

EATON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

April 23, 2024

The Board of County Road Commissioners for Eaton County met in the Board Room of the Road Commission offices in Charlotte, Michigan on April 23, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. for a public hearing pursuant to Michigan Act 150, Public Acts 1976 of the State of Michigan. The purpose of the public hearing was to provide information and answer questions and hear public comments on the Davis Highway from Nixon Road to Guinea Road in Delta Charter Township and Windsor Charter Township project which includes road reconstruction, minor ditching, county drain reconstruction, and surfacing using hot mix asphalt.

Members present: Commissioners Eldred, Lamoreaux, and Lyons

Members absent: Aitch-Guerrant and Barber

Others present: Mathew Hannahs, Engineer-Manager; Patricia Loosemore, Finance Director; Jeremiah Nelson, Superintendent; Natalie Petermann, Jeff Markstrom, Rowe Professional Services; Serena Trevino, Dan Creyts, Ruth Creyts, Roger and Pam Smith, Bridget Lilly, Jim and Mitzi McLeod, Patrick Murphy

The meeting was called to order by Chair Eldred at 7:00 p.m.

The Chair inquired if there were additions or deletions to the agenda. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Lyons to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

The Chair advised to the reason for the public meeting: Proposed improvements to Davis Highway, from Nixon Road to Guinea Road, Delta Township. To receive questions and comments regarding the proposed construction project. He then turned the meeting over to the Engineer-Manager, Mathew Hannahs. The Engineer-Manager provided a brief overview of the Davis Highway project proposal which has plans that are about 70% complete. The project is scheduled for summer 2024 and should take approximately 4 months. The Engineer-Manager introduced Jeff Markstrom, Design Services Division Manager from Rowe Professional Services, the company providing design and construction engineering for the project. Mr. Markstrom provided an in-depth look at the Davis Highway project design plans complete with maps.

The meeting was then turned over for public comments. The Engineer-Manager requested that when asking a question or making a comment each person identifies themselves by stating their name and address.

Public Comments, questions and concerns received included the following:

- Question about roundabout and how it will work. Comments on truck entrance and safest entrance.
- Why did they choose to come onto Davis Hwy?
- Concerns about where delivery entrance is going to be and
- concerns about traffic from delivery entrance.
- The Road is wider on the side to accommodate 36' width – what happens to the end of our drive? It is concrete right now – who will fix this? Will there be a ditch on that side of the road?

- What happens if the traffic flow doesn't go as planned and there is congestion? Additional traffic due to project and plant.
- Driveway gets mud in it all the time- never had this issue before they built the factory.
- Property lost by project.
- Sight distance issues at Nixon and Davis at stop sign.
- Does the proposed project affect the county drain?
- Speed limit study.

The Engineer-Manager and Jeff Markstrom of Rowe fielded and answered the above comments, questions and concerns. Engineering staff continued to be available after the public hearing to meet with residents on an individual basis to answer detailed questions.

There being no further questions or comments a motion was made by Lyons and seconded by Lamoreaux to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. Motion carried.

Duane A. Eldred, Chairman

Patricia M. Loosemore, Clerk to the Board