

EATON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

March 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 March 14, 2023.

Members present: Commissioners Eldred, Barber, and Lamoreaux.

Members absent: Aitch-Guerrant and Lyons

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Eldred at 8:30 a.m.

The Chairman inquired if there were additions or deletions to the agenda. No additions or deletions. Moved by Lamoreaux and seconded by Barber to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

The Chairman asked if the minutes of the February 28, 2023, meeting were correct as presented. Moved by Lamoreaux and seconded by Barber to approve the February 28, 2023, minutes. Motion carried.

Public comment: None

The following vouchers were presented:

a.	VO 29 (03/01/23)	Payroll	\$100,097.11
b.	VO 30 (03/06/23)	Accounts Payable	\$304,113.33
c.	VO 31 (03/10/23)	Accounts Payable	\$ 74,453.07

There was discussion. Motion by Barber and seconded by Lamoreaux to approve vouchers 29-31 with total expenditures of \$478,663.51. Roll call vote: Ayes: Eldred, Lamoreaux, and Barber. Nays: None. Absent: Aitch and Lyons. Motion carried.

The Engineer/Manager requested the Board to consider the 2023 Sealcoat Aggregate bids. There was discussion. The recommendation from the Engineer/Manager is to award to both bidders. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Barber to approve the 2023 Sealcoat Aggregate award to both bidders. Motion carried.

The Engineer/Manager requested the Board to consider the Road Layout for Echo Valley Condominiums. There was discussion. The Engineer Manager advised they will be charged for original plattes due to the significant amount of work performed. The condominium layout meets the road commission's standards. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Barber to approve the Road Layout for Echo Valley Condominiums. Motion carried.

The Engineer/Manager informed the Board of the open positions for the MCRSIP Board of Directors. There was some discussion. There is a letter of invitation and a list of current positions and term dates available for those that may be interested. No action taken.

The Superintendent did not have an update on the Security Audit and System. Sieman's indicated they would be onsite March 13th. The Superintendent has not had communication with them at this point. There was discussion.

The Superintendent provided an update on the following items:

- Winter Maintenance, as necessary.
- Cold patching and blading, between rain.
- Summer equipment, getting them up and running, ready for the season.
- Hired a new mechanic.
- Sold equipment, brought in more funding than originally expected.

The Intern (Engineering Department) provided an update on the following items:

- Developed a project spreadsheet and will have HMA contract bids advertised by the end of the week.
- Interview for Engineering Technician this week.
- MSU popup next week with hopes to hire a few interns.

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

- Update on Davis Hwy, batter plant being constructed, local road – plan is to submit to turn into a primary road. He will check into if a hearing is required to move forward. Will have more info at the next meeting. There will be lots of traffic when it opens. If primary and paved will be wider than standard, like in front of GM.
- Talked to MCRSIP on tree cutting – no responsibility to cut them and no liability to us, it is up to the homeowner. Our responsibility is only to remove if it ends up in the road. A little worried about ER people being so quiet.
- Jessica came to Matt about a plow design contest for students. She will talk with the schools and art classes.
- Five Point Hwy bids came in 29% over again. May rebid (reject current). Prices are high in this area right now.
- Legislative MCL regarding public hearing for improvement on local roads
- Bridge Applications – 2 primary bridges posted: 1 extra application available. Maybe ask Bellevue if they want to do Harris.
- Next week going to Ferris State University for a career fair.
- Delta Coordination next week
- Jeff Rutter will be coming in and will discuss part-time work. Can help mentor Matt C and co-ops/interns.

Correspondence: None

Other:

- March 21-23 County Road Association Highway Conference and Trade Show
- April 18 Seven County Council Meeting

Public comment: None

Commissioner Comment: None

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Motion by Lamoreaux to adjourn, seconded by Barber to adjourn. Motion carried. The Board meeting was adjourned at 9:06 a.m.

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

Duane A. Eldred, Chairman

Louanna L. Lawson, Clerk to the Board