

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Thursday, July 25, 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
Ashley Rockefeller, GIS Technician
Absent: Russ Inman, Design Engineer
Art Buck, Design Technician
Ben Mead, Facilities Manager

Public Present: Jeanette Snyder, Midland County Board of Commissioners; Maria Sandow, Larkin Township Supervisor; Laura Dawson, Lee Township Clerk; Doug Jackson, Larkin Township; Bruce Clark, Warren Township Supervisor.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said

Additions to Agenda:

Unfinished Business:

- Flooded Field Middle Road
- Warranty Letter Farmington Lane

New Business:

- October 3rd Board Meeting

Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2019 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Kloha, Hyatt

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

Jeanette Snyder commented on Midland-Isabella County Line Road. She has been approached by a resident regarding the seasonal road status. Sam stated the road is a seasonal road and the new county map is not marked properly.

Approval of Open Accounts:

The pre-pay for July 25, 2019 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts for July 25, 2019 in the amount of \$1,409,792.89.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Kloha, Hyatt, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

Correspondence was received from Tom Corbat, Porter Township Supervisor, announcing the next Quad meeting will be held on August 8th at the Porter Township Hall.

Permit listing was reviewed

Unfinished Business:

Listing of the surplus equipment sold on GovDeals online auction site for a total of \$45,859.00:

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| 2008 Jeep Liberty sport - \$1,980.00 | 1985 JD Mower Tractor - | \$8,041.00 |
| 2003 Dodge Ram Pickup - \$690.00 | 1996 JD Mower Tractor - | \$8,125.00 |
| 2003 Dodge Ram Pickup - \$1,137.00 | 2004 New Holland Mower Tractor - | \$14,875.00 |
| 2001 Ford F250 Pickup - \$360.00 | 2001 International Sign Truck - | \$2,585.00 |
| 1999 Ford F350 Pickup - \$511.00 | 2003 2 Ton Hot Patcher - | \$2,020.00 |
| 2004 Ford F350 Pickup - \$510.00 | 196 Ford Vac Truck - | \$5,025.00 |

Terry and Russ attended a meeting regarding the Smith Crossing Bridge in Ingersoll Township. The bridge would be part of the Iron Bell Trail and be repaired for pedestrians and bicycles. The County Parks department could take over the bridge and build a parking lot near the entrance. The Road Commission would need to build two cul-de-sacs in order to maintain the roadway leading up to the bridge. Ingersoll Township is not interested in having a park. Discussion ensued. Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to pursue the grant to repair the bridge with zero cost to the Road Commission. Discussion will be held with County Parks to take over the bridge and the trail with a pre-funded endowment in place for future maintenance with zero costs to County Parks.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Kloha, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Terry and Russ met with Maria Sandow, Chuck Goodman and Pete Poznak regarding Swede Road right-of-way in Larkin Township. Letters have been mailed to adjacent property owners for removal of concrete structures blocking right-of-way. If structures are not removed by August 2nd, the Road Commission crews will remove structures on Monday, August 5th.

Discussion was held on 3' paved shoulder policy presented at the last board meeting. It was also discussed at the MATS meeting.

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve 3' Paved Shoulder Policy as presented:

The Midland County Board of Road Commissioners will consider the adoption of the 3' Paved shoulder requirement in the MDOT 3R guidelines on Locally funded Primary projects if the following conditions are met:

- Corridor is identified as having above average safety issues
- Maintenance of Gravel shoulders is an ongoing issue
- Significant biker and pedestrian usage of the shoulders
- Justification on why they shouldn't be widened and/or paved may include high cost, environmental issues, local public input, and should be documented in the project file.
- If the corridor is identified as a bicycle route inside the county, consideration should be given to widening the 3' paved shoulder to 4' paved if feasible. Share the road signs are an option especially if the traffic volume is less than 2000 ADT.

Policy goes into effect in the 2020 construction program.

- 1) Local Agency Programs Guidelines for Geometrics on Local Agency Projects 2017 Edition for projects which are funded thru MDOT Local Agency Programs

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Kloha, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Sam discussed the farmers field that flooded on Middle Road in Hope Township. A cross tube was recently installed by Road Commission and a couple items were not properly completed.

