

EATON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

March 25, 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 25, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Commissioners Eldred, Lamoreaux and Green

Members absent: Commissioners Aitch-Guerrant and Kendall

Others present: Mathew Hannahs, Engineer-Manager; Patricia Loosemore, Finance Director and Jeremiah Nelson, Superintendent, Phil Bombrys and Bob Starkweather

The meeting was called to order by Chair Eldred at 6:00 p.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 Green to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

The Chair asked if the minutes of the March 11, 2025, meeting were correct as presented. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Green to approve March 11, 2025, meeting minutes, as presented. Motion carried.

Public comment: None

The following vouchers were presented:

a.	VO 35 (03-13-25)	Payroll	\$ 114,161.61
b.	VO 36 (03-13-25)	Accounts Payable	\$ 337,225.90
c.	VO 37 (03-20-25)	Accounts Payable	\$ 118,291.03
d.	VO 38 (03-27-25)	Payroll	\$ 107,099.61

Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Green to approve Vouchers 35,36,37 and 38 with total expenditures of \$569,678.54. Roll call vote: Ayes: Eldred, Lamoreaux and Green. Nays: None. Absent: Aitch-Guerrant and Kendall. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Oneida Township Agreement for Kenyon Rd drainage improvements as presented by the Engineer-Manager with a recommendation that the Board approve the agreement. Motion by Green and seconded by Lamoreaux to approve the Oneida Township Agreement for Kenyon Rd drainage improvements. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Oneida Township Agreement for local road chip seal on St. Joe Highway, Cochran Rd to Oneida Rd. as presented by the Engineer-Manager with a recommendation that the Board approve the agreement. Motion by Green and seconded by Lamoreaux to approve the Oneida Township agreement for local road chip seal on St. Joe Highway, Cochran Rd to Oneida Rd. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the 2024 Act 51 Certification Maps as presented by the Engineer-Manager, with a recommendation that the Board adopt a resolution approving the 2024 Act 51 Certification Maps and the Chairman be authorized to sign the certification maps.

Commissioner Timothy J. Lamoreaux motioned for adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Road Commission wishes to add roads, decertify roads, correct certified road mileages, and reclassify roads on its road system as part of the Annual Act 51 Certification, and

WHEREAS, Davis Highway was improved to all-season standards including a new roundabout which was necessary to support a new battery plant, and the increased employee and commercial traffic will require a significant increase to the necessary maintenance on Davis Highway, and

WHEREAS, the certification maps have been modified to show these changes described as follows:

County Wide

Primary	392.63	2024 Mileage (1.01 change from 2023)
Local	781.38	2024 Mileage (-1.42 change from 2023)

Urban

Primary	102.58	2024 Mileage (1.01 change from 2023)
Local	162.13	2024 Mileage (-1.42 change from 2023)

Road Name	Township/Sheet	From	To	Length Change	
				Countywide	Urban
Saginaw Highway (re-measure)	Oneida Twp, Sec 11&14 Sheet 4/Urban 1			-0.08 miles	-0.08 miles
Addison Road (Abandoned 2018)	Delta Twp, Sec 12 Sheet 20/Urban 17	Robins Rd	end	-137 feet	-137 feet
Davis Highway (Local Road)	Delta Twp, Sec 32 Sheet 11/Urban 8	Nixon Rd	Guinea Rd	-1.01 miles	-1.01 miles
Davis Highway (Primary Road)	Delta Twp, Sec 32 Sheet 11/Urban 8	Nixon Rd	Guinea Rd	+1.01 miles	+1.01 miles

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Road Commission certifies that all of the roads on which lengths have been entered along the road bands of the certification maps were accepted into the system prior to December 31, 2024, are normally open to automobile traffic during the months of May through October, and are located within right of way under the jurisdiction of the Eaton County Road Commission,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Chairman, namely Duane A. Eldred, is authorized to sign the certification maps,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that true copies of this resolution will be sent to the Michigan Department of Transportation. The motion was Seconded by Commissioner James F. Green and carried on a roll call

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

The Board reviewed and discussed the bridges selected for the 2028 MDOT Local Bridge funding application as presented by the Engineer-Manager with a recommendation that the Board adopt a resolution approving the bridges as presented.

