

EATON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

January 27, 2026

Members present: Commissioners Eldred, Green, Bott, Kendall and Lamoreaux

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair Eldred at 6:02 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 as presented. Motion carried.

The Chair asked if the minutes of the January 13, 2026, meeting were correct as presented. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Bott to approve January 13, 2026, minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Public comment: None

The following vouchers were presented:

a.	VO 19 (01-13-26)	Payroll	\$ 148,796.52
b.	VO 20 01-13-26)	Payroll	48,930.77
c.	VO 21 (01-14-26)	Payroll	1,240.52
d.	VO 22 (01-20-26)	Accounts Payable	281,572.54

Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Green to approve Vouchers 19,20,21 and 22 with total expenditures of \$480,540.35. Roll call vote: Ayes: Eldred, Green, Bott, Kendall and Lamoreaux. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed a contractual agreement with the Michigan Department of State Police for the purpose of providing law enforcement services in connection with seasonal weight restrictions and general enforcement road patrol, with a recommendation by the Engineer-Manager that the Board approve the contract. Motion by Green and seconded by Kendall that the Board approve the contract with the Michigan Department of State Police as presented. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Ballot Language for the 2026 Millage Ballot as presented by the Engineer-Manager with a recommendation that the Board approve the language by resolution.

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

Local Roads and Streets Preservation and Improvement Millage Proposal

For this purpose, shall the constitutional limitation upon the total amount of taxes in the which may be assessed in one (1) year upon all property within the County of Eaton, Michigan be increased, and shall the County be authorized to levy, up to 1.5000 of a mill (\$1.5000 on each \$1,000 dollars of taxable value) for a period of six (6) years, 2027 to 2032, inclusive, to provide funds for the preservation, preventative maintenance, drainage, and other improvements of existing paved and gravel surfaced County Local Roads within the townships of Eaton County,

including two (2) applications of dust control each year on all gravel surfaced county roads, and for the improvement of City and Village streets in Eaton County.

If approved and levied in full, this millage will raise an estimated \$8,009,586 in 2027, to be disbursed to the Eaton County Road Commission, the Cities of Charlotte, Eaton Rapids, Grand Ledge, Lansing, Potterville, and Olivet, and the Villages of Bellevue, Dimondale, Mulliken, Sunfield, and Vermontville. As required by State law, a small portion of the millage (approximately \$154,586 in 2027) may be required to be distributed to Downtown Development Authorities, Tax Increment Financing Authorities, Local Development Financing Authorities, Corridor Improvement Authority, and Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Authorities established in cities of Charlotte, Eaton Rapids, Grand Ledge, Potterville, Township of Delta, and Village of Bellevue. This resolution was supported by James F. Green and carried on a roll call vote.

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

Old Business: Consider adopting Ena Drive into the public system that remains under old Business.

The Board reviewed and discussed the 2026 Asset Management Compliance Plan as presented by the Engineer-Manager with a recommendation that the Board approve the plan.

Commissioner Timothy J. Lamoreaux motioned for the adoption of the following resolution: Whereas, the asset management and compliance plan required by Michigan Public Act 325 of 2018 has been completed for 2026 for roads under the jurisdiction of the Eaton County Road Commission. Now therefore be it resolved that the Board of Eaton County Road Commissioners certifies the Compliance Plan and authorizes the Engineer/Manager and Finance Director to sign the Proof of Acceptance.

The motion was supported by James F. Green and carried on a roll call vote. Roll call vote: Ayes: Eldred, Green, Bott, Kendall and Lamoreaux. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

The Superintendent updated the Board on Maintenance Activities:

- Crews have been performing winter maintenance.
- Building maintenance has been taking place.
- Interviewed for a new driver.
- Have been meeting with townships.

The Director of Engineering provided an update on the following items:

- Hoffman has paused operations for the month of January on Nixon Rd, from Davis Hwy to Mt Hope Hwy.
- Holt Hwy 's drawings are under review and will be submitted to MDOT bidding
- The Consultant continues to design the Millett Hwy project.
- Hoffman Bros. was awarded the 5 Point Hwy, Battle Creek River to Mauer Rd project. We are working to set up a preconstruction meeting.
- Working to get EGLE and EPA approvals for the 5 Point Hwy, Creepy Swamp project

- Bellevue Hwy, Brookfield Rd to Thuma Rd project we are working to get plans submitted for MDOT review.
- Webster Rd Bridge, the contractor, is planning to start construction the second week of February. Webster Rd Bridge will be closed from Delta River Dr. to Old River Tr.

The Engineer-Manager updated the Board on the following items:

- Winter maintenance has absorbed 2/3 of the annual budget this year.
- Township meetings have been taking place.
- Drain office meeting regarding Brown drain.
- Deer accident with Road Commission Vehicle.
- The first distribution of the MEDC Grant is nearly expended.
- Marketplace North of M-43 is still waiting on the deed.

Correspondence: None

Public comment: None

Commissioner Comments: None

The date and time of the next regular meeting will be Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.

Motion by Kendall and seconded by Green to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m. Motion carried.

Duane A. Eldred, Chairman

Patricia M. Loosemore, Clerk to the Board