

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Thursday, May 30, 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
Ben Mead, Facilities Manager
Art Buck, Design Technician
Sara Iverson, Payroll Clerk
Absent: Russ Inman, Design Engineer
Brenda Gordert, Finance Director

Public Present: Laura Dawson, Lee Township Clerk; Maria Sandow, Larkin Township Supervisor; Rich Keenan, Mt. Haley Township Supervisor

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 May 16, 2019 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Kloha, Hyatt

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

None

Approval of Open Accounts:

The pre-pay for May 30, 2019 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts for May 30, 2019 in the amount of \$803,388.10.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Kloha, Hyatt, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

The Midland County Township Officials' Association membership meeting will be held June 6, 2019 at the Homer Township Public Safety Building.

Permit listing was reviewed

Chairman Atton asked about the Van Loon Farms permits. Terry discussed that they are boring and installing 8 miles of manure pipelines so that manure can be pumped instead of trucked which will be a great help for the local roads they had been traveling as they will not take as much abuse from heavy truck traffic.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

Ben discussed that we will be able to purchase sheet piling from Midland Steel at a good price.

A letter was received from MDOT regarding reimbursement of engineering costs in the amount of \$10,000 in accordance with Act 51, P.A. 1951.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to request engineering reimbursement in the amount of \$10,000.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Kloha, Hyatt

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Miscellaneous:

None

Staff Reports:

Art stated that the Eastman Road project is now working on the east side of the road between Hurley and Hubbard and moving north, they expect to move to the next section next Tuesday, June 4th. Poseyville Road is progressing, they are trenching the subbase, most of the pipe work is done, all that is left is the big pipe for the drain relocation. They are waiting on Consumers and Charter to move utilities; everyone is working well together. Coleman Road is expected to be paving the southbound lane, base and leveling, tomorrow, May 31st and then flipping to the northbound lane beginning of next week. By the end of next week, it should be open to traffic. Castor Rd bridge is close to completion and re-opening. Pine River Road is in a lull right now, the dirt work is mostly completed and the cold in place is scheduled for June 10th. Rich from Central Asphalt has been trying to get them to move the cold in place up but hasn't had any luck. The dirt work contractor has now moved up to the Saginaw Road project to start digging. The Orr Road bridge project is scheduled to start next week on Monday, we have a rental machine coming to work along with our machine for removing trees. Then they will demo out the deck, pull one machine out and leave one there to build the rest of the bridge. Dow has everything in place for mixing the plastic pavement over at Michigan Paving Materials in Alma, they are going to mix everything and send it over to Central Asphalt. The week of July 8th they will mix up a batch and start on paving their two parking lots, County Line Road, Waskevich and Julie Ann and possibly Eastman Road. If Eastman Road isn't ready, they will try to get to it the end of July/beginning of August. Maria Sandow asked about the Sturgeon Road bridge project. Art stated that they are working on sheet piling right now so they should be starting on the footings soon and that the project has been delayed by rain so it may not be completed until after the expected June 28th date.

Ben stated the sign truck is just about complete, Neil and Justin went down to Cannon Equipment for a final meeting to check out the details before the final paint. The new pickups have arrived. Auction items will be ready next week to be put up on Gov Deals. Four out of five tractor mowers are out on the road, one is in the shop with a PTO issue but should be repaired soon.

Sam discussed the cracking and pitting issues in the ultrathin on Farmington Lane. Rich O'Dell and Jerry Waters are going to bring in an infrared machine next week or the week after to sand the pitting out and replace the material, after that you shouldn't be able to see it at all. Paving is going well; leftover 2018 projects are just about complete. This weekend they should get to Shearer and Adams Road. Shearer Road has been crack sealed before paving. Coleman Road and Greenlawn sub will be paved on Saturday. Grading and brining will begin on June 3rd in Warren Township and we will work our way around the county. We started graveling for pulverizing today, the pulverizers are on standby and will come in as soon as the roads are ready. There were a couple issues with chip seals on Gordonville and Freeland Roads, Sam met with Fahrner and they agreed there seemed to be some areas

where the stone didn't take well. They will be chip sealing those areas again at the end of June to finish up, they hope a warmer road temperature will get a better result. Sam, Art and Bill are regularly inspecting all the work being done. Dustin Brighton came in Tuesday and Wednesday to do a chainsaw and chipper training. We are working with MCRCSIP to do a spring safety training which will consist of PPE, blood born pathogens, grading, backing, winter operations, etc. Our three new employees will be sent to it and Kevin and Aaron and Byron Newcomb will be doing work zone safety training and chainsaw and chipper training.

Terry stated that the we had received the proposal for the 13 flood projects, supposed to have been bid in April and have now been moved to end of July/August. Due to the progress schedule changes we will still be looking to have at least one project built this year, but the remainder built next year. Three bridges also still need to be replaced; Monroe, Meridian, and Redstone. Terry has made more calls to Lansing and he and Russ will be scheduling a meeting hoping to advance the process. We still have not received any reimbursements for any of the work we have already completed. Russ has gotten a better deal on our firewall from IT Right, the price is much closer to what we were looking for. He is going to check on MiDeal as well. We have upgraded the internet service but cannot use it yet because we have not upgraded the firewall. Devin's position will be advertised until it is filled. Sam spoke with someone regarding Kevlar road fiber that can add 50% more life to pavement. They are looking for a pilot program, preferably on a dead-end road that still gets a lot of traffic. They are going to donate 500 tons of the product to reconstruct Mier Road off West River Road. Terry would like to do one more pilot location to do a test on a road with a lot of cracks or potholes instead of a reconstruct to really test the strength of the product. He discussed the County Road Investment Plan from CRA, parts of the report have made it into the paper showing the status of paved roads in each county.

Commissioner Kloha brought up a concern about traffic on West River Road where the new senior living facility is being built. He suggested a turn lane, no passing zone, more signage or lighting in that area to draw attention to the traffic and mitigate potential accidents. Terry explained that a turn lane or a no passing zone were not feasible solutions but that additional signage and perhaps a reduction in speed limit would be appropriate. Al also mentioned that Annette Glenn had contacted him about Jack O'Malley wanting to have a town hall meeting at the Road Commission on June 27th at 6:30 p.m. to discuss road funding and other issues. Roger Haulk will also be attending. Terry stated we would be happy to host the town hall meeting.

Commissioner Atton requested that the crews go out to Eastman Road south of Monroe and add shoulder gravel as there is quite a drop off. Sam said he has asked Doug to shoulder Sturgeon, Eastman, and Jefferson Roads this year, sooner rather than later.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 9:45 a.m. until Thursday, June 13, 2019.

Sara Iverson, Payroll Clerk

Mike Atton, Chairman