Commissioner Timothy J. Lamoreaux motioned for adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, this Board of Eaton County Road Commissioners has been advised that there are bridges in Eaton County in need of repairs that are eligible for Federal and State Funds through the Local Bridge Program, and

WHEREAS, four of those bridges are as follows:

<u>Priority</u>	<u>Bridge (Bridge No.)</u>	<u>Crossing</u>	<u>Treatment</u>	<u>Twp</u>
1	Canal Road (13118)	CN Railroad	Preventative Maintenance	Delta
2	Vermontville Hwy (2345)	Little Thornapple River	Replacement	Chester
3	Marshall Rd (2364)	Big Creek	Rehabilitation.	Walton

WHEREAS, closure of these bridges would cause significant problems and delays to the traveling public, agriculture, and other commercial traffic in these parts of Eaton County, and

WHEREAS, there are local bridge funds available through the Michigan Department of Transportation to perform preventative maintenance, rehabilitation, and replacement on structures such as these, and

WHEREAS; this Board has considered the applications for Local Bridge Program Funds and authorizes the submission of the applications for Local Bridge Program Funds for Fiscal Year 2028 for those bridges listed in this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Eaton requests affirmative consideration of our application for Local Bridge Program Funds and agrees to provide the necessary local funds for these projects if awarded.

The motion was supported by Commissioner James F. Green and carried on a roll call vote. Roll call vote: Ayes: Eldred, Lamoreaux and Green. Nays: None. Absent: Aitch-Guerrant and Kendall. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Hamlin Township Agreement for local road chip seal projects: Fuller Rd, County line to Ballard Hwy; Ballard Hwy, Fuller Rd to Waverly; Waverly Rd, Ballard Hwy to Bellevue Hwy and Smithville Rd, VFW Rd to Plains Hwy as presented by the Engineer-Manager with a recommendation that the Board approve the agreement. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Green to approve the Hamlin Township agreement for local road chip seal projects: Fuller Rd, County line to Ballard Hwy; Ballard Hwy, Fuller Rd to Waverly; Waverly Rd, Ballard Hwy to Bellevue Hwy and Smithville Rd, VFW Rd to Plains Hwy. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed an agreement with MDOT and the Eaton County Road Commission for preventative maintenance on the structure #2397 which carries Bunker Highway over the Grand River and preventative maintenance on the structure # 2352, which carries Ainger Road over the Battle Creek River and on the structure #2353, which carries Mulliken Road over the Thornapple River and on the structure #2361 which carries Waverly Road over the Grand River as presented by the Engineer-Manager with a recommendation that the Board adopt a resolution approving the agreement with MDOT.

Commissioner James F. Green motioned for adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Transportation wishes to enter into a contract agreement with the Eaton County Road Commission to accomplish the following project:

PART A – JOB #218243CON; FEDERAL PARTICIPATION

Preventative maintenance on the structure #2397, which carries Bunker Highway over the Grand River, Sections 13 and 14, T02N, R03W, Eaton Rapids Township, Eaton County, Michigan; including expansion joint gland replacement, resealing joints, concrete barrier repair, earthwork, aggregate base, concrete approaches, concrete curb and gutter, epoxy overlay, guardrail and permanent pavement markings; and all together with necessary related work.

PART B – JOB #218244CON; FEDERAL AND STATE PARTICIPATION Preventative maintenance on the structure #2352, which carries Ainger Road over the Battle Creek River, Sections 17 and 18, T01N, R05W, Walton Township, on the structure #2353, which carries Mulliken Road over the Thornapple River, Sections 3 and 4, T03N, R05W, Chester Township, and on the structure #2361, which carries Waverly Road over the Grand River, Sections 7 and 12, T01N, R05W, Hamlin Township, Eaton County, Michigan; including expansion joint gland replacement, resealing joints, concrete bridge deck overlay, earthwork, subbase and aggregate base, concrete approaches, concrete curb and gutter, epoxy overlay, guardrail and permanent pavement markings; and all together with necessary related work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Road Commission approves Contract Number 25-5098 and duly authorizes the Engineer-Manager, namely Mathew M. Hannahs, to electronically sign the contract on behalf of the Eaton County Road Commission.

The motion was supported by Commissioner Timothy J. Lamoreaux and carried on a roll call vote. Roll call vote: Ayes: Eldred, Lamoreaux and Green. Nays: None. Absent: Aitch-Guerrant and Kendall. 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:

- Gravel maintenance continues to take place.
- Getting ready for the millage regravels.
- Brush mowing has been taking place.
- Replacing of culverts.

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

- MDOT bid letting.
- Fraudulent check.
- MSP weighmaster agreement for next year.
- Bank Intercounty Drain project discussions.

Correspondence: None.

Public comment: Phil Bombrys, Hamlin Township complimented on the tree trimming being done throughout the county.

Commissioner Comments: None

The date and time of the next regular meeting will be Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at 8:30 a.m.

Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Green to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 p.m. Motion carried.

Duane A. Eldred, Chair

Patricia M. Loosemore, Clerk to the Board