

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Road Commission office.

Present: Mike Atton, Chairman
Al Kloha, Vice Chairman
Jim Hyatt, Commission Member
Terry Palmer, Managing Director
Sam SanMiguel, Superintendent
Brenda Gordert, Finance Director
Russ Inman, Design Engineer
Ben Mead, Facilities Manager
Art Buck, Design Technician
Devin Campbell, Civil Technician

Absent: None

Public Present: Jeanette Snyder, Midland County Board of Commissioners; Rich Keenan, Mt. Haley Township Supervisor; Laura Dawson, Lee Township Clerk; Maria Sandow, Larkin Township Supervisor

The Pledge of Allegiance was said

Additions to Agenda:

None

Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to approve the minutes of the January 31, 2019 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Kloha, Hyatt

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

Maria Sandow, Larkin Township Supervisor, requested confirmation letter for Open House on March 6th and complimented the crew for the great job with snow removal.

Approval of Open Accounts:

The pre-pay for February 7, 2019 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioners Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts for February 7, 2019 in the amount of \$402,443.75.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Kloha, Hyatt, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

The pre-pay for February 21, 2019 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Atton to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts for February 21, 2019 in the amount of \$493,376.44.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Kloha, Hyatt, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

Correspondence was received from the Midland County Township Officials' Association inviting staff to their General Membership Dinner Meeting on March 7, 2019 at the Mt. Haley Township Hall.

Correspondence was received from Bill Mayhew, Mt. Pleasant TSC Manager, thanking the snow plow drivers for the outstanding job through the intense snow and ice storms.

A group, Ask Midland, offered to buy 5 pizzas for the crew after the ice storm as a thank you for a job well done and Sam bought another 5 pizzas and Terry bought pop and chips

Permit listing was reviewed

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

A wage comparison survey for summer help was compiled from other Road Commissions, Mosquito Control and the County of Midland and discussion was held. It was recommended by Manager Palmer to pay student help \$11.00 per hour for the first year and \$12.00 for returning years and pay engineering help \$14.00 for the first year and \$15.00 if they have field experience.

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to accept Manager Palmers recommendation.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Two safety grant approval notifications were received for FY 2020:

- Freeland and Sasse Road intersection – construction of a left turn lane, adding 4' paved shoulders, curb and gutter, enclosing drainage, placement of rumble strips and installation of flashing beacons. Grant amount \$478,420.00.
- Replacement and addition of horizontal curve signage throughout the county. Total sign count is 1,182. Grant amount \$178,756.31.

Discussion of the purchase of used mower tractor with a bat wing. Ben requested approval of purchase up to \$60,000 for mower tractor when he is able to locate one that meets our requirements.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Atton to approve mower tractor purchase up to \$60,000.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Hyatt, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence was received from the Self-Insurance Pool regarding surety bonds for Road Commissioners. It states the County Board of Commissioners must acknowledge the relevant statues and approve the issuance of surety and fidelity coverage through MCRCSIP by form of resolution. Currently bonds are purchased for Road Commissioners from CNA Surety, a third party insurance company.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Atton to request resolution from County Board of Commissioners to allow coverage through the Insurance Pool.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Kloha, Atton, Hyatt

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Miscellaneous:

None

Staff Reports:

Art stated the advertisement for 2019 Bids was put on our website today with a March 15th deadline. Bids will be accepted through Bid Express or vendors may download forms and submit paper bids. Jeanette Snyder inquired about bid securities and Art stated the requirement is 5% bid bond or 5% retainage.

He has a pre-con meeting this afternoon for Saginaw Road in Sanford and Eastman Road Tire Grant.

He stated the bid letting for the Castor Road bridge and the Sturgeon Road bridge was February 1st and Nashville Construction was low bidder.

He will start pacer training next week.

Russ stated he received information from MDOT for Category B funding for cities and villages with population less than 10,000. Funding is for fiscal year 19-20 and applications are due April 5th. He is working with the Village of Sanford and City of Coleman.

He attended a meeting with the Midland Community Foundation this week regarding a TAP grant for the Smith Crossing bridge. The Road Commission will apply for the grant and other entities will cover the match costs. Ownership of the bridge will be turned over to County Parks or the Township and an endowment fund will need to be set up for future maintenance costs.

He stated the sale of property along Meridian Road to Consumer Power is finalized.

The new county map will be going to the printers tomorrow after a couple revisions from the city on the city streets.

Terry stated with the warm temperatures predicted for this weekend he has taken a look at the weight restriction software program. He does not feel there is any need to put temporary weight restrictions on at this time.

He stated Larkin Township will be hosting an Open House on March 6th to discuss current and future township projects, 5 year plan, and county and township signs.

He will be attending the quad meeting tonight at Greendale Township.

Sam stated he is getting requests from other counties for extra salt. He gave Isabella County Road Commission 400 tons and gave MDOT in Mt. Pleasant 500 tons and they replaced it. He is going to order 800 tons of our backup salt today. We currently have 1,200 tons of salt, 500 tons of salt/sand and 200 tons of sand.

He and Ashley are attending a job fair at CMU in Mt. Pleasant next week to get qualified summer help.

He has a meeting with Porter Township in the morning to discuss their allocations and projects for 2019.

He is attending the MRPAs workshop in Mt. Pleasant on Tuesday.

Sam stated the Road Commission is in compliance with the DEQ for brush spray this year.

Ben stated TV12 interviewed him and mechanic helper Neil Sharpe on behind the scenes maintaining winter snow plow equipment.

He and a motor grader operator attended a demonstration on a new motor grader.

He and a mechanic went to look at options for a new vac truck.

He is looking into a used semi-truck and looking into new pickups.

He stated the mechanics have been really busy with repairs the last couple weeks due to the cold and heavy snow. One of our plow trucks has been over to Wielands for warranty work for the last five weeks, it was picked up today.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 10:10 a.m. until Thursday, March 7, 2019.

Brenda Gordert, Finance Director

Mike Atton, Chairman