

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Thursday, June 29, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the Road Commission office.

Present: Mike Atton, Chairman
Don Terwillegar, Vice Chairman
Al Kloha, Commission Member
Terry Palmer, Managing Director
Sam SanMiguel, Superintendent
Brenda Gordert, Finance Director
Russ Inman, Design Engineer
Art Buck, Design Technician
Ashley Rockefeller, Engineering Intern
Absent: Ben Mead, Facilities Manager

Public Present: Jeanette Snyder, Midland County Board of Commissioners, Maria Sandow, Larkin Township Supervisor; Mike Wood, Jerome Township Supervisor; Dan Bloom, Mills Township Supervisor, Alan Wendt, Mills Township Trustee; Laura Dawson, Lee Township Clerk.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said

Additions to Agenda:

None

Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Terwillegar to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2017 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Kloha, Terwillegar, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

Laura Dawson thanked the Road Commission for all the work this week.

Alan Wendt thanked the Road Commission for the quick responses.

Maria Sandow commented on the great job and coordination efforts between everyone.

Dan Bloom thanked the Road Commission for the way everything was handled this week.

Approval of Open Accounts:

The pre-pay for June 29, 2017 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts for June 29, 2017 in the amount of \$395,344.76.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Terwillegar, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Flood Update:

Terry presented a spreadsheet that Art started the first day of flood to record all road closures.

We had 105 road closures reported by 911. Today we currently have 11 roads still closed.

Calls are continuing to come in regarding washouts and culvert failures. Terry thanked everyone for all their hard work and long hours this week. Terry asked for pictures and videos from residents to help with documentation of damage to roads and bridges for federal aid and FEMA funding. Ashley Rockefeller is working on mapping pictures and videos of the flood damage and they were shown to the Board and audience members.

Discussion was held on the severity of the flooding that started on Friday, June 23. Numerous bridges have been closed due the extent of damage and entire roadways have washed out completely. Estimated damages on the Federal Aid Road System alone are over \$6 million dollars. Midland County has been declared a state of emergency by Governor Snyder. Funds will be required to start major repairs before disaster relief monies become available. Discussion was held regarding the State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) loan application. The maximum amount available is \$2 million dollars.

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to apply for a \$2 million-dollar loan with the State Infrastructure Bank to start road and bridge repairs.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Kloha, Terwillegar

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Terwillegar to approve the following:

As a result of the flooding that started on June 23, 2017, numerous roads and bridges have been damaged or destroyed. In acknowledgement of the costs required to replace and repair the roads and bridges, all construction projects scheduled for the remainder of the 2017 construction season have been cancelled. Midland County Road Commission will complete any projects that have already been started and will proceed with projects that are deemed crucial to the infrastructure as determined by Midland County Road Commission staff.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Terwillegar, Kloha, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

A MCRCSIP voting ballot was received for two Northern representatives to the Board of Directors.

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to vote for Alan Cooper and Brian Gutowski.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Kloha, Terwillegar, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

A MCRCSIP voting ballot was received for two At-Large representatives to the Board of Directors.

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to vote for Tim O'Rourke and John Rogers.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Terwillegar, Atton, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence was received from State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources regarding the off-road vehicle ordinance. The DNR is currently inventorying and mapping state forest roads. The DNR staff will make preliminary proposals on which roads will be open for ORV use and which will remain closed.

Permit listing was reviewed

Unfinished Business:

Shop Floor Update:

Sam gave an update on shop floor replacement as Ben was currently pouring concrete for the drains. The contractor originally hired has been released do to non-compliance and Ben has hired the next low bidder, Sugar Construction, to finish project.

New Business:

A private road maintenance agreement was received from Homer Township for Gay Lane for snow removal.

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to accept private road maintenance agreement.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Kloha, Atton, Terwillegar

Nays: None

Motion Carried

A private road maintenance agreement was received from Homer Township for Country Creek Drive for snow removal.

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to accept private road maintenance agreement.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Terwillegar, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Miscellaneous:

None

Staff Reports:

Art stated he has been inspecting flood related emergencies all week and completed pay estimates for the federal paving jobs.

He is working on surveys for drainage.

Sam stated he has attended flood related Emergency Services meetings every day. He thanked Mills Township Fire Dept., Weighmaster Bill VonMatt, Give Em' A Brake Safety, Gladwin County Road Commission, MDOT Crews; Pat's Gradall, Central Asphalt, Saginaw Asphalt, and Johnston Contracting for their assistance with man power and supplies.

Russ stated he conducted phone interviews for the engineering assistant position.

He is working on modifications to the road certification maps.

He stated the engineering interns are close to completing the culvert inventory.

Terry thanked the residents of Midland County for the tremendous amount of help they were during the critical hours. They assisted in directing traffic and blocking roads until crews were able to get signs and equipment on site.

Brenda thanked Sara for coming in to answer phones and help with the flood coordination efforts on the weekend.

Commissioner Kloha asked the townships for support letters for the traffic light signal system grant from the Community Foundation.

Commissioner Atton thanked the crews for the great job with the emergency responses.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 10:35 a.m. until Thursday, July 13, 2017.

Brenda Gordert, Finance Director

Mike Atton, Chairman