

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Sagle on Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the Road Commission office.

Present: Janice Leatherman Sagle, Chairman  
Don Terwillegar, Vice-Chairman  
Mike Atton, Member  
Terry Palmer, Managing Director  
Sam SanMiguel, Superintendent  
Brenda Gordert, Clerk  
Russ Inman, Design Engineer  
Ben Mead, Facilities Manager  
Absent: Art Buck, Design Technician

Public Present: Dan Sagle, Jasper Township Supervisor; Jim Bishop of Flint New Holland; Dusty Humm and Matt Thomas of Bader and Sons.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Meeting was turned over to Brenda Gordert, Clerk, for Election of Board Officers for 2016.

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Atton to nominate Commissioner Sagle for Chairman of the Board of County Road Commissioners, County of Midland, for the ensuring year.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Terwillegar, Atton, Sagle

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Moved by Commissioner Atton and seconded by Commissioner Sagle to nominate Commissioner Terwillegar for Vice Chairman of the Board of County Road Commissioners, County of Midland, for the ensuring year.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Terwillegar, Atton, Sagle

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**At this time, 9:10 a.m., the Clerk turned the meeting over to Chairman Sagle.**

Moved by Commissioner Atton and seconded by Commissioner Terwillegar that the regular meetings of the Midland County Road Commission begin with Thursday, January 14, 2016, and regular meetings will be on Thursdays every two weeks thereafter at 9:00 a.m., except when rescheduled by the Board. The meeting scheduled for February 24, 2016 has been canceled.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Sagle, Terwillegar, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Atton that the depository of the Midland County Road Commission will be Chemical Bank. For investment, the road commission may use Chemical Bank or any other entity that the Clerk of the Road Commission or the County Treasurer uses for the ensuing year. All investments will comply with Public Act 20, as amended.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Terwillegar, Sagle

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Atton that the Midland Daily News, but not limited to, be the official register for its publications, such as meeting date changes, bids, notices, etc.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Sagle, Terwillegar, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Additions to Agenda:**

None

**Approval of Minutes:**

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Atton to approve the minutes of the December 30, 2015 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Sagle, Terwillegar, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Public Comment:**

None

**Approval of Open Accounts:**

The pre-pay was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Atton and seconded by Commissioner Terwillegar to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts for January 14, 2016 in the amount of \$315,237.77.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioner Terwillegar, Atton, Sagle

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Correspondence & Items of Information:**

Discussion on the Drain Commission assessment for 2015.

**New Business:**

A lengthy discussion was held with Jim Bishop of Flint New Holland and Dusty Humm and Matt Thomas of Bader and Sons regarding purchase of new tractor and brush cutter.

Bader and Sons – John Deere tractor and Diamond brush cutter \$156,687.43

Flint New Holland – John Deere tractor and Tiger brush cutter \$157,537.50

It was recommended by Facilities Manager Ben Mead to purchase tractor and brush cutter from Bader and Sons off the state bid contract.

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Atton to purchase the two pieces of equipment from Bader and Sons.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioner Atton, Terwillegar, Sagle

Nays: None

Motion Carried

The County Road Association submitted two amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws:

Amendment #1 would set in place a procedure by which CRA board and staff address requests for legal support by county road agencies or other entities. A new standing Legal Assistance Committee would be created in Article V, Section 11 to determine if a case permits participation as amicus curiae or for financial assistance for legal expenses.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Commissioner Atton and seconded by Commissioner Terwillegar to approve change.

Roll call.

Yeas: Commissioner Sagle, Terwillegar, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Amendment #2 would acknowledge a name change from the Association of Southern Michigan County Road Commissions to (Article VII, Section 1) the Association of Southern Michigan County Road Agencies.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Atton to oppose name change.  
Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioner Terwillegar, Atton, Sagle

Nays: None

Motion Carried

An agreement was received from Smith & Klaczkiewicz, PC to provide auditing services of the 2015 financial statements.

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Atton to approve.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioner Atton, Terwillegar, Sagle

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Discussion was held on the Road Commission policy regarding Public Right-Of-Ways (not certified) and the Mailbox policy. These policies will be reviewed at the next meeting.

### **Permit listing was reviewed.**

### **Staff Reports:**

Ben stated the oil interceptor has been installed in the shop and is working great.

Sam stated he attended a retirement party for Emergency Services Manager Roger Garner. His replacement will be setting up a meeting in the next couple weeks and Art Buck will take over as our new emergency services coordinator.

Sam has been really busy working on township estimates for 2016 and also working on a 5-year plan for each township.

Terry attended the MPO meeting last week and many townships were also in attendance. He emphasized the importance of keeping the townships involved.

Attended MDOT meeting regarding weather towers in Midland County.

Presented spreadsheet regarding costs to bring roads and bridges up to "good" condition, \$33 million for bridges and \$73 million for roads.

Presented spreadsheet showing increase in revenues over the next 5 years with the increase in the ACT 51 Funds and the increase in millage.

Presented graph showing statewide crash data. We need to invest more in safety with wider shoulders and more guard rail.

### **Miscellaneous:**

None

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Atton to adjourn meeting at 12:20 p.m. until Thursday, January 28, 2016.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Terwillegar, Sagle, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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Brenda Gordert, Clerk

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Janice Leatherman Sagle, Chairman