

EATON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

July 11, 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 July 11, 2023.

Members present: Commissioners Eldred, Lyons, and Lamoreaux.

Members absent: Commissioner Aitch-Guerrant and Barber

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Eldred at 8:34 a.m.

The Chairman inquired if there were additions or deletions to the agenda. Additions: Engineer-Manager Evaluation. Deletions: None. Moved by Lyons and seconded by Lamoreaux to approve the agenda with the addition. Motion carried.

The Chairman asked if the minutes of the June 27, 2023, meeting were correct as presented. Moved by Lamoreaux and seconded by Lyons to approve the June 27, 2023, minutes. Motion carried.

Public comment: None

The following vouchers were presented:

a.	VO 51 (06/30/23)	Payroll	\$ 101,932.09
b.	VO 52 (06/30/23)	Accounts Payable	\$ 741,000.94

There was a discussion. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Lyons to approve vouchers 51 - 52 with total expenditures of \$842,933.03. Roll call vote: Ayes: Eldred, Lyons, and Lamoreaux. Nays: None. Absent: Aitch and Barber. Motion carried.

The Engineer/Manager requested the Board to table the Harris Rd Bridge Township Agreement. There was some discussion. There was no objection to table the Harris Rd Bridge Agreement.

The Engineer/Manager requested the Board to consider the Webster Road Bridge Road Improvement Agreement with Delta Township. This will be a several year project. There was some discussion. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Lyons to approve and sign the Webster Road Bridge Road Improvement Agreement with Delta Township. Motion carried.

The Chairman presented information on the process of the evaluation of the Engineer-Manager. He requested members of the Board review and bring changes/comments to the July 25, 2023, board meeting. He also requested the clerk send the documents electronically so absentee members also have the details. No further action taken at this time.

The Engineer-Manager provided an update on the Security Audit and System. Training is complete. All punch list items have been resolved and fixed. He will discuss it with the Superintendent and request the final payment be made.

The Assistant Engineer provided an update on the following items:

- Battle Creek Rd – some seeding and final slope restoration, needs to be open Aug 1
- Five Point Hwy – trenching/widening started
- Nixon Rd – resubmitting to MDOT today
- Cochran/Royston – doing design
- Crush & Shape – working with Jere on schedule
- Rural Paving – Lakeland did some paving and working on some other roads
- 2024 millage projects - are being worked on for the preliminary list
- Canal Road – Design process being looked at; soil boring RFP was posted that is related to several areas/roads
- Misc. staff update - Had to let an intern go, no call no show. Committed to work this fall and now has changed his mind.

The Engineer-Manager provided an update on the Superintendent's behalf for the following items:

- Sealcoating – still in process
- Stine Rd - will need to be closed, MDOT will need to lower to give clearance for the bridge
- Marshall Rd – not fog sealing, applied several types of stone, see how this new process works
- Commissioner Lyons commented on the practice of employees riding in the bed of the truck. Flaggers are sitting in the car until people arrive to drive through the area.

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

- Roll Call Votes – only needed if in closed session or high financial decisions
- Battery plant – MI budget has a line item for road work around the plant \$18.2 M; Local roads - public hearing needed
- Out of the office - will be on vacation this next week
- Blairs son passed away – donation of \$100 to their place of choosing TL moved BL seconded the donation.
- Ad was placed in the County Journal for our openings at ECRC
- Gravel pit opened on Kelly Hwy, Briggs making gravel – Rob requesting class A improvement, its now class B. Trucks are running and hauling on it. ECRC will review for an estimate (2 miles)
- Brick Rd has several issues, township support will be needed in the next few years to fix them. Can fix bridge now although what if Allegan must be closed right away from the other issues. He will contact the township to start discussions.

Correspondence: None

Other:

- July 18 Seven County Council Meeting (Shiawassee CRC in Owosso)
- July 19-20 39th Annual MCRSIP Meeting, Mt. Pleasant

Public comment: None

Commissioner Comment: None

Moved by Eldred and seconded by Lyons to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The Board meeting was adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

The date and time of the next regular meeting will be Tuesday, July 25, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Duane A. Eldred, Chairman

Louanna L. Lawson, Clerk to the Board