

EATON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

January 14, 2025

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 January 14, 2025, at 8:30 a.m.

Members present: Commissioners Eldred, Lamoreaux, and Aitch-Guerrant

Members absent: None

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair Eldred at 9:07 a.m.

The Chair inquired if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Aitch-Guerrant to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

The meeting was turned over to the Engineer-Manager. He opened the organizational meeting and requested nominations for Chair of the Board.

Motion by Lamoreaux to nominate Duane Eldred as Chair for 2025 and seconded by Aitch-Guerrant. Motion carried. There were no other nominations. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Aitch-Guerrant to elect Duane Eldred as the Chair for 2025. Motion carried.

The Chair asked for nominations for the position of Vice Chair. Motion by Aitch-Guerrant to nominate Timothy Lamoreaux as Vice Chair for 2025 and seconded by Eldred. There were no other nominations. Motion by Aitch-Guerrant and seconded by Eldred to elect Timothy Lamoreaux as the Vice Chair for 2025. Motion carried.

Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Eldred to appoint Commissioner Aitch-Guerrant as the representative to Tri-county Regional Planning Commission. Motion carried.

The Chair asked if the minutes of the December 10, 2024, meeting were correct as presented. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Aitch-Guerrant to approve December 10, 2024, minutes, as presented. Motion carried.

Public comment: None

The following vouchers were presented:

a.	VO 18 (12-13-24)	Accounts Payable	\$ 528,106.95
b.	VO 19 (12-19-24)	Payroll	110,184.69
c.	VO 20 (12-18-24)	Payroll	5,550.68
d.	VO 21 (12-20-24)	Accounts Payable	188,866.30
e.	VO 22 (01-02-25)	Payroll	107,004.86
f.	VO 23 (01-07-25)	Accounts Payable	173,717.11

Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Aitch-Guerrant to approve Vouchers 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23 with total expenditures of \$1,113,430.59. Roll call vote: Ayes: Eldred, Lamoreaux, and Aitch-Guerrant. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the 2025 Board Meeting Schedule. Board Meetings are scheduled for the second Tuesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. and the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Aitch-Guerrant to approve the 2025 Board Meeting schedule as presented. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the road dedication sign to honor Roy F. Simpson, a Chester Township resident, a Vietnam War veteran who earned a silver star, one of the highest military honors. Mr. Simpson also served on the Chester Township Planning Commission for over fourteen years. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Aitch-Guerrant to approve the road dedication sign to honor Roy F. Simpson. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed staff attendance at the County Engineers Workshop, February 11-13, in Bellaire. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Aitch-Guerrant to approve staff attendance at the County Engineers Workshop, February 11-13, in Bellaire. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed staff attendance at the CRA Highway Conference on March 25-27 in Lansing. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Aitch-Guerrant to approve staff attendance at the CRA Highway Conference on March 25-27 in Lansing. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Annual Township meeting proposed date of March 25, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. This will follow the Board's regular meeting scheduled for 6:00 pm that evening. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Aitch-Guerrant to schedule the Annual Township meeting for March 25, 2025, at 7:00 pm. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the trespass charges on ECRC property as presented by the Engineer-Manager. Motion by Aitch-Guerrant and seconded by Lamoreaux to instruct the Engineer-Manager to draft a letter and pursue trespass charges as presented at this meeting. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the extension of the curb sweeping contract for 2025 with SCA. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Aitch-Guerrant to approve the extension of the curb sweeping contract with SCA for the 2025 contract year. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed changes to the Grade and Step Compensation System as presented by the Engineer-Manager. Motion by Aitch-Guerrant and seconded by Lamoreaux to approve the proposed changes to the Grade and Step Compensation System. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the wage authorizations presented by the Engineer-Manager. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Aitch-Guerrant to approve the wage authorizations presented. Motion carried.

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

The Superintendent updated the Board on Maintenance Activities:

- Winter Maintenance has been taking place most days

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

- Webster Rd Bridge may move to a 2026 project, possible archaeological issues and can't dig to determine until ground thaws
- Five Point Creepy Swamp is plugging along in the design phase
- Two drain culverts are being replaced this year
- Nixon, Davis to Mt Hope, Surcharge- 25-foot hole
- Creyts Rd Catch Basins- Drain office is looking into this

Correspondence:

- Seven County Council Meeting, January 21st

Other:

- CRA Impress Award Submission-Enhancing Workplace Communication

Public comment: None

Commissioner Comments: None

The date and time of the next regular meeting will be Tuesday, January 28, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Aitch-Guerrant to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 a.m. Motion carried.

Duane A. Eldred, Chairman

Patricia M. Loosemore, Clerk to the Board