

EATON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

October 25, 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 October 25, 2022.

Members present: Commissioners Eldred, Frazier, Lyons, and Lamoreaux.

Members absent: Aitch-Guerrant

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Eldred at 6:02 p.m.

The Chairman inquired if there were additions or deletions to the agenda. The following items were requested as additions: None. Moved by Lyons and seconded by Frazier to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

The Chairman asked if the minutes of the October 11, 2022, meeting were correct as presented. Moved by Frazier and seconded by Lyons to approve the October 11, 2022, minutes. Motion carried.

Public comment: None

The following vouchers were presented:

a.	VO 1	(10/13/22)	Payroll	\$ 105,593.74
b.	VO 2	(10/14/22)	Accounts Payable	\$ 1,273,697.71
c.	VO 3	(10/14/22)	Accounts Payable	\$ 106,167.40
d.	VO 4	(10/19/22)	Payroll	\$ 80.99

There was discussion. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Lyons to approve vouchers 1-4 with total expenditures of \$1,485,539.84. Roll call vote: Ayes: Eldred, Lamoreaux, Frazier, and Lyons. Nays: None. Absent: Aitch. Motion carried.

The Engineer/Manager requested the Board to consider a temporary wage authorization for Nick Fast. He is temporarily working in the garage while there is a shortage of mechanics. Moved by Lamoreaux and seconded by Frazier to approve the temporary wage authorization for Nick Fast. Motion carried.

The Engineer/Manager requested the Board to consider the FY 2022-2023 CRA Dues and NACE Membership with an add on membership to APWA for himself and Jere Nelson. There was discussion. Motion by Frazier, seconded by Lyons to approve the CRA Dues, NACE Membership, and the APWA Membership as requested. Motion carried.

The Engineer/Manager requested the Board to consider the Annual Holiday Party Budget. The budget will include the 12 days of Christmas stockings, an Eaton County Road Commission sweatshirt (if they desire) and a gift card. There was discussion. Motion by Lamoreaux, seconded by Frazier. Motion carried.

The Engineer/Manager reviewed a proposal to the Board regarding a change in provider for the retiree health insurance. There was discussion. Burnham and Flower representatives will attend the November 8 meeting to provide more information and answer questions.

The Superintendent provided an update on the Security Audit and System. He indicated there continues to be outstanding issues. The Engineer/Manager agreed to pay half of the amount being held to show good faith at this time. The expectation is to have outstanding issues resolved and training provided prior to the balance being paid. There was discussion.

The Superintendent gave an update on crews and work being done on roads such as, blading, mowing, and cold patching. He reported that winter equipment is being installed on trucks and they are almost ready for the season. A driver was pulled from duty to assist in the garage due to only having one mechanic on staff right now.

The Engineer/Manager provided an update on the following items:

- He attended the Seven County Council Meeting and there was discussion regarding removal and disposal of deceased deer in the roadway. There was discussion. The determination is that the Eaton County Road Commission needs to have their own policy on deer removal and disposal.
- He discussed an email received from a resident regarding the wall on Michigan Avenue and Canal Road. The resident's complaint is, there are issues with the wall therefore making it less than desirable. The Engineer/Manager will look at it to determine if there are issues that can be resolved.
- He discussed checking with Clinton County to determine if they can/will pick up Tallman Road for plowing. The City of Grand Ledge plowed it previously, the Eaton County Road Commission no longer has an agreement with them.
- He reported that the railroad applications were not submitted on time. There was discussion with MDOT and the railroad to determine if the applications could still be submitted, MDOT would not allow it. There are a few crossings already being fixed/replaced by the railroad without applications being submitted.
- He asked for the University Regional Council to assist in funding the Webster Road Bridge, they agreed and will support. The next step is to attend the Local Advisory Board to see if this is selected to be done.
- Commissioner Eldred inquired about the permit for Brick Hwy. He will be attending the Vermontville Township meeting and would like to be prepared to answer questions. There was discussion.

Correspondence: None.

Public comment: None

Moved by Frazier that the meeting be adjourned. There were no objections. Motion carried.

Board meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

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

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Duane A. Eldred, Chairman

Louanna L. Lawson, Clerk to the Board