

EATON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

May 26, 2026

Members present: Commissioners Green, Bott, Kendall and Lamoreaux

Members absent: Eldred

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 Vice Chair Green at 6:00 p.m.

The Vice Chair inquired if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. There were none. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Bott to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

The Chair asked if the minutes of the May 12, 2026, meeting were correct as presented. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Bott to approve May 12, 2026, minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Public comment: None

The following vouchers were presented:

a.	VO 44 (05-14-26)	Accounts Payable	\$ 431,625.55
b.	VO 45 (05-21-26)	Payroll	\$ 153,242.29

Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Kendall to approve Vouchers 44 and 45 with total expenditures of \$584,867.84. Roll call vote: Ayes: Green, Bott, Lamoreaux and Kendall; Nays: None; Absent: Eldred. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the BC/BS renewal as presented by the Engineer-Manager. The Engineer-Manager recommended that the Board approve moving from the Simply Blue HRA PPO Gold Option 2 to the Simply Blue HRA PPO Gold Option 3. The proposed plan increases the deductible from \$2,000/\$4,000 to \$4,000/\$8,000. Employees will have access to the HRA to offset the increased deductible. The change is expected to result in a premium savings of more than 3%. Motion by Kendall, seconded by Bott, to approve the change from the BC/BS HRA PPO Gold Option 2 to the BC/BS HRA PPO Gold Option 3. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed Public Act 152 of 2011 and the recommendation by the Engineer-Manager that the Board elect to comply with the “80/20” cost sharing agreement for the medical benefit plan year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Bott to elect to comply with section 4 of Public Act 152 of 2011 by adopting the “80/20” cost sharing agreement for the medical benefit plan year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the MDOT Annual Act 51 Engineering Reimbursement request. Motion by Lamoreaux and Kendall to approve submission of the MDOT Annual Act 51 Engineering Reimbursement request and to authorize the Vice Chair and two Board Members to sign the required document. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Clinton County Brush Spray Bid extension with The Daltons which has been extended to Eaton County Road Commission for the 2026 spray season. The Engineer-Manager presented the bid extension and recommended Board approval. Motion by Kendall and seconded by Bott to approve the bid extension with The Daltons as extended to the Eaton County Road Commission. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed Shaytown Rd over the Pinnock Drain culvert contract with Davis

Construction as presented by the Engineer-Manager. All necessary documents have been received, and the Engineer-Manager recommends the Board approve the contract. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Kendall to approve Shaytown Rd over the Pinnock Drain culvert contract with Davis Construction. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Wolf Hwy over the Peacock, (Carter) & Reese Drain culvert contract with C & H Underground as presented by the Engineer-Manager. All necessary documents have been received, and the Engineer-Manager recommends the Board approve the contract. Motion by Kendall and seconded by Bott to approve the Wolf Hwy over the Peacock, (Carter) & Reese Drain culvert contract with C & H Underground. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Kent County Road Commission's Preservation Road Treatments bid extension with Strawser Construction, Inc., which has been extended to the Eaton County Road Commission. The Engineer-Manager presented the bid extension and recommended approval. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Kendall to approve the bid extension with Strawser Construction, Inc. as extended to the Eaton County Road Commission. Motion carried.

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

The Director of Engineering updated the Board on Engineering Activities:

- Nixon Rd – Hoffman Bros. is ditching and final grading the roadway for paving scheduled on June 1, 2026.
- Five Point between Battle Creek River and Maurer Rd – The contractor is finishing grading Five Point. Paving scheduled for later this week.
- Five Point Hwy through Creepy Swamp still waiting on EPA approval. A response is due by 6/23. ECRC & the Consultant had a meeting with MDOT, and bidding documents are near completion and ready for bidding.
- Bellevue Hwy between Brookfield and Thuma- Project is out for MDOT bid letting scheduled for June 5th opening.
- Holt Hwy, Dimondale Village Limits to Waverly – All bids are rejected and we are working on redesign.
- Webster Rd Bridge is progressing. Beams are being set and once completed they will begin placing deck pans.
- Engineering Projects - Staff are working on gathering information for paving contracts, inspection on re-gravel and gathering traffic count data. Contract C paving is scheduled to begin tomorrow with some skin patching and wedging on Ionia Rd and Chester Rd. Davis Hwy MSP sewer project is near completion and is anticipated to be opened to traffic on Monday, June 1st.

The Superintendent updated the Board on the following:

- Re-gravel prep work
- Chip seal intersections
- Bridge deck cleaning
- Shoulder work throughout County
- Cold patching throughout County
- Culvert maintenance and installation
- Guardrail maintenance and repair
- Tree trimming and brush mowing for re-gravels

- Shoulder peel backs in prep for overlays

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

- Reclamite -asphalt rejuvenator- keeps asphalt flexible, We are going to try this.
- Sheriff will be coming to speak regarding the license plate readers
- Sheriff is looking to update the agreement for the shooting range at Hull pit.

Correspondence:

- Storm sewage disposal event damage claims along Bank Intercounty Drain.
- CRA 2025 County Road Conditions.
- CRASIF-Call for Board Candidates reopened.

Public comment: None

Commissioner comment: None

Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Kendall to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Motion carried.

James F. Green, Vice -Chairman

Patricia M. Loosemore, Clerk to the Board