

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Wednesday, April 17, 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  
Art Buck, Design Technician  
Ashley Rockefeller, GIS Technician  
Absent: Ben Mead, Facilities Manager

Public Present: Maria Sandow, Larkin Township Supervisor; Laura Dawson, Lee Township Clerk; Bill Carey, Edenville Township Trustee; Keith Matthews, Mt. Haley Township.

**The Pledge of Allegiance was said**

**Additions to Agenda:**

None

**Approval of Minutes:**

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2019 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Kloha, Hyatt

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Public Comment:**

Keith Matthews of Mt. Haley spoke regarding drainage issues in front of his house on Gordonville Road off Homer Road. Art and Terry will look into problem and get back with him.

Bill Carey inquired about ditching on Water Road in Edenville Township. Sam stated we are going to be doing some survey work this spring looking for proper drainage outlets. He also inquired about the possible extension of Burns Road west off Lake Sanford. Terry stated he is working with the DNR and it is still in future plans.

Laura Dawson inquired about rating gravel roads. Russ explained the new IBR rating system for gravel roads which was developed last year. Not all the gravel roads have been rated yet, upon completion reports will be shared with the townships.

**Approval of Open Accounts:**

The pre-pay for April 18, 2019 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts for April 18, 2019 in the amount of \$644,145.31.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Kloha, Hyatt, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Correspondence and Items of Information:**

The East Central Council meeting will be held on April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in Roscommon County.

Discussion was held on a letter of support for a full interchange at US10 and Waldo Road. It is in the discussion stages and we are looking for letters of support from surrounding agencies and businesses.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Atton to approve letter of support for full interchange at US-10 and Waldo Road.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

### **Permit listing was reviewed**

#### **Unfinished Business:**

None

#### **New Business:**

Discussion was held on the reclassification of Tittabawassee Road between Sasse Road and Orr Road in Ingersoll Township, sections 34,35,36. Support is for the reclassification of Tittabawassee Road from a local road to a primary road.

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve reclassification of roads.

Roll call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Hyatt, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Terry had a meeting with the DNR to discuss plans for Turner Parkway, Burns Road extension, and Mier Road extension. He is working on getting a letter of agreement from DNR.

Terry also discussed a new park in Mills Township north off Shearer Road. A letter of support is needed from the DNR before project can move forward.

Correspondence was received from the County Road Association. A work group was established to clarify, streamline and modernize the CRA Constitution and Bylaws. A proposed version with changes highlighted was distributed to Board and will be voted on in May.

#### **Miscellaneous:**

None

#### **Staff Reports:**

Art stated he held a pre-con meeting for Coleman Road at School projected to start April 29.

Weigh restrictions will be lifted on Monday, April 22.

He stated there is a pre-con meeting today for the two Saginaw Road bridges and the Magruder Road bridge. CA Hall is the contractor.

He stated Poseyville Road construction will start April 22 if Consumers and AT & T have moved lines.

Eastman Road scrap tire project was shut down for a week due to weather.

Castor Road bridge project was backed up a week waiting on beams.

Art attended a meeting with Dow and Central Asphalt. Dow is interested in building a plastic road replacing some of the liquid asphalt with liquid plastic. Larkin Township has agreed to a pilot project.

Sam stated Ben is attending the training on operation of the new vac truck with the crew.

Sam stated he is sending three employees to work zone training in May.

He and Kevin attended a meeting in Gladwin on new employee training. A session has been set for May 30<sup>th</sup> at the Gladwin County fairgrounds and we will be sending five employees. He is working with Larkin Township and Mark Rapanos for improvements to Wackerly Road west off Waldo Road. Once the agreement is in place with Mark Rapanos work can begin. He is having gravel and stonecrete stockpiled for summer construction projects.

Terry stated the federal aid projects should start in May:

- Pine River/Shearer Road reconstruction
- 11 Mile-Odd-Porter Road reconstruction
- Saginaw Road reconstruction in Sanford
- Saginaw/Waldo Road reconstruction

He stated we are still waiting on contracts for three flood restoration bridge projects:

- Redstone Road over Bush Creek
- Meridian Road over Prairie Creek
- Monroe Road over Newell Drain

We are also waiting on the contract for 13 county wide failure locations from the flood. Terry presented an informational flyer for the Eastman Road corridor widening project. He presented map showing which counties have already removed weight restrictions. He presented information on Pyrawall, a wrap-face vegetated solution for constructing reinforced-soil walls and steepened slopes, that he hopes to use on a couple projects this summer.

He presented suggestions from Midland Township for new Midland County signs.

Ashley stated she has been working on sign suggestions from Midland Township. She stated the interviews have been completed for the summer GIS intern, the start date is May 6.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 10:15 a.m. until Thursday, May 2, 2019.

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Brenda Gordert, Finance Director

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Mike Atton, Chairman