

EATON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

November 26, 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 November 26, 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; and Brett Madry

The meeting was called to order by Chair Eldred at 6:02 p.m.

The Chair inquired if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. 6.a. Consider License Plate Readers installation in ROW needs to be postponed until the next meeting. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Barber to approve the agenda with the change. Motion carried.

The Chair asked if the minutes of November 12, 2024, regular meeting were correct as presented. Motion by Barber and seconded by Lamoreaux to approve November 12, 2024, meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Brett Madry of Ionia Rd spoke regarding the Five Point Highway and Ionia Road intersection. He is very concerned about drivers not stopping for the stop sign. Something more needs to be done to alert drivers to the stop ahead.

The following vouchers were presented:

a.	VO 11 (11/14/24)	Accounts Payable	\$ 1,195,106.26
b.	VO 12 (11/15/24)	Accounts Payable	\$ 172,141.69
c.	VO 13 (11/21/24)	Payroll	\$ 101,275.56

Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Barber to approve Vouchers 11, 12 and 13 with total expenditures of \$1,468,523.51. Roll call vote: Ayes: Eldred, Barber, Lamoreaux. Nays: None. Absent: Aitch-Guerrant and Lyons. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the withdrawal of funds from the OPEB account as presented by the Finance Director. Motion by Commissioner Barber to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Road Commission, 1112 Reynolds Road, Charlotte, MI 48813 desires to withdrawal funds from the Eaton County Road Commission Retiree Health Insurance Section 115 Trust that was established, provided for under the Public Employee Health Care Fund Investment Act, 1999 PA 149, MCL 38.1211 to 38.1216, for the accumulation and investment of funds for the purpose of funding healthcare benefits to the retirees of the Eaton County Road Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Road Commission desires to receive a withdrawal from the Trust; and

WHEREAS, the named Trustees, the Board of Commissioners, are authorized to direct Trust withdrawals to the Employer.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to sections 1.3 and 4.4 of the Eaton County Road Commission Retiree Health Insurance Section 115 Trust dated October 1, 2007, by and between Eaton County Road Commission, the Employer, and the Board of Commissioners, the Trustees, and Burnham & Flower Insurance Group, the TPA, the Eaton County Road Commission Board hereby elects a withdrawal of \$275,000 for the purpose of retiree medical insurance expenses for the 2024 calendar year and authorize the Chair to sign said resolution. The resolution was supported by Commissioner Lamoreaux and carried on a roll call vote. . Roll call vote: Ayes: Eldred, Barber, Lamoreaux. Nays: None. Absent: Aitch-Guerrant and Lyons. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the preliminary projects for the 2025 Millage Program as presented by the Engineer/Manager. Motion by Barber and seconded by Lamoreaux to approve the preliminary projects for the 2025 Millage Program as presented and authorize staff to send the preliminary list to each Township Board for review. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the intersection crash rating report compiled by the Engineer-Manager. The Engineer-Manager pointed out the intersections that have the most concerning number of crashes. He intends to put reflectors at these intersections, and he will also be applying for a safety grant to help cover the cost of installing reflectors at all noted intersections.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Draft Policy for County Road Memorial Designation. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Barber to approve the policy for the Eaton County Road Commission, County Road Memorial Designation, hereby given policy number 2024-01. Motion carried.

Old business of the Eaton CRC Wrap Plan Resolution is still pending and will be reviewed at a future meeting.

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

- Looking into a vegetation spray program.
- Working with union regarding uniforms.
- Roads are being scraped.
- Patching is taking place
- Getting bids ready for next year.

The Board reviewed and discussed an email received regarding the Nixon Rd reconstruction scheduled for next year.

The Board reviewed and discussed photos of non-permitted signs at Ionia and Five Point Highway.

Motion by Barber and seconded by Lamoreaux to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m. Motion carried.

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

Duane A. Eldred, Chairman

Patricia M. Loosemore, Clerk to the Board