

EATON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

August 27, 2024

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 27, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Commissioners Eldred, Lamoreaux, and Barber

Members absent: Aitch-Guerrant and Lyons

Others present: Mathew Hannahs, Engineer-Manager; Patricia Loosemore, Finance Director; Jeremiah Nelson, Superintendent, and Chris Mooney, St Regis Culvert Inc.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Eldred at 6:00 p.m.

The Chair inquired if there were additions or deletions to the agenda. There was one item, 6.b. Eaton CRC Wrap Plan Resolution postponed until the next meeting. Motion by Barber and seconded by Lamoreaux to approve the agenda with the postponement of 6.b. Motion carried.

The Chair asked if the minutes of the August 13, 2024, regular meeting were correct as presented. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Barber to approve the August 13, 2024, meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Public comment: Chris Mooney of St Regis Culvert spoke regarding the large culvert material bid being considered at the meeting. He spoke regarding the life span of aluminum culverts.

The following vouchers were presented:

a.	VO 71 (08/15/24)	Accounts Payable	\$ 132.48
b.	VO 72 (08/19/24)	Accounts Payable	\$ 1,457,510.82
c.	VO 73 (08/22/24)	Accounts Payable	\$ 399,187.91
d.	VO 74 (08/27/24)	Payroll	\$ 101,543.10

Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Barber to approve Vouchers 71, 72, 73 and 74 with total expenditures of \$1,958,347.31. Roll call vote: Ayes: Eldred, Barber, Lamoreaux. Nays: None. Absent: Aitch-Guerrant and Lyons. Motion carried.

The Engineer-Manager updated the Board on the status of Union Negotiations.

The Board reviewed and discussed staff attendance at the Superintendent Seminar, October 2-4, 2024. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Barber to approve staff attendance at the Superintendent's Seminar, October 2-4, 2024. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed staff attendance at the Winter Operations Conference, October 22-23, 2024. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Barber to approve staff attendance at the Winter Operations Conference. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the large culvert material bid tabulation as presented by the Engineer-Manager. Motion by Barber to and seconded by Lamoreaux to award the Moore Road, Polymer culvert

to St Regis. All other culverts will be awarded to the lowest bidder unless the local purchase preference policy is applied. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the culvert installation bid tabulation as presented by the Engineer-Manager. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Barber to award the culvert installations as follows: Moore Road, over the Shaytown Drain, Cochran Road over the Cole Wright & Helm Drain and Cochran Road over the Root Drain to Jackson Dirt Works, Inc. and the Bellevue Highway over the McDonald Drain and Green Road at Butterfield Hwy to Xact Excavating LLC, being the low bidder for each respective culvert installation. Motion carried.

The Superintendent updated the Board on Maintenance Activities:

- Dust control round 2 is almost complete.
- Crews have been working on guardrail repair
- Crews have been working on over banding
- Roadside mowing is being done.

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

- HR Firm has sent a resume for review.
- The Royston Rd project has one lane paved. Some grades had to be fixed.
- Nixon Rd project is nearing completion
- Smithville Bridge project reopened for a brief period
- Davis Hwy construction project is pouring curbs

Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Barber to enter closed session to discuss employee relations at 6:50 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion by Barber and seconded by Lamoreaux to return to open session at 7:08 p.m. Motion carried.

The date and time of the next regular meeting will be Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 8:30 a.m.

Motion by Barber and seconded by Lamoreaux to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 p.m. Motion carried.

Duane A. Eldred, Chairman

Patricia M. Loosemore, Clerk to the Board