

EATON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

August 12, 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 August 12, 2025, at 8:30 a.m.

Members present: Commissioners Eldred, Lamoreaux, Green and Kendall

Members absent: Commissioners Aitch-Guerrant

Others present: Mathew Hannahs, Engineer-Manager; Patricia Loosemore, Finance Director; Jeremiah Nelson, Superintendent and Erik Dehring, Director of Engineering

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

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

The Chair asked if the minutes of July 22, 2025, regular board meeting, were correct as presented. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Kendall to approve July 22, 2025, meeting minutes, as presented. Motion carried.

Public comment: None

The following vouchers were presented:

a.	VO 60 (07-31-25)	Payroll	\$ 137,731.24
b.	VO 61 (07-30-25)	Accounts Payable	\$ 1,682,716.38
c.	VO 62 (08-07-25)	Payroll	\$ 141,136.76
d.	VO 63 (08-07-25)	Accounts Payable	\$ 1,093,584.38

Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Kendall to approve Vouchers 60, 61, 62 and 63 with total expenditures of \$3,055,168.76. Roll call vote: Ayes: Eldred, Lamoreaux, Green and Kendall. Absent: Aitch-Guerrant. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the ballot and candidates for the County Road Association Self-Insurance Fund (CRASIF) Board of Trustees. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Green to cast ballots for the incumbents Bill Luetzow-Marquette, Wayne Schoonover-Charlevoix and Michael Scott-Montcalm for the CRASIF Board of Trustees. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the diagram of general service signs for the new McLaren Emergency Department and Ambulatory Care Center on St. Joe Highway, Delta Township as presented by the Engineer-Manager. The Engineer-Manager will create a policy with specifications for signs and bring it before the Board. No action was taken pending the policy creation for sign specifications.

The Board reviewed and discussed the MDOT Contract for the Webster Road Bridge as presented by the Engineer-Manager with a recommendation that they approve the contract and authorize the Engineer-Manager and clerk to electronically sign the contract.

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

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

Superstructure removal and replacement of the structure #2362, which carries Webster Road over the Grand River, Section 3, T04N, R03, Delta Township, Eaton County, Michigan, and hot mix asphalt pavement widening and shared use path along Webster Road from Old River Trail northerly to approximately 1,015 feet; including earthwork, clearing, subbase and aggregate base, aggregate shoulders, asbestos removal, drainage, silane treatment, bridge railing and guardrail, concrete curb and gutter, curb ramps, fence, riprap, permanent signing and pavement markings and a Bridge name plate for the structure #2362, as described above with necessary related work located in Eaton County, Contract No. 25-5396, Job No. 218254CON, Control Section BHT 23000, Project 25A0803.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Engineer-Manager, Mathew Hannahs, and the Clerk, Patricia Loosemore, shall be duly authorized to sign the contract for the Eaton County Road Commission.

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, Green and Kendall. Nays: None. Absent: Aitch-Guerrant. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed staff attendance at the Superintendents Seminar, October 1-3, 2025. Motion by Lamoreaux and second by Green to approve staff attendance at the Superintendents Seminar on October 1-3, 2025. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed dental plan comparisons from Acrisure. The Engineer-Manager recommends that the Board retain the current dental insurance plan and establish a \$1,000 per individual Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) that would become accessible once an insured individual's dental insurance annual maximum is reached. Motion by Green and second by Lamoreaux to approve retention of the current dental insurance plan and the establishment of a \$1,000 per insured individual Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) that would become accessible once an individual's annual maximum of dental insurance is reached. Motion carried.

The Superintendent updated the Board on the following:

- Brush mowing for clear vision is taking place
- Gravel maintenance, prepping for dust control to start this week, weather permitting.
- Chip seal and fog seal on county roads have been complete. Still have Campbell Lane (private drive) to do
- Been working on culvert maintenance and replacement
- Crack sealing and durapatch going on throughout the county

The Director of Engineering updated the Board on the following:

- Bellevue Hwy. Federal Aide Phase 1 is complete apart from some restoration work. Phase 2 Asphalt leveling course is placed with the top course of asphalt scheduled to be placed this week.
- Rieth Riley is paving in Laurelwood Subdivision and Davenport Dr. in Delta Twp. today. Additional areas have been milled with paving scheduled to take place next week.

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- Milling and paving work will begin on Creyts Rd. from I-496 North to Saginaw Hwy. next week. This work is expected to take approximately 1 week.
- Ainger Rd. Bridge over the Battle Creek River will be closed for Preventative Maintenance work starting Monday August 18, 2025. This bridge is expected to be closed for 6 weeks.
- Nixon Rd. from Davis Hwy. to Sundance Hwy. – Hoffman Bros. is working on the surcharge and deep excavation area.
- Regravel program work with Carr Bros. is taking place on Bunker Hwy. in Eaton Rapids Twp. Carr has approximately 9 miles remaining to complete the 2025 Regravel program.
- Five Point Hwy. Battle Creek River to Mauer Rd. funding was together with Creepy Swamp Project. Funding was split by technical correction by FHWA so the project could take place separately.

The Engineer-Manager updated the Board on the following:

- The Monarch Butterfly CCAA
- Representative Barrett to visit Bellevue project site
- Noah Ballard email
- Attended meeting on small cell (Crown Castle)
- I attended a Public Works and Planning meeting. Those in attendance complimented the Road Commission's staff and the Bellevue project
- The locations where additional stop and stop ahead signs were installed, including the reflective strips on the sign posts and cross traffic does not stop signs, have shown a noticeable decrease in crash types that occur when drivers don't stop or stop and then pull out in front of a vehicle. The Engineer-Manager did caution that the signs have only been installed for 6 months, so although promising, it will take more time to know if they have been effective.
- The Grand River under Webster Road Bridge will be closed due to safety concerns during construction.

Correspondence included MCRCSIP Refund information.

Public comment: None

Commissioner Comments: None

The date and time of the next regular meeting will be Tuesday, August 26, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Kendall and seconded by Green to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 a.m. Motion carried.

Duane A. Eldred, Chair

Patricia M. Loosemore, Clerk to the Board