

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Road Commission office.

Present: Mike Atton, Chairman
Al Kloha, Vice Chairman
Jim Hyatt, Commission Member
Sam SanMiguel, Superintendent
Brenda Gordert, Finance Director
Ben Mead, Facilities Manager
Art Buck, Design Technician

Absent: Terry Palmer, Managing Director
Russ Inman, Design Engineer

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

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 September 5, 2019 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Hyatt, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

None

Approval of Open Accounts:

The pre-pay for September 19, 2019 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts for September 19, 2019 in the amount of \$647,049.69.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Kloha, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

The regular scheduled meeting on October 3, 2019 has been cancelled.

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to authorize Clerk to pay the open accounts and payroll. Listing to be reviewed at next meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Kloha, Hyatt

Nays: None

Motion Carried

The East Central Council Meeting will be held on October 17, 2019 in Arenac County.

Correspondence was received from the County Road Association Self Insurance Fund for a Workers' Compensation Award. We have one of the lowest employee injury rates among road commissions in the state.

Permit listing was reviewed

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

Discussion was held on HB 4476 that would raise the limit from \$100,000 for road projects to \$500,000 before a competitive bidding process is implemented.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Public Act 51 of the State of Michigan Public Acts of 1951 requires all construction and preservation projects with estimated constructions costs exceeding \$100,000 to be completed by contract and,

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has established requirements for Construction of Federally Funded (Federal Aid) Local Agency Projects by Non-Competitive Bid Contract (Force Account) and,

WHEREAS, these requirements limit a Local Agency to the lesser of five force account projects per fiscal year, or force account authorization totaling \$400,000 per fiscal year, regardless of work type or finding source and,

WHEREAS, the County Road Association of Michigan has a legislative priority to support increasing the MDOT \$100,000 per project threshold, as long as the Local Agency demonstrates work can be performed using 6 percent less federal dollars than if the work was performed through competitive bidding and,

WHEREAS, Representative Eisen has introduced House Bill 4476 of 2019 in the Michigan House of Representatives to amend PA 51 of 1951 to revise the limit for competitive bidding from \$100,000 to \$500,000 on projects for highways, streets, roads, and bridges for construction or preservation projects,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Road Commissioners of Midland County strongly supports HB 4476 and also supports eliminating any limit on the number of projects or the total dollar amount that can be used by a Local Agency for force account work.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Ben presented pricing for 2020 Truck Equipment for a traditional dump body plow truck and discussion ensued. Pricing includes dump body, tarp, salt spreader, wing plow, hydraulics, lighting & strobes, and front plow hitch assembly totaling \$87,723.78. Pricing is from Truck & Trailer through the MiDeal State Contract

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve equipment pricing for one plow truck from Truck & Trailer through the MiDeal State Contract.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

The actuarial was presented for the MERS Benefit E program, a 2% increase to all retirees. Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to adopt the following resolution for the Municipal Employees Retirement System for all retirees:

WHEREAS, as authorized by Section 20 of the Municipal Employees Retirement System Plan document, the Midland County Road Commission adopts Benefit "E" for all retirees and beneficiaries.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, approval of a flat two percent (2%) increase of the amount of each retirement allowance since the last date Benefit E was adopted.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Kloha, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Miscellaneous:

None

Staff Reports:

Ben discussed the future purchase of a swap loader truck 2020.

He discussed future purchase of a small roller in 2020.

Ben stated a safety committee meeting was held and he complimented the crew for the extremely low incident rate during the busy construction season.

In October he will be starting to get equipment ready for winter. He is looking for used running gears to hold v-boxes.

One of the new dump trucks is almost complete and will be painted next week.

Sam stated Fishers is in graveling this week.

He is shutting down the brining due to weather. He will brine gravel roads with our crew as needed.

He has a meeting with Central Asphalt next week to set a date to get them back in to complete the paving. The pavement marking crew is waiting.

He stated we will be getting approximately 1,800 tons of millings from the paving project in the City of Midland on business route US-10/M20. The project will be run through the Road Commission and we will receive 8.5% overhead costs.

Sam attended a drainage meeting last week with Doug Enos. The Road Commission has projects waiting in Larkin and Lee Townships for County Drains to be cleaned out.

He is working on bid extensions for gravel and asphalt for 2020.

Hubbard Supply presented demonstration on walkie talkies. A couple of the crew members tried them out and they worked great. Sam worked out a deal to purchase 4 and get 1 free.

Sam is talking with the Superintendents group in Frankenmuth about the innovative idea of a tool to remove beaver dams from culverts made by Neil Sharpe. He is taking a couple crew members to explain procedure and will be showing a video of the actual removal process.

Brenda presented a copy of the contract modification for Pine River Road and Shearer Road reconstruction. Modifications to the paving, cold in place, HMA and slope restoration resulted in savings of \$344,985.

Commissioner Atton stated the mowing on US10 is looking good.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 9:55 a.m. until Wednesday, October 16, 2019.

Brenda Gordert, Finance Director

Mike Atton, Chairman