

EATON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

June 9, 2026

Members present: Commissioners Green, Bott and Lamoreaux

Members absent: Eldred and Kendall

Others present: Mathew Hannahs, Engineer-Manager; Patricia Loosemore, Finance Director, Jeremiah Nelson, Superintendent, Erik Dehring, Director of Engineering and Richard Angus.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Green at 8:30 a.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 26, 2026, meeting were correct as presented. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Bott to approve May 26, 2026, minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Public comment: Richard Angus expressed his concerns regarding the corner of Ionia Rd and Kalamo Hwy, culverts on Kalamo Hwy and issues with Davis Hwy.

The following vouchers were presented:

Accounts Payable	VO	46	05-28-26	\$163,498.00
Payroll	VO	47	06-04-26	\$158,487.29
Accounts Payable	VO	48	06-04-26	\$16,819.32

Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Bott to approve Vouchers 46, 47 and 48 with total expenditures of \$338,804.61. Roll call vote: Ayes: Green, Bott, and Lamoreaux; Nays: None; Absent: Eldred and Kendall. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the road improvement agreement with Sunfield Township for Bismark Highway culvert at Dooling Drain, as presented by the Engineer-Manager. The Engineer-Manager recommended the Board approve the agreement. Motion by Lamoreaux and second by Bott to approve the road improvement agreement with Sunfield Township for Bismark Highway at Dooling Drain. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed Staff Attendance for the CRASIF and MCRC SIP Annual meetings in Mt Pleasant July 22-23, 2026, as presented by the Engineer-Manager, with a recommendation to approve staff attendance for 4 employees. Motion by Lamoreaux and second by Bott to approve staff attendance at the CRASIF and MCRC SIP Annual meetings in Mt Pleasant, July 22-23, 2026 for 4 employees. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed addition of a Deputy Finance Director position to the classification and compensation system under Grade 4, as presented by the Engineer-Manager. The Engineer-Manager recommended approval of the new position. Motion by Bott, seconded by Lamoreaux, to approve the addition of the Deputy Finance Director position to the classification and compensation system. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the MDOT contract for Bellevue Highway from Brookfield Road to Thuma Highway as presented by the Engineer-Manager with a recommendation to pass a resolution approving the contract and authorizing the Engineer-Manager and clerk to electronically sign. Commissioner Timothy J. Lamoreaux motioned for the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Transportation wishes to enter into a contract agreement with the Eaton County Road Commission to accomplish the following project:

Hot mix asphalt paving, centerline cold milling, berm grading, aggregate shoulders, guardrail and permanent pavement markings along Bellevue Highway from Brookfield Road to Thuma Highway, and all together with necessary related work located in Eaton County, Contract No. 26-5204, Job No. 223513CON, Control Section STL 23000 and Project 26A0558.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Road Commission approves Contract Number 26-5204 and duly authorizes the Engineer- Manager, namely Mathew M. Hannahs and Clerk, namely Patricia M. Loosemore to electronically sign the contract on behalf of the Eaton County Road Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that true copies of this resolution will be sent to the Michigan Department of Transportation.

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

The Board reviewed and discussed the foliar brush control contract with The Daltons as presented by the Engineer-Manager. All necessary paperwork has been received, and the Engineer Manager recommends the Board approve the contract. Motion by Bott and seconded by Lamoreaux to approve the foliar brush control contract with The Daltons. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Michigan County Road Commission Self Insurance Pool (MCRCSIP) Board of Directors Ballot. There is one Southern Region position for a one-year term ending in 2027 and one at large position for a three-year term ending in 2029. Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Bott to cast the Road Commission's ballot for the Southern Region position for Ronald Kendall, Eaton County Road Commission and the at large position for Brett Laughlin, Ottawa County Road Commission. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the County Road Association Self Insurance Fund (CRASIF) Board of Trustees Ballot. CRASIF has two 3-year terms from the Southern Michigan Road Commissions region and one 3-year term from the Upper Peninsula Road Builders Association region. Motion by Lamoreaux and second by Bott to cast the Road Commission's Ballot for Beth Hunt, Lenawee County Road Commission and Laurita Humphrey, Muskegon County Road Commission, representing the Southern Michigan Road Commission region and Tom Doty, Mackinac County Road Commission, representing the Upper Peninsula Road Builders Association region. 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 – Davis Hwy to Mt Hope Hwy, Base Course of HMA has been placed and contractor is working on some final grading of ditches
- Five Point- Battle Creek River and Maurer Rd – Road is paved and all final restoration is complete. The final walk through is taking place this week.
- Five Point Hwy through Creepy Swamp – The EPA is still reviewing permit documents. A response is due by 6/23. ECRC & Consultant have submitted the final bidding documents.
- Bellevue Hwy between Brookfield and Thuma- Project has been let by MDOT with Rieth-Riley the apparent low bidder. Project was 17% under the engineer's estimate.
- Holt Hwy, Dimondale Village Limits to Waverly – We are working with our consultant to make changes

to the plans and prepare of rebidding.

- Webster Rd Bridge is progressing. Beams have all been set and crews are installing pan decking in preparation for deck pour.
- Engineering Projects - Staff are working on inspection on regravels and gathering traffic count data and paving inspection.

The Superintendent updated the Board on the following:

- Crack seal
- Hot mastic patching
- Bridge deck cleaning
- Prep work for regravels
- Cold patch throughout the county
- Chip seal – approximately 25 miles
- Fog seal – approximately 20 miles

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

- Wholesale Marijuana tax is one third of expected
- June 1, 2026, Sunfield Township board meeting
- New bill on abandonment law
- Nashville Hwy culvert agreement

Correspondence: None

Other: The Buzz- June 2026, MTF Distributions, 2026 MCRC SIP House Bills & Talking Points and D'Lamater Snow plowing

Public comment: None

Commissioner comment: None

Motion by Lamoreaux and seconded by Bott to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 a.m. Motion carried.

James F. Green, Vice -Chair

Patricia M. Loosemore, Clerk to the Board