Sam recommended paying the farmer for his time, equipment, and loss of hay in the amount of \$3,500.00. Discussion ensued.

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve recommendation of payment in the amount of \$3,500.00

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Hyatt, Kloha
Nays: None

Motion Carried

Sam presented the Board and Maria Sandow, Larkin Township Supervisor, with a signed warranty letter from Central Asphalt for Farmington Lane:

*Central Asphalt, Inc. warrants the materials and workmanship of the hot mix asphalt that was placed on 10/23/2018, to meet the Midland County Road Commission's specification for "HMA, 13A". Should this pavement fail to perform in its normal intended use and purpose, excluding cracking, we will repair it at no charge to the Midland County Road Commission for a period of 3 years from the date of installation. If there is an issue during this warranty period, please contact the office at (989) 772-0720.
Warranty Period – October 23, 2018 to October 24, 2021.*

Letter will be kept on file.

New Business:

Terry discussed FY 2021 grant applications for the following safety projects:

1. Roundabout at the Waldo Road and Monroe Road intersection
2. Safety shoulders on Jefferson Road from Letts to Monroe Roads
3. Bridge guardrail and approach rail replacement at 9 locations throughout the county
4. New guardrail installation at the following locations:
 - Meridian Road @ S. County Line Road over the county drain
 - Stark Road south of Bombay on the west side
 - 11 Mile Road south of Redstone on the west side
5. Centerline rumble strips at various locations with head on or side swipe crashes

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to move forward with the safety project grant applications.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Hyatt, Kloha
Nays: None

Motion Carried

Terry discussed recycling market development grant for Alamando Road bridge over Little Salt River and Eastman Road rubber tire. Discussion ensued.

Brenda discussed Public ACT 202 reporting requirement for Pension and Healthcare. An application for waiver and plan was proposed and discussion ensued.

Moved by Commissioners Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve Application for Wavier and Plan for Defined Benefit Pension and Retiree Healthcare.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Kloha, Hyatt, Atton
Nays: None

Motion Carried

Discussion was held regarding the board meeting scheduled for October 3rd. It conflicts with MERS meeting and Superintendent's meeting.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to cancel October 3rd board meeting and authorize Clerk to pay accounts payable and payroll.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Kloha
Nays: None

Motion Carried

Miscellaneous:

None

Staff Reports:

Ashley stated she has been working on safety grants and gave an update on the GIS Conference she attended last week.

Sam took our portable traffic signal and the beaver dam gadget up to Clare County and removed a beaver dam on M115.

He stated we will be doing some brush cutting for MDOT on M18 in Gladwin County.

He stated the crews have been working some Fridays to catch up on some mowing and maintenance projects.

Sam informed the board a property owner on Laporte Road installed a single wall culvert incorrectly, without a permit and it is holding back water. He will be sending a letter for removal of the culvert.

He was at a rollover accident involving a semi-truck Tuesday on Geneva Road off Shearer Road along with weighmaster Bill vonMatt.

Terry stated the Eastman Road project is at a standstill. The contractor is a couple weeks behind due to weather and missed the paving date. The paving contractor cannot reschedule until August 16th. The road is open to traffic until paving can be completed.

He stated the bridge beams for Orr Road were damaged by contractor. TEG Engineering conducted a report with recommendations and Terry has accepted. Three deck panels will be replaced and testing will be done on beams.

He gave updates on road projects:

- Pine River Road is completed

- Letts Road will be paved Friday, July 26th

- Saginaw Road in the Village of Sanford is complete

- Saginaw Road off River Road in Ingersoll is complete

- Waldo Road will start August 5th

- Plastic paving will start week of August 12th

- 11 Mile and Odd Road will next week

Commissioner Atton passed along a compliment from Chuck and Leonard Servinski for all the work being done around the county.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 10:40 a.m. until Thursday, August 8, 2019.

Brenda Gordert, Finance Director

Mike Atton, Chairman