

EATON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

August 22, 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 August 22, 2023.

Members present: Commissioners Eldred, Barber, and Lamoreaux.

Members absent: Commissioners Lyons and Aitch-Guerrant

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Eldred at 6:03 p.m.

The Chairman inquired if there were additions or deletions to the agenda. Additions: None. Deletions: None. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Barber to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

The Chairman asked if the minutes of the August 8, 2023, meeting were correct as presented. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Barber to approve the August 8, 2023, minutes. Motion carried.

Public comment: Richard Angus (resident), West Kalamo Hwy inquired about repairing roads and providing signage farther away from work zones. Mr. Angus mentioned failing culverts, specifically a culvert on Mason Rd, between Carlisle Hwy and Kalamo Hwy. There was discussion. He also inquired about curbs being put on gravel roads. The Engineer-Manager provided input.

The following vouchers were presented:

a.	VO 59 (08/10/23)	Accounts Payable	\$ 697,459.95
b.	VO 60 (08/10/23)	Accounts Payable	\$ 1,847.78
c.	VO 61 (08/14/23)	Payroll	\$ 98,646.69
d.	VO 62 (08/17/23)	Accounts Payable	\$ 111,589.47

Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Barber to approve vouchers 59 - 62 with total expenditures of \$909,543.89. Roll call vote: Ayes: Eldred, Barber, and Lamoreaux. Nays: None. Absent: Lyons and Aitch. Motion carried.

The Engineer/Manager requested the Board to consider a change of insurance carrier for dental and vision coverage. He recommended the insurance carrier change from Blue Dental/Blue Vision to Delta Dental/VSP, respectively. There was some discussion. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Barber to approve the change of insurance carrier for dental and vision coverage from Blue Dental/Blue Vision to Delta Dental/VSP, respectively. Motion carried.

The Engineer/Manager requested the Board to consider the 2023-2026 Winter Maintenance bid. He recommended rejection of the bid due to the vendor not meeting all the requirements specified. There was some discussion. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Barber to reject the 2023-2026 Winter Maintenance bid. Motion carried.

The Engineer/Manager requested the Board to consider the 2025 Rural Projects and Federal Aid Buyout. He recommended the approval of the Rural Task Force Balance Sheet as presented. There was some discussion. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Barber to approve the Rural Task Force Balance Sheet as presented. Motion carried.

The Engineer/Manager requested the Board to consider staff attendance at the 2023 Northern Michigan Association of Road Commissions (NMARC) Annual Conference from September 13-15, 2023 in Manistee. He recommended approval of staff members attending the conference. There was some discussion. Motion by Barber and seconded by Lamoreaux to approve staff attendance at the 2023 NMARC Annual Conference from September 13-15, 2023. Motion carried.

The Engineer/Manager requested the Board to consider staff attendance at the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Superintendents (SAM) Seminar from October 4-6, 2023 in Frankenmuth. He recommended approval of staff members attending the seminar. There was some discussion. Motion by Barber and seconded by Lamoreaux to approve staff attendance at the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual SAM Seminar. Motion carried.

The Engineer-Manager requested the Board to consider signing and executing the Walton Township Agreement for the Harris Road Bridge project. There was some discussion. Motion by Barber and seconded by Lamoreaux to sign and execute the Walton Township Agreement for the Harris Road Bridge project. Motion carried.

The Chairman requested the Board to review the Engineer/Manager Evaluation. There was some discussion. The Chairman requested the Board members to complete and provide the results of the Engineer/Manager Evaluation by the August 25, 2023 with intent on the Clerk of the Board having results compiled by the September 12, 2023 board meeting.

The Superintendent provided an update on the following item:

- Dust control – started last week and have completed Hamlin and Eaton Rapids townships
- Culverts – replacing throughout
- Crush/Shape – working on several projects
- Equipment quotes – requesting for the 2024 Capital Outlay Budget
- Staff – a couple interviews with another (3rd) tomorrow

The Assistant Engineer provided an update on the following items:

- Five Pt – base paved, should be finished next week
- Crush/Shape – several being worked on
- Paving – Michigan Paving working on subs, doing Delta Twp last
- Coordination with Drain Office – may have to push top layers until next summer
- Saubee Rd – ready to pave on Sat. coordination is complete with CSX company
- Staff – had an interview, person didn't know excel so short interview, losing last intern this week
- Consultants – we are finding they aren't doing the things we would like, need to get technicians hired. We have high expectations; every client is different
- Engineering Technicians are hard to find for everyone
- Commissioner Eldred asked about pavement markings – they are being worked on still a bit slow

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

- Email from Representative Witwer's office – Representative Whitwer would like to meet with the Engineer/Manager via ZOOM, per the Engineer/Manager's request, Representative Whitwer's assistant will respond regarding the subject of conversation for the Engineer/Manager to prepare accordingly.

Correspondence:

- Gravel Pit Encroachment – Cease and Desist Letter: next to Pease Rd pit, haven't heard anything back from the resident sent to
- Michigan Infrastructure Grant - \$18 M for the batter plant roads
- Charlotte Master Plan Stakeholder Invitation -

Other:

Sep 13-15: 2023 NMARC Conference, Manistee  
Oct 4-6: 2023 SAM Seminar, Frankenmuth  
Oct 17: Seven County Council Meeting, Clinton County  
Oct 17-18: 2023 Winter Operations Conf, Bellaire  
Oct 22-23: 2023 Commissioners Seminar, Mt. Pleasant

Public comment: None

Commissioner Comment: None

Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Barber to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The Board meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

The date and time of the next regular meeting will be Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 8:30 a.m.

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Duane A. Eldred, Chairman

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Louanna L. Lawson, Clerk to the Board