

EATON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

January 10, 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 January 10, 2023.

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

Members absent: None

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Eldred at 8:45 a.m.

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

The meeting was turned over to the Engineer-Manager. He opened the organizational meeting and requested nominations for Chair of the Board.

Nominations were made for Eldred as Chair and Barber as Vice-Chair. Moved by Lyons and seconded by Lamoreaux to elected Commissioner Eldred as Chair and Commissioner Barber as Vice-Chair. Motion carried.

The Chairman asked if the minutes of the December 13, 2022, meeting were correct as presented. Moved by Lyons and seconded by Lamoreaux to approve the December 13, 2022, minutes. Motion carried.

The Chairman requested an appointment of a representative to the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission. Commissioner Aitch was asked if she would like to continue as the representative, she accepted. Moved by Lyons and seconded by Lamoreaux for Commissioner Aitch to continue as representative to the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission. Motion carried.

Public comment: None

The following vouchers were presented:

a.	VO 16 (12/16/22)	Accounts Payable	\$ 175,007.25
b.	VO 17 (12/20/22)	Payroll	\$ 97,825.51
c.	VO 18 (12/22/22)	Accounts Payable	\$ 495,705.03
d.	VO 19 (01/03/23)	Payroll	\$ 160,057.75
e.	VO 20 (01/09/23)	Accounts Payable	\$ 255,308.46

There was discussion. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Lyons to approve vouchers 16-20 with total expenditures of \$1,183,904.00. Roll call vote: Ayes: Eldred, Lamoreaux, Barber, Lyons, and Aitch. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

The Engineer/Manager requested the Board to consider the 2023 Meeting Schedule. There was discussion regarding the last meeting in December. The proposal was to change the December 26 meeting date to the week prior, December 19. Motion by Lyons to approve the 2023 Meeting Schedule

with the proposed change of the last meeting scheduled on December 19, seconded by Lamoreaux. Motion carried.

The Engineer/Manager requested the Board to consider the Wind Trace 3 Street Construction Agreement and to be signed by the Board. There was discussion. Motion by Lyons to approve the Wind Trace 3 Street Construction Agreement and be signed by the Board, seconded by Aitch.

The Engineer/Manager requested the Board to Consider a Mutual Aid Agreement with Clinton County and to be signed by the Board. There was discussion. Moved by Lyons to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement and be signed by the Board, seconded by Barber. Motion carried.

The Engineer/Manager requested the Board to consider sending staff to the County Engineer's Workshop, February 7 – February 9 in Sault Ste. Marie. There was discussion. Motion by Lyons to approve a staff member to attend the County Engineer's Workshop, seconded by Aitch.

The Engineer/Manager requested the Board to consider the CRA Highway Conference being held March 21 – March 23. There was discussion. Motion by Aitch to approve staff to attend the CRA Highway Conference, seconded by Lamoreaux.

The Engineer/Manager requested the Board to consider the Annual Township Meeting, proposed date of February 20 at 7:00 p.m. There was discussion. Motion by Lyons to approve the date and time for the Annual Township Meeting, seconded by Lamoreaux.

The Superintendent provided an update on the Security Audit and System. Siemans was on site and made some improvements. They have work to do in Vermontville. This includes wiring where they used inside wiring outside. They will be available next week for more repairs. The camera at Vermontville still needs to be repaired. Siemans will address the front lobby ACA compliance issues. For maintenance on the system we would like a local company. Superintendent is having discussions with Lansing Lock and Security. This company has been used by others with good reviews.

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

- Jan 17 township meeting
- Walton Twp voicing issues about the Butterfield culvert – there is still a bump, we are waiting for the settling process to finish. It will be addressed after looking at it in the Spring.
- Vacant parcel purchase with federal funds – the parcel is useless to us. An individual is inquiring about buying it. Matt inquired with MDOT – there is a process to selling it.
- House on Vermontville, vacant due to road construction, likely state funds involved.
- Jere mentioned the old Vermontville garage, the Amish are interested in it.
- County Commissioner came in and asked a few questions, he's learning about the Road Commission.
- Would like to switch to Oxcart, electronic instead of paper checks for permits. Will start with the move permits since they are the easiest.
- Received a subpoena for Harvest Park - we haven't accepted the road, MCRSCIP is handling this. It is for information not actually a suit against the Road Commission. We are waiting for the drains being accepted. We have everything else we need to accept.

The Superintendent provided an update on the following items:

- Winter storm work, as necessary.
- Blading gravel, cold patching, etc.
- Hired a driver and a mechanic – would like another mechanic and a couple more drivers. We are at previous levels for employees. The need for more is due to Burkett not continuing with the Winter Maintenance Contract.
- Received a new loader just before the holiday in December.

Correspondence: None

There is a Seven County Council Meeting in Howell on January 17. The Director of Finance asked who all may be attending. There was discussion.

Public comment: None

Commissioner Comment:

Chairman Eldred requested to include meetings/conferences upcoming at least 3 – 4 weeks out be put on the agenda.

Chairman Lamoreaux inquired about providing information in the newspaper, Shopping Guide, possibly twice a year. There was discussion.

Motion by Lyons to adjourn, seconded by Aitch. Motion carried. Board meeting was adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

The date and time of the next regular meeting will be Tuesday, January 24, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Duane A. Eldred, Chairman

Louanna L. Lawson, Clerk to the Board