

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Thursday, July 8, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. at the Midland County Road Commission office.

Present: Mike Atton, Chairman  
Jim Hyatt, Vice Chairman  
Bruce Clark, Commission Member  
Jon Myers, Managing Director  
Art Buck, Superintendent  
Russ Inman, Design Engineer  
Brenda Gordert, Finance Director/Clerk  
Ben Mead, Facilities Manager  
Jeff Brown, Construction Technician  
Ashley Rockefeller, GIS Technician

Absent: None  
Public Present: None

**The Pledge of Allegiance was said.**

**Additions to Agenda:**

None

**Approval of Minutes:**

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2021, meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Clark, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Public Comment:**

None

**Approval of Open Accounts:**

The pre-pay for July 22, 2021, was reviewed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts as presented for July 22, 2021, in the amount of \$645,225.62

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Hyatt, Clark

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Correspondence and Items of Information:**

None

**Permit listing was reviewed.**

**Unfinished Business:**

None

**New Business:**

A ballot was received from the County Road Association Self-Insurance Fund (CRASIF) for 2021 Board of Trustees Election and discussion was held. The current Board is doing a great job and the Self-Insurance Pool is running smoothly.

Moved by Commission Hyatt and seconded by Commission Clark to vote the incumbents in for another term.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Clark  
Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Staff Reports:**

Jeff reported the Freeland/Sasse roundabout concrete was poured last week, and the contractor is on schedule to pave next Tuesday and Wednesday. Open to traffic second week of August, a week ahead of schedule.

The Coleman Road Bridge contractor is finishing the removal of the north abutment, they will begin placing the new abutment wall and then beams will be set. The project is approximately 2 weeks behind schedule.

Poseyville Road reconstruct will be starting tomorrow or Monday near Stewart and Nold.

The bid came in for the rural paving project on Curtis, Coleman and Gordonville Roads. Pyramid Paving was awarded the bid at 19% under engineers estimate. Contract date is September 7 thru November 15.

Russ stated he is continuing to work with MDOT on obligating funds for the preliminary engineering on the 2020 flood projects.

He is continuing to work on the asset management reporting requirements.

He reported the RTF meeting went very well this week and all projects were approved.

He has put information regarding the Poseyville Road reconstruct project timeline on the website.

He is working with ROWE Engineering on revisions on the Waldo/Monroe roundabout.

He has run into an issue with MDOT mandate on uploading bridge plans and load ratings to their website. He applied for extension in February, and it was recently granted last week. Reports are due the end of October.

He has been working on a drainage issue this week in Edenville along Flint Street, Verity Shores, and Campbell Court. He is working with the Edenville Township Supervisor and Flatts Campground on an easement to get work completed.

Jon stated he met with UTI on the Poseyville project, and they will be moving a casing in the area, and we are coordinating the detour route for the first stage of the project.

There is a MCRCSIP Conference this week and a virtual Michigan Transportation Planning Association conference put on by Midland MPO.

He has a couple webinars coming up on updates to the new MDOT Spec. book required for projects for next year.

The County Road Association has been pushing hard on the state Legislature for funding for next year and supplements for this year. Last week the Senate approved \$125 million in federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds to compensate county road commissions and cities and villages for revenue lost due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It also includes \$1.3 billion for bridges. It now has to be passed by the House. Jon attended a meeting with Representative Annette Glenn on Monday evening and was able to talk with her about the Senate Bill.

Art stated he met with Mike Phillips of MCRCSIP this week for a safety ride-around.

The 11' culvert for 8 Mile Road has been delivered. The project will be bid out.

He attended a SAM executive board meeting for the Superintendents conference October 6-8.

The second round of brining started this week, and the paving is continuing.

The drainage projects are still moving along, and we have quite a few projects left to do.

We rented a mini-mill last week for a couple projects and was able to assist the Village of Sanford with removing the speed bumps on Center Street. They are turning Center Street back into a two-way street.

The US10 maintenance project for concrete patches has gone out for bid. Bids are due July 29 and work must be completed by September 17.

Ben stated the swap loader and all the service bodies have been delivered. The mechanics have been testing, inspecting and finishing them up. He will perform training for entire crew before they take it out on the road.

He stated he has removed the chipper box from 603 and painted it up and will remount it on 624 to keep a second chipper available if needed.

Conduit