

EATON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

April 14, 2026

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

Members absent: None

Others present: Mathew Hannahs, Engineer-Manager; Natalie Petermann, Accounting, 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 if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. There was one addition to the agenda by the Engineer-Manager, Agenda item 6.g. M&M Pavement marking contract extension. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Green to approve the agenda with the addition. Motion carried.

The Chair asked if the minutes of the March 24, 2026, meeting were correct as presented. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Kendall to approve March 24, 2026, minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Public comment: None

The following vouchers were presented:

a.	VO 36 (04-01-26)	Accounts Payable	\$ 108,317.59
b.	VO 37 (03-19-26)	Payroll	\$ 129,792.04
c.	VO 38 (03-19-26)	Accounts Payable	\$ 386,847.89

Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Kendall to approve Vouchers 36, 37, and 38 with total expenditures of \$624,957.52. Roll call vote: Ayes: Eldred, Green, Bott, Kendall and Lamoreaux. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Letter of Understanding for Amendment to Article 16 – Hours of Work for the contract with TPOAM as presented by the Engineer-Manager with a recommendation that the Board approve the agreement. Motion by Green and second by Bott to approve the Letter of Understanding and authorize the Engineer-Manager to sign it. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Road Improvement Agreement with Hamlin Township to apply a single chip seal and fog seal on 3.0 miles of Holmes Highway as presented by the Engineer-Manager with a recommendation that the agreement be approved. Motion by Kendall and second by Bott to approve the Road Improvement Agreement with Hamlin Township. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed staff attendance at the Finance & HR Conference in Grand Rapids as presented by the Engineer-Manager with a recommendation to approve 2 staff members' attendance. Motion by Kendall second by Bott to approve 2 staff members' attendance at the Finance & HR Conference in Grand Rapids. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the 2026 Curb & Street sweeping bid tabulations as presented by the Engineer-Manager with a recommendation that the bid be awarded to the sole bidder SCA of MI, LLC. Motion by Green and second by Bott to award the Curb & Street sweeping to the sole bidder SCA of MI, LLC. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the 2026 HMA Surfacing Contract B bid tabulations as presented by the Engineer-Manager with a recommendation that the bid be awarded to the lowest bidder, Rieth-Riley. Motion by Lamoreaux and second by Bott to award the 2026 HMA Surfacing Contract B to lowest bidder, Rieth-Riley. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the 2026-2027 Lawn care contract with Gaedert Lawn Care as presented by the Engineer-Manager with a recommendation to approve the contract. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Bott to approve the contract with Gaedert Lawn Care for the 2026-2027 seasons. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the extension of the 2024 pavement marking contract with M & M Pavement Marking for 2026, as presented by the Engineer-Manager who recommended approval. Motion by Green and second by Kendall to approve the 2026 contract extension with M & M Pavement Marking. Motion carried.

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

The Superintendent updated the Board on Maintenance Activities:

- -Crews have been performing clean up from recent storms and some brush mowing.
- -Removal of winter equipment getting ready for summer maintenance.
- MCRCSIP was on site doing some safety training last week.
- -Interviewing for summer help and an additional truck driver. 2nd interviews for the truck driver position.

The Director of Engineering updated the Board on Engineering Activities:

- -Nixon Rd as started back up for now. In contact with MEDC regarding funding, waiting for response.
- -Five Point between Battle Creek River and Maurer Rd is closed through June
- -Five Point Hwy through Creepy Swamp still waiting on EPA approval
- -Bellevue Hwy between Brookfield and Thuma is in final review with MDOT
- -Webster Rd Bridge is moving along. Removal of large beams started last week. The buoys that were placed in the river got swept down river after the storms. Unsure they will be replaced.
- -HMA Surfacing Contract A has been put out for bidding.
- -Culvert replacements after the storms last week.
- -Shaytown Rd washout was due to culvert failure. The township has agreed to pay for the culvert replacement
- -Wolf Hwy, Brookfield Township, at Dead End will need culvert replacement in near future.

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

- -I will be presenting the Millage information to Delta Township at the April 20th Board meeting.
- -Billwood fiber-cable issue with contractor and permit. Fiber optic conduit not being installed according to the permit issued. The permit is invalid due to lack of compliance, and the contractor shall correct the work.
- -Received a permit request for License plate readers in Delta Township. Denied request. The applicant was Bluebird but all permit requests for LPRs will be denied unless requested by a public agency. We are not authorized to issue any permits to private vendors for license plate readers. MCRCSIP would like all permits on license plate readers denied.

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- -The Quarry. Attended a meeting for “The Quarry” which is planned to be a large event venue across from Crandell Park, off M-50 near Stewart Rd/Perkey Rd. It is planned to have access to venue from M-50 only. No public access from Stewart or Perkey will be permitted. Those driveways will only be permitted for maintenance access or access to the house off Perkey and must be gated.
- -Webster Rd Bridge, spoke with the DNR regarding the river and restricting access to river while under construction. Safety concerns as a beam fell into river last week when it was dropped from crane. Discussion followed.

Correspondence: Corrected call for CRASIF Board of Trustees Candidates due to error on prior communication.

Public comment: None

Commissioner comment: None

Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Kendall to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 a.m. Motion carried.

Duane A. Eldred, Chairman

Natalie Peterman, Acting Clerk to the Board