

EATON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

March 24, 2026

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

Members absent: None

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

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 Bott to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

The Chair asked if the minutes of the March 10, 2026, meeting were correct as presented. Motion by Green and seconded by Lamoreaux to approve March 24, 2026, minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Public comment: None

The following vouchers were presented:

a.	VO 32 (03-12-26)	Accounts Payable	\$ 127,260.23
b.	VO 33 (03-19-26)	Payroll	\$ 397.50
c.	VO 34 (03-19-26)	Accounts Payable	\$ 186,080.64
d.	VO 35 (03-23-26)	Payroll	\$ 122,669.85

Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Green to approve Vouchers 32, 33, 34 and 35 with total expenditures of \$436,408.22. Roll call vote: Ayes: Eldred, Green, Bott, Kendall and Lamoreaux. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the 2025 Act 51 Certification Maps as presented by the Engineer-Manager and Director of Engineering, with a recommendation that the Board adopt a resolution approving the 2025 Act 51 Certification Maps and authorize the Chair to sign them.

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

County Wide

Primary	392.49	2025 Mileage (-0.14 change from 2024)
Local	781.62	2025 Mileage (0.24 change from 2024)

Urban

Primary	102.58	2025 Mileage (0.00 change from 2024)
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Local 163.26 2025 Mileage (0.24 change from 2024)

<u>Road Name</u>	<u>Township/Sheet</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Length Change</u>	
				<u>Countywide</u>	<u>Urban</u>
Vondell Parkway (Added)	Delta Twp, Sec 35 Sheet 36/Urban 33	Lansing Rd.	End	0.24 miles	0.24 miles
Ionia Road (Correction)	Vermontville Twp, Sec 28 Sheet 37	Nashville Hwy.	Village Limits	-0.03 miles	No Change
Lynn St. (Correction)	Chester Twp, Sec 32 Sheet 39	Chester Rd.	End	-0.04 miles	No Change
Bracy Hwy. (Extension)	Carmel Twp, Sec 32 Sheet 53	Ainger Rd.	End	0.04 miles	No Change
Plains Hwy. (Correction)	Eaton Rapids Twp, Sec 35&36 Sheet 60	Waverly Rd.	Smithville Rd.	-0.11 miles	No Change

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, 2025, 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 Mark W. Bott and carried on a roll call vote.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Commissioner Duane A. Eldred, James F. Green, Mark W. Bott, Ronald E. Kendall and Timothy J. Lamoreaux. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

The Board reviewed and discussed the bridges selected for the 2029 MDOT Local Bridge funding application as presented by the Engineer-Manager and Director of Engineering with a recommendation that the Board adopt a resolution approving the bridges as presented.

Commissioner James F. Green motioned for adoption of the following resolution regarding applications for the 2029 Local Bridge Fund Program:

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, three 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 2029 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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the local match percentage be increased from the minimum required 5% to 10% local match and agrees to provide the necessary local funds for these projects if awarded.

The motion was supported by Commissioner Mark W. Bott and carried on a roll call vote.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Commissioner Duane A. Eldred, James F. Green, Mark W. Bott, Ronald E. Kendall and Timothy J. Lamoreaux. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

The Board reviewed and discussed the 2026 Lawn Care Bid Tabulations as presented by the Engineer-Manager, with a recommendation that the Board award the bid to Gaederts Lawncare, Landscaping and Snowplow. Motion by Green and second by Kendall to award the 2026 Lawn Care bid to Gaederts Lawncare, Landscaping and Snowplow being the low bidder. Motion carried.

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

The Engineer-Manager updated the Board on maintenance activities:

- Gravel road maintenance
- De-berm spots retaining water on gravels
- Brush cutting
- Cold patching
- Ditch maintenance on common wash area.

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

- Nixon Rd, Davis Hwy to Mt Hope Hwy, the contractor is onsite intermittently working on grading ditches and placing slope restoration. They are waiting for weight restrictions to be lifted before moving forward with road excavation.
- Millett Hwy (Nixon Rd to East Millett Hwy-Public Section) The consultant continues to work on design engineering.
- Five Pt Hwy (Battle Creek River to Mauer Rd), detour route was staked today. Engineering is working on placing ROW stakes along the roadway. Contractor is planning to begin work next week after detour is in place.
- Five Pt Hwy (Creepy Swamp), EGLE has accepted what our consultant provided. Review is now being handed over to the EPA. We are working with MDOT to get this project ready to bid as soon as we get all environmental approvals.

- Bellevue Hwy (Brookfield Rd to Thuma Rd), Working on plan revisions requested during the MDOT GI meeting.
- Webster Rd Bridge, Bridge and river closure took place March 16th. Crews are removing asbestos materials. Once asbestos is removed, bridge beams and deck will be removed.
- Engineering projects- Last week we gathered asphalt thickness cores for upcoming projects and prepared bid documents for overlay and skin patch areas.

The Engineer-Manager updated the Board of the following:

- Met with Eaton Rapids and presented the proposed millage to the Eaton Rapids Citizens Academy
- Meeting with the County and Grand Ledge
- Setting up a meeting with Road Preservation Contractors regarding coalition for Millage
- Working on City and Village agreements for the Millage
- Talking with other Road Commissions regarding Millage education to the public
- Provided information regarding a complaint at the corner of Needmore Hwy and Wheaton Rd, the resident is using the ditch for a “mud bog” and somebody has left tire marks on the pavement, there has been no damage to the roadway causing a safety concern or increased road maintenance
- Brine well in Vermontville – options
- MEDC Grant disbursement still pending
- LOU with union will be on next agenda

Correspondence: Seven County Council Invite, MGROW to EGLE, CRASIF Board of Trustee Candidates

Public comment: None

Commissioner Comments: None

The date and time of the next regular meeting will be Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.

Motion by Kendall and seconded by Lamoreaux to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. Motion carried.

Duane A. Eldred, Chairman

Patricia M. Loosemore, Clerk to the Board