

EATON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

December 12, 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 December 12, 2023, at 8:30 a.m.

Members present: Commissioners Barber, Eldred, Lamoreaux, and Lyons

Members absent: Commissioners Aitch-Guerrant

Others present: Mathew Hannahs, Engineer-Manager; Patty Loosemore, Finance Director/Clerk, and Jeremiah Nelson, Superintendent

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Eldred at 8:31 a.m.

The Chairman inquired if there were additions or deletions to the agenda.

Addition – Consider and discuss Samsara Fleet Management Equipment. Motion by Barber and seconded by Lamoreaux to approve the agenda with the addition. Motion carried.

The Chairman asked if the minutes of the November 28, 2023, meeting were correct as presented. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Barber to approve the November 28, 2023, minutes after amending the date of meeting cancellation to December 19, 2023. Motion carried.

Public comment: None

The following vouchers were presented:

a.	VO 13 (11/29/23)	Accounts Payable	\$ 175,644.00
b.	VO 14 (12-07-23)	Payroll	98,621.96
c.	VO 15 (12/05/23)	Payroll	14,405.95
d.	VO 16 (12/07/23)	Accounts Payable	96,760.88

Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Lyons to approve Vouchers 13,14,15 and 16 with total expenditures of \$385,432.79. Roll call vote: Ayes: Eldred, Barber, Lamoreaux, and Lyons. Nays: None. Absent: Aitch Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the disposal of equipment #2617, 1972 Layton Pull Behind Paver as presented by the Superintendent. Motion by Lyons and seconded by Barber to approve the disposal of equipment #2617, 1972 Layton Pull Behind Paver. Motion carried.

The Engineer/Manager and Superintendent presented for Board consideration a Letter of Understanding to Amend the Collective Bargaining Agreement as follows:

CURRENT LANGUAGE as of 12-12-2023, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED BY LOU DATED 08-09-2022.

Reference: APPENDIX A, Section 1, page 31

“New Hires will start at ninety percent (90%) of the rate for the job classification they hire into during the first year. During the second year of their employment, they will be paid at one hundred percent (100%) of the rate of the job classification they hold.”

PROPOSED AMENDED LANGUAGE

Reference: APPENDIX A, Section 1, page 31

“New Hires will start at one hundred percent (100%) of the rate for the job classification they hire into. Current employees that are within their first year of hire will have their wage adjusted, beginning on the last date the Letter of Understanding is signed by either party, to one hundred percent (100%) of the rate for their job classification.”

The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed changes. Motion by Lyons and seconded by Lamoreaux to approve the Letter of Understanding to amend the Collective Bargaining Agreement. The Letter of Understanding will be signed by two parties for the Collective Bargaining Unit and two parties for the Employer. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Samsara Fleet Management Equipment as presented by the Engineer/Manager and Superintendent. Motion by Lyons and seconded by Barber to approve the purchase of Samsara Fleet Management equipment up to an annual fee of \$52,000. Motion carried.

The Superintendent provided an update on the following item:

- Blading gravels
- Mowing of brush
- Cold patching

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

- Working on the millage paving and gravel bid packages.
- MDOT cancelled the federal aid buyout program for 2025 as they claim there will not be enough state funding for the buyout.
- Harvest Park dedication as a public road in Windsor Township, the Engineer/Manager met with the developer to review the work necessary before the road commission will consider accepting the road into the public system.
- Davis Hwy, Battery plant, 1700 contractors will need access to two locations along the site at the same time Davis Hwy is being constructed, this will be coordinated with the contractor.
- Island Hwy E of Casper – a large pile of concrete/dirt was dumped along the edge of the road; we pushed it to the back side of the ditch and the resident wants the road commission to remove it.

- January 16, 2024, Eaton County Road Commission will be hosting the Seven County Council Meeting
- The search for an Assistant County Engineer continues.

Correspondence: None

Public comment: None

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Eldred thanked the Board for the last year of working together.

The date and time of the next regular meeting will be Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 8:30 a.m.

Motion by Lyons and seconded by Lamoreaux to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 a.m. Motion carried.

Duane A. Eldred, Chairman

Patricia M. Loosemore, Clerk to the Board