EATON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

March 11, 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 March 11, 2025, at 8:30 a.m.

Members present: Commissioners Eldred, Lamoreaux, Kendall and Aitch-Guerrant (arrived 8:45 a.m.).

Others present: Mathew Hannahs, Engineer-Manager; Patricia Loosemore, Finance Director, Jeremiah Nelson, Superintendent and Jordan Smith, CPA Maner Costerisan

The meeting was called to order by Chair Eldred at 8:30 a.m.

The Chair inquired if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. There was one addition to the agenda, 6.h. Consider proposal for 2025 Bridge Inspections. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Kendall to approve the agenda with the addition. Motion carried.

The Chair asked if the minutes of the February 25, 2025, meeting were correct as presented. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Kendall to approve February 25, 2025, meeting minutes, as presented. Motion carried.

Public comment: None

The following vouchers were presented:

a.	VO 33	(02-28-25)	Accounts Payable	$	585,485.64
b.	VO 34	(03-06-25)	Accounts Payable	$	151,036.64

Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Kendall to approve Vouchers 33 and 34 with total expenditures of $736,522.28. Roll call vote: Ayes: Eldred, Lamoreaux and Kendall. Nays: None. Absent: Aitch-Guerrant and Green. Motion carried.

The Board received the 2024 Financial Audit, presented by Jordan Smith, CPA, Maner Costerisan. The audit was given an unqualified opinion, indicating that the financial statements are presented fairly and accurately, which is the highest level of assurance an audit can provide. A motion was made by Kendall and seconded by Lamoreaux to accept and place on file the Fiscal Year 2024 Audit as recommended by the Finance Director. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Fiscal Year 2024 ACT 51 Report as presented by the Finance Director, with a recommendation to accept, place on file and authorize the Chair and Finance Director to sign the report. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Aitch-Guerrant to accept, place on file and authorize the Chair and Finance Director to sign the ACT 51 Report. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the 2018 Addison Road Abandonment as presented by the Engineer-Manager. The Engineer-Manager recommended passing the 2018 Addison Road resolution of abandonment. A motion was made by Commissioner Lauren Aitch-Guerrant and seconded by Commissioner Ronald E. Kendall to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Board of Eaton County Road Commissioners received a petition Dated April 17, 2018 requesting the absolute abandonment and discontinuance of a portion of Addison Road located in Section 12, Delta Township, and

WHEREAS, This petition was filed in accordance with Public Act 283 of 1909 as amended, and

WHEREAS, The petition requesting the abandonment contains the signatures of all of the owners of land abutting this portion of Addison Road, and a public hearing was not required nor held in accordance with Public Act 283 of 1909.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the section of Addison Road described as beginning at Robins Road then easterly approximately 220 feet to its end, located in Section 12, Delta Township, Eaton County, Michigan was hereby abandoned and discontinued.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the absolute abandonment and discontinuance does not amend the Plat of Bretton Woods in which this section of Addison Road is situated.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution as adopted by the Eaton County Board of Road Commissioners be provided to the Township of Delta, the Michigan Department of Transportation, the Michigan Department of Treasury, and the Eaton County Clerk.

Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Eldred, Lamoreaux, Aitch-Guerrant and Kendall. Nays: None. Absent: Green. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the wage change authorizations for a new administrative employee and job change for another administrative employee as presented and recommended by the Finance Director and Engineer-Manager. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Kendall to approve the wage change authorizations as presented. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the bid tabulation for grader blades as presented and recommended by the Superintendent. It was noted that tariffs as imposed by the Trump administration have made it challenging for most bidders to uphold their bid prices moving forward. However, Michigan CAT has committed to honoring their bid prices until December 31, 2025. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Aitch-Guerrant to award the grader blades bid to Michigan CAT who, while being the second lowest bidder, has agreed to maintain their quoted bid price. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the 2025 HMA Resurfacing, Contract A and HMA Resurfacing Contract B bid tabulation as presented by the Engineer-Manager. The Engineer-Manager recommended awarding Contracts A and B to the low bidder, Rieth- Riley. Motion by Kendall and seconded by Aitch-Guerrant to award the 2025 HMA Resurfacing, Contract A and Contract B to Rieth-Riley, being the low bidder. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the proposal from OHM for the 2025 Bridge Inspections as presented by the Engineer-Manager with a recommendation that they approve the proposal. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Kendall to approve the proposal from OHM for the 2025 Bridge Inspections as 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:

- Transitioning from winter maintenance to spring maintenance activities.
- Gravel maintenance is taking place.
- Getting ready for the millage regravels.
- Brush mowing has been taking place.
- Cold patching is being done.
- Building inspections are taking place.
- The mower tractor is on the website for bidders.
- Advertising for summer help.
- The first round of intersection upgrades is complete.

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

- Meeting with County Controller regarding the Inter Co Drain.
- Will be attending the Oneida Twp Board Meeting.
- Updating rules for plat development.
- Michigan Ave is heaving in a few spots from the frost.
- Have 3 Engineering Interns for summer. Looking for one more.
- FOIA request response has been sent.

Correspondence: None.

Public comment: None

Commissioner Comments: None

The date and time of the next regular meeting will be Tuesday, March 25, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Kendall to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 a.m. Motion carried.

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Duane A. Eldred, Chair   Patricia M. Loosemore, Clerk to the Board