

EATON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

February 14, 2023

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 February 14, 2023.

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

Members absent: None

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Eldred at 8:33 a.m.

The Chairman inquired if there were additions or deletions to the agenda. Moved by Lamoreaux and seconded by Lyons to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

The Chairman asked if the minutes of the January 24, 2023, meeting were correct as presented. Moved by Lamoreaux and seconded by Barber to approve the January 24, 2023, minutes. Motion carried.

Public comment: None

The following vouchers were presented:

a.	VO 24 (01/31/23)	Payroll	\$ 91,387.81
b.	VO 25 (02/03/23)	Accounts Payable	\$293,27.86
c.	VO 26 (02/09/23)	Accounts Payable	\$640,390.61

There was discussion. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Lyons to approve vouchers 24-26 with total expenditures of \$1,024,986.28. Roll call vote: Ayes: Eldred, Lamoreaux, Lyons, and Barber. Nays: None. Absent: Aitch. Motion carried.

The Engineer/Manager requested the Board to consider the FY 2022-2023 Local Road Heavy Maintenance Program (Township Match Program). There was discussion. The Resurfacing and Regraveling Allocations were increased from \$200,000 to \$560,000. The Local Road Bridge and Culvert Program will continue at \$10,000 for each Township, like past years. Motion by Lyons to approve the FY 2022-2023 Local Road Heavy Maintenance Program, seconded by Barber. Motion carried.

The Engineer/Manager requested the Board to authorize Engineer-Manager to invoke, suspend, and rescind seasonal weight restrictions as necessary. There was discussion regarding a policy change for this to not have to be done each year. The Engineer-Manager will look into the policy change and bring forth before the board at a later date. Motion by Lamoreaux to authorize the Engineer-Manager to invoke, suspend, and rescind seasonal weight restrictions for 2023, seconded by Lyons. Motion carried.

The Engineer/Manager requested the Board to consider weight restrictions on Davis Hwy west of Guinea Rd. There was discussion. This is a portion of road that is a class B. The Engineer-Manager would prefer not to deal with hundreds of permits instead he would like to waive the weight restriction. The road will be rebuilt in the near future as frost-free, category A. Motion by Lyons to approve waiving the weight restriction on Davis Hwy west of Guinea Rd., seconded by Lamoreaux. Motion carried.

The Engineer/Manager requested the Board to consider MDOT contract 22-5600, Five Point Hwy to ER city limits; and authorize signature from the Chair. There was discussion. Motion by Lamoreaux to approve MDOT contract 22-5600 and authorization for Chair to sign, seconded by Lyons. Motion carried.

The Engineer/Manager requested the Board to consider the resolution for the MDOT contract 22-5600, Five Point Hwy to ER city limits.

Commissioner Lamoreaux motioned for 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:

Hot mix asphalt base, crushing shaping and paving, earthwork, subbase, aggregate base, and shoulders along Five Point Highway from Whittum Road to Eaton Rapids city limits, including culverts, concrete curb and gutter and permanent pavement markings; and all together with necessary related work. Located in Eaton County, Contract No. 22-5600, Job no. 208364CON, Control Section STUL 23000, Project 23A0177.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Duane A. Eldred, Chairman 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 Lyons. Motion carried.

The Engineer/Manager requested the Board to consider agreement language from the Drain Commission.

Recommended agreement language for a drain being established within Eaton County Road right-of-way:

The ECRC consents to the establishment of the Branch and, as provided by state law, grants the Drainage District rights to establish, construct, operate, maintain, and improve the Branch located within the Road ROW. Once established, the Drainage District shall still be subject to the ECRC permitting process as required by state law and shall coordinate with the ECRC accordingly.

Motion by Lyons to approve the recommended agreement language from the Drain Commission, seconded by Lamoreaux. Motion carried.

The Engineer/Manager requested the Board to consider a Township Request and Agreement for Road Improvement; from Delta Township, Nixon Rd from Mt. Hope Hwy to St Joe Hwy. There was discussion. Motion by Barber to approve the Township Request and Agreement for Road Improvement, seconded by Aitch. Motion carried.

The Engineer/Manager requested the Board to consider the Munton Drain Agreement and authorize signature by the chair. There was discussion. Motion by Lyons to approve the Munton Drain Agreement and authorize signature by the chair, seconded by Barber. Motion carried.

The Engineer/Manager requested the Board to consider bid tabulations for the 2023 Tree Removal contract. There was discussion. Bids were opened on February 13, 2023 @ 10:00 a.m. The recommendation is to award the contract to Midwest Tree Service. They are not the lowest bidder although previous work was contracted with them, therefore there is some assurance our needs will be met.

BID TABULATION – 2023 TREE REMOVAL

ITEM OF WORK	QUANTITY			UNIT	BURMANS TREE SERVICE LLC.		MIDWEST TREE SERVICE		ALWAYS THERE TREE CARE LLC.		CHOP INC.		TREE TECH LLC	
	Five Pt	Nixon	Total		UNIT PRICE	TOTAL AMOUNT	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL AMOUNT	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL AMOUNT	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL AMOUNT	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL AMOUNT
Tree, Rem, 6 inches to 18 inches	54	86	140	each	\$ 100.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 149.00	\$ 20,860.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 31,500.00	\$ 310.00	\$ 43,400.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 70,000.00
Tree, Rem, 19 inches to 36 inches	15	20	35	each	\$ 250.00	\$ 8,750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 26,250.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 19,250.00	\$ 1,035.00	\$ 36,225.00	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 61,250.00
Tree, Rem, 27 inches or larger	4	0	4	each	\$ 350.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,499.00	\$ 5,996.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 14,000.00
						\$24,150.00		\$53,106.00		\$57,150.00		\$86,825.00		\$145,250.00

Motion by Aitch to award the 2023 Tree Removal contract to Midwest Tree Service, seconded by Lyons. Motion carried.

The Engineer/Manager requested the Board to consider bid tabulations for the 2023 Sand for Ice Control contract. There was discussion. The recommendation is to award the contract to the lowest bidder, Carr Bros & Sons, Inc.

BID TABULATION – 2023 SAND FOR ICE CONTROL

DELIVERY LOCATION	EST QTY	UNIT	Aggregate Industries		Carr Bros & Sons	
			UNIT PRICE	TOTAL	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
Charlotte Garage	3,000	CYD	\$ 20.65	\$ 61,950.00	\$ 15.03	\$ 45,090.00
Delta Garage	1,000	CYD	\$ 20.65	\$ 20,650.00	\$ 15.03	\$ 15,030.00
Vermontville Garage	1,500	CYD	\$ 20.65	\$ 30,975.00	\$ 17.58	\$ 17,580.00
				\$ 113,575.00		\$ 77,700.00

Motion by Lamoreaux to award the 2023 Sand for Ice Control to the lowest bidder, Carr Bros & Sons, Inc. seconded by Barber. Motion carried.

The Engineer/Manager requested the Board to consider bid tabulations for the 2023 Road and Sealcoat Aggregates contract. There was discussion. Carr Bros & Sons, Inc. was the only bidder. The Engineer/Manager and the Superintendent would like this tabled for discussion at the next meeting.

The Engineer/Manager requested the Board to go to Closed Session.

To consider the dismissal, suspension, or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, or to consider a periodic personnel evaluation of, a public officer, employee, staff member, or individual agent if the named individual requests a closed hearing.
MCL 15.268(1)(a)

Moved by Aitch to move to a Closed Session, seconded by Lyons. Motion carried.

The Board returned to regular session at 9:33 a.m.

The Superintendent provided an update on the Security Audit and System. Siemans is waiting for better weather to complete some repair on issues. There are still some issues with passwords when things shut down. Chairman Eldred asked if there is an alert for a breach. There is an alert for breach only on a desktop computer that we know of at this point. The front entrance is now ADA compliant. The handicap button and the doors are now working correctly for it to be compliant. The Superintendent is in discussions with Lansing Lock & Key to be contracted after all issues have been resolved by Siemans.

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

- Federal Aid projects are in.
- Millage projects are being worked on.
- CARTS meeting is cancelled today, Lauren was going to attend.
- Brick Hwy, need to work with drain office. Checking with Lauren to identify if has been filed with EGLE yet. Chairman Eldred requested an update to take to the Township meeting when he attends.

The Superintendent provided an update on the following items:

- Blading gravel and cutting trees to be ready for the season.
- Used less salt thus far, approximately 1,200 ton less.
- Excavator is on site and available for use.

Correspondence: Millage review letter from Delta Township.

Other:

- February 20 Annual Township Meeting
- February 21 New Commissioners Workshop
- March 14-15 Safety Summit
- March 21-23 County Road Association Highway Conference and Trade Show

Public comment: None

Commissioner Comment: Chair Eldred inquired if there were any calls or correspondence regarding the Millage Program and if there has been response to those items. He suggested education of how the Millage Program works is a good idea.

Motion by Aitch to adjourn, seconded by Lyons. Motion carried. The Board meeting was adjourned at 9:49 a.m.

The date and time of the next regular meeting will be Tuesday, February 28, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Duane A. Eldred, Chairman

Louanna L. Lawson, Clerk to the Board