

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Wednesday, July 10, 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
Art Buck, Design Technician
Ben Mead, Facilities Manager
Absent: Russ Inman, Design Engineer

Public Present: Maria Sandow, Larkin Township Supervisor; Laura Dawson, Lee Township Clerk; Doug Jackson, Larkin Township; Dan Owens, Larkin Township.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said

Additions to Agenda:

Under Policy Review Terry added - 3' Paved Shoulders

Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2019 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Kloha, Hyatt

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

Laura Dawson thanked the Road Commission for repairing 8 Mile Road. She stated it is in the best condition she has seen in years.

Doug Jackson thanked the Road Commission for sending out letters regarding the blockage on Swede Road. He inquired if fines were going to be levied or who would pay for removal of blockage if property owner do not comply. He also asked for permission to cut low hanging branches and put gravel in small erosion areas. Terry commented the property owners usually comply with removal of obstructions when required and stated Mr. Jackson could apply for work in the ROW permits to cut brush and repair erosion areas.

Dan Owens inquired about the drainage on Eastman Road after the heavy rain water flooded his field last week. Terry commented the construction is still on going, the catch basins have temporary covers on them, and the final grade is not complete. Before completion these issues will be addressed and the Road Commission will make sure the county drains are working properly.

Approval of Open Accounts:

The pre-pay for July 11, 2019 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts for July 11, 2019 in the amount of \$793,830.25.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Kloha, Hyatt, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

East Central Council meeting will be held July 11th in Alcona County.

Permit listing was reviewed

Unfinished Business:

Surplus equipment auction on Govdeal.com will conclude on Thursday evening.

New Business:

An updated Drug Policy was received from CRA and discussion was held.

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to adopt CRA Drug Policy.
Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Hyatt, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

An updated Harassment Policy was received from CRA and discussion was held.

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to adopt CRA Harassment Policy.
Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Kloha, Atton, Hyatt

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Discussion was held on the Pavement, Bridge and Safety Goal draft policy.

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve Pavement, Bridge and Safety Goal Policy.
Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Discussion was held on the Commissioner Attendance draft policy.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to approve Commissioner Attendance Policy.
Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Hyatt, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Terry presented a draft policy for 3' Paved Shoulders for review and discussion was held.

Miscellaneous:

None

Staff Reports:

Ben stated he is looking for a used semi and a used fork lift. He is expecting the surplus equipment auction to bring in around \$30,000. He would like use the \$30,000 in addition to the \$80,000 already in his budget to purchase these two pieces of equipment. Discussion ensued.

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to allow purchase in the best interest of the Road Commission.
Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Ben stated he is renting a bridge walker for one month for bridge maintenance.

Sam stated he has talked with Rich O'Dell from Central Asphalt regarding pitting and cracking of Farmington Lane. Rich does not believe there are any defects and agreed to a three-year road warranty.

Sam stated there was a drainage problem on Middle Road over the weekend right after the heavy rain. A cross-tube recently installed by the Road Commission floated up on the end and caused

water to back up into a farmers' field. The farmer and his family members assisted to keep water back until road crews could get it repaired. Discussion ensued. Sam and Ben will look into reimbursement costs with a report back at the next meeting.

He stated the annual Superintendents conference will be held in October and he would like to take a couple staff members and a couple union members. Discussion ensued.

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve attendance at Superintendents conference in Frankenmuth.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Kloha, Hyatt

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Art stated the contractor has delayed the plastic paving until late August.

He stated Sturgeon Road bridge in Larkin Township over Newell Drain is now open.

Letts Road between Waldo and Bay-Mid Line is closed for a month for bridge repair.

Saginaw Road in Sanford is being milled and chip sealed this week for paving Friday and Monday.

Saginaw Road from Waldo to County Line reconstruction will start on Monday, July 15th.

Magruder and Pine River Roads are being paved today.

Poseyville Road project they are completing the road crossings this week.

Orr Road Bridge replacement is going well. The crews are doing a good job.

Terry stated the MDOT contract for repair of 13 flood related projects will be advertised July 12th.

He reported on a news article on the increase in accident rates and deaths in other states. When he compared Michigan, the rates are down. Discussion ensued.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 10:20 a.m. until Thursday, July 25, 2019.

Brenda Gordert, Finance Director

Mike Atton, Chairman