

EATON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

August 26, 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 26, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

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

Members absent: None

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair Eldred at 6:00 p.m.

The Chair inquired whether there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. There was one addition to the agenda, 10.c Sign policy. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Green to approve the agenda with the addition of 10.c. Sign policy. Motion carried.

The Chair asked if the minutes of August 12, 2025, regular board meeting, were correct as presented. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Green to approve August 12, 2025, meeting minutes, as presented. Motion carried.

Public comment: John Pappernick of E. Kinsel Hwy commented on his concern about the dust on his road. He is asking that the Road Commission consider dust control efforts every month during the summer. His neighbors were present and agreed with his sentiments.

The following vouchers were presented:

a.	VO 64 (08-25-25)	Accounts Payable	\$ 2,945,993.77
b.	VO 65 (08-28-25)	Payroll	\$ 122,248.60

Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Aitch-Guerrant to approve Vouchers 64 and 65 with total expenditures of \$3,068,242.37. Roll call vote: Ayes: Eldred, Lamoreaux, Aitch-Guerrant, Green and Kendall. Absent: None: Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed staff attendance at the Winter Operations Conference in Bellaire on October 21 and 22. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Aitch-Guerrant to approve staff attendance at the Winter Operations Conference. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Michigan Monarch CCAA three-year participation agreement as proposed by the Michigan County Road Association, with a recommendation by the Engineer-Manager that the Board accept the agreement and authorize the Engineer-Manager to sign it. Motion by Kendall and seconded by Green to approve the Michigan Monarch CCAA three-year participation agreement and authorize the Engineer-Manager to sign the agreement. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed variance from policy 1996-13, Family Medical Leave. The Engineer-Manager requested the Board waive the required eligibility requirements related to length of employment and total hours worked for Kathy Rademacher, who otherwise does not meet the standard coverage and eligibility requirements, due to special circumstances related to a family emergency. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Green to approve the variance to the Road Commission's policy 1996-13 for Kathy Rademacher as recommended by the Engineer-Manager. Motion carried.

The Board received the Engineer-Manager evaluation to review before the next meeting.

The Engineer-Manager updated the Board on the sign policy he is working on.

The Superintendent updated the Board on the following:

- Crews have been blading gravel roads to prep for dust control.
- Brush mowing at intersections and around signs for better visibility.
- Contracted roadside mowing is finished.
- Dust control is completed in the southwest quadrant and crews are currently working on the northwest quadrant.
- Culvert Maintenance has been taking place.

The Director of Engineering updated the Board on the following:

- Bellevue Hwy. Federal Aide Phase 1 and Phase 2 are complete except for some restoration work.
- Photos of Bellevue Hwy pavement damage due to a driveway installation were shown to the Board. The Engineer-Manager intends to pursue payment for the costs to repair the road surface from the permittee.
- Rieth Riley's subcontractor is removing curb and gutter in subdivisions in Delta and Oneida Twp. Curb is scheduled to be poured back this week.
- Milling work is currently taking place on Creyts Rd. from I-496 North to Saginaw Hwy. Paving is scheduled to take place tomorrow.
- Mt. Hope Hwy. from Canal Rd. to Creyts Rd. milling and paving work is scheduled to begin September 8th.
- Ainger Rd. Bridge over the Battle Creek River preventative maintenance work taking place. Deck was hydro demo today and placing concrete for the deck is scheduled for next week.
- Nixon Rd. from Davis Hwy. to Sundance Hwy. – Hoffman Bros. is working on the surcharge and deep excavation area. Hoffman is scheduled to close the intersection of Davis Hwy. at Nixon Rd. next week and will be closed for 4 weeks.
- Regravel program work with Carr Bros. is taking place on Harris Rd. Carr has approximately 3 miles remaining to complete the 2025 Regravel program.

The Engineer-Manager updated the Board on the following:

- Crown Towers wanted to put the tower in one of the Road Commission pits. They have found another spot they may pursue that is not Road Commission property.
- Waiting for the Bank Intercounty drain invoice.
- Reworked drain spreadsheet for 2023 and have sent it to County

Correspondence included:

- Email from Rieth Riley regarding Representative Barrett's visit to the Bellevue project.
- Email from Fred Cowles regarding the Grand River closure for the Webster Road Bridge project.
- CRASIF letter commending the Road Commission for being on the Workers Compensation honor roll
- Holloway Lane video

Public comment: None

Commissioner Comments: Commissioner Kendall thanked the Director of Engineering for his participation in Representative Barrett's visit to the Bellevue Hwy project.

The date and time of the next regular meeting will be Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 8:30 a.m.

Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Kendall to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Motion carried.