

EATON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

April 28, 2026

Members present: Commissioners Eldred, Green, Bott, Kendall

Members absent: Lamoreaux

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 6:00 p.m.

The Chair inquired if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. The following additions were added 6.e. Consider HMA Contract A Bid Awards, 6.f. Consider Brookfield Township Match, Perky Road and 6.g. Consider Intern wage rate. 6.a. Consider Digital Accessibility Policy was modified to Discuss Digital Accessibility Policy. Motion by Green and seconded by Bott to approve the agenda with the additions. Motion carried.

The Chair asked if the minutes of the April 14, 2026, meeting were correct as presented. Motion by Green and seconded by Bott to approve April 14, 2026, minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Public comment: None

The following vouchers were presented:

a.	VO 39 (04-21-26)	Payroll	\$ 126,797.56
b.	VO 40 (04-23-26)	HRA	\$ 20,000.00
c.	VO 41 (04-23-26)	Accounts Payable	\$ 149,142.83

Motion by Green and seconded by Kendall to approve Vouchers 39,40 and 41 with total expenditures of \$295,940.39. Roll call vote: Ayes: Eldred, Green, Bott, and Kendall; Nays: None; Absent: Lamoreaux. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the digital accessibility policy and upcoming mandates as presented by the Engineer-Manager who recommended revisiting adoption of the policy in 6 months. No action was taken.

The Board reviewed and discussed the license plate reader installation permit application as presented by the Engineer-Manager. Motion by Green and seconded by Kendall to deny the permit for the license plate readers. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the HMA Resurfacing Contract B with Rieth-Riley as presented by the Engineer-Manager, who reported that all required documentation has been received, and he recommends approval of the contract. Motion by Green and seconded by Kendall to approve the HMA Resurfacing Contract B with Rieth-Riley. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the agreement with Brookfield Township for the Wolf Highway Culvert 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 agreement with Brookfield Township for the Wolf Highway Culvert. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the 2026 HMA Surfacing Contract A bid tabulations as presented by the Engineer-Manager, who recommended awarding the contract to the lowest bidder, Lakeland Construction, with the provision that if the lowest bidder is unable to meet the contract requirements, the contract be

awarded to the second lowest bidder, Rieth-Riley. Motion by Green, second by Kendall, to award the 2026 HMA Surfacing Contract A to Lakeland Construction, with the provision that if Lakeland Construction is unable to meet the contract requirements, the contract be awarded to Rieth-Riley. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Brookfield Township match for Perky Road culvert at Mills and Post Drain as presented by the Engineer-Manager, who recommended increasing the local match from \$40,323 to up to \$55,000. Motion by Kendall and second by Bott to increase the local match for the Brookfield Township Perky Road culvert at Mills and Post Drain from \$40,323 to up to \$55,000. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the intern wage rate as presented by the Engineer-Manager with a recommendation that the Board approve the wage rate. Motion by Bott and second by Kendall to approve the wage rate. 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 prepping gravel roads.
- Culvert repairs/replacements.
- May start stocking culverts in our yard.
- Hired two new truck drivers.
- Shay town and Bismark Roads are still closed due to the flooding.

The Director of Engineering updated the Board on Engineering Activities:

- -Nixon Rd – Hoffman Bros. is continuing with road excavation and road building. We are waiting for MEDC Grant Funding to be issued before we pave.
- -Five Point between Battle Creek River and Maurer Rd – The contractor has completed the road trenching. Maurer Rd intersection has been reconstructed. The contractor is waiting for the pulverizing contractor to mobilize to the site in a few weeks.
- -Five Point Hwy through Creepy Swamp still waiting on EPA approval
- -Bellevue Hwy between Brookfield and Thuma- Project documents have been submitted for final review and bidding.
- -Webster Rd Bridge is moving along. Crew is working on substructure repairs and preparing for beam delivery in a few weeks.
- Staff is working on Five Point Hwy inspection, designing culvert replacements for contractor bidding and continuing to get culvert installation bids out.
- Three interns are starting Monday, May 4, 2026.

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

- -I attended a Delta Township meeting to discuss the millage.
- Several large culverts will need to be replaced soon.
- I have information on Marketplace Blvd. to review.
- -Ionia & Stoney Point, Gayton & Powers County drain issues regarding a resident with flooding. Have offered to split the cost to replace the county drainpipe with the Drain Office.
- Health care renewal costs are in. Premium increases are approximately 14-17%. We are

reviewing options.

- Will be submitting costs from the flooding to FEMA for consideration
- Lansing Road warehouse (Interstate Capital) driveway denial was sent to MCRCSIP for review.

Correspondence: None.

Public comment: None

Commissioner comment: None

Motion by Green and seconded by Kendall to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 p.m. Motion carried.

Duane A. Eldred, Chairman

Patricia M. Loosemore, Clerk to the Board