

EATON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

January 24, 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 24, 2023.

Members present: Commissioners Eldred, Barber, and Lamoreaux.

Members absent: Lyons and Aitch-Guerrant

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Eldred at 6:00 p.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 Chairman asked if the minutes of the January 10, 2023, meeting were correct as presented. Moved by Lamoreaux and seconded by Barber to approve the January 10, 2023, minutes. Motion carried.

Public comment: None

The following vouchers were presented:

a.	VO 21 (01/13/23)	Accounts Payable	\$ 81,433.24
b.	VO 22 (01/19/23)	Payroll	\$ 97,455.27
c.	VO 23 (01/18/23)	Payroll	\$ 43,202.02

There was discussion. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Barber to approve vouchers 16-20 with total expenditures of \$222,090.53. Roll call vote: Ayes: Eldred, Lamoreaux, and Barber. Nays: None. Absent: Lyons, and Aitch. Motion carried.

The Engineer/Manager requested the Board to consider trespassing on Hull Pit. There was discussion on whether the Engineer/Manager will move forward with action. Also, some discussion was had on other locations and trespassing. It was commented that consistency is needed with all locations. The consensus is to pursue charges with the assistance of the Department of Natural Resources.

The Engineer/Manager requested the Board to consider the County Road Association Ballot. There was discussion. The consensus was to cast a vote for John Hunt.

The Engineer/Manager requested the Board to consider the Pavement Marking contract extension. There was discussion. Moved by Lamoreaux and seconded by Barber to approve the Pavement Marking contract extension. Motion carried.

The Superintendent provided an update on the Security Audit and System. Siemans stated via email that they would be here this week to wrap up some more action items.

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

- Oneida Rd, St. Joe Hwy to M-43 project is part of the Federal Aid Buyout Program, proposing this project will be delayed until 2024 due to MDOT performing work on M100.
- Lauren (Assistant County Engineer) has hired a second intern for this summer.
- Engineer/Manager is attending a career fair at Ferris State University with intentions of finding an Engineering Technician.
- Engineer/Manager will be sending out proposal for consultant to assist with federal aid projects.

The Superintendent provided an update on the following items:

- Crews work on winter maintenance.
- Crews work on gravel maintenance.
- Crews have done some blacktop patching.
- Area Supervisors attended a Miss Dig training and will need to attend a second session.
- Pickup trucks ordered a couple of months ago have been received.
- Excavator is almost ready for use; the rest of the equipment will be installed sometime in March.
- Santee Natural Beauty Road – heads up to the board that a resident will complain about gravel prep, cutting brush, etc.
- OxCart is planned to be live on February 1, 2023

Correspondence: Thank you letter from a resident.

Public comment: None

Commissioner Comment: Commissioner Barber gave kudos on a great job with the Facebook updates.

Other:

- February 7-9 County Engineers' Workshop
- February 20 Annual Township Meeting
- March 21-23 County Road Association Highway Conference and Trade Show

Motion by Lamoreaux to adjourn, seconded by Barber. Motion carried. Board meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

The date and time of the next regular meeting will be Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at 8:30 a.m.

Duane A. Eldred, Chairman

Louanna L. Lawson, Clerk to the Board