was recommended to approve/award to Morrow Roofing. The bid was higher than the competition although they met the necessary needs for the Eaton County Road Commission going forward. There was discussion.

Moved by Lyons, seconded by Lamoreaux to approve/award the contract to Morrow Roofing as presented by the Superintendent. Motion carried.

The Engineer/Manager requested discussion related to a proposal from Shyft Group for land/lease rental. There was discussion. It was recommended this was not of interest for the Eaton County Road Commission at this time. No action taken.

The Superintendent provided an update on the Security Audit and System. He reported the vendor has made repairs, the vendor will be sending a quote to do the work needed in the front lobby area, there is a bad camera in the back still in need of replacement. A replacement has been identified by the vendor and they are putting that in shortly. The Superintendent indicated the vendor is looking at a punch list now instead of major installation or repair. They are tying up loose ends. The Eaton County Road Commission is still holding payment pending work completed and satisfaction of product delivery and installation. There was discussion.

The Assistant County Engineer provided an update on the staffing levels in the Engineering Department. There are two full-time vacant positions yet to be filled. The Spicer Group is doing Bridge Maintenance work. There will likely be more contractors in July for future jobs. A crush and shape project has started on both Houston Road and Flanders Road. These are going very well with PRI-pavement recycling getting it done very timely. In mid-June the Five Point Bridge will start and have the road closed for a couple of months with the Spicerville Highway Bridge project coming thereafter. There was discussion.

The Superintendent provided a further update on the Houston Road and Flanders Road projects. The grade started on May 24, 2022. The Dust Control application has begun and is close to being half complete. He has hired seven summer help individuals and has one more yet to be hired. There is a wait on gravel from contractors due to weather. The Emulsion representative came and did a presentation which helped the crews. The Superintendent also indicated that chip seal is in the works, not started yet.

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There was no correspondence to review.

The date and time of the next regular meeting will be Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at 8:30 a.m.

Moved by Lamoreaux, to adjourn. There were no objections. The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Duane A. Eldred, Chairman

Louanna L. Lawson, Clerk to the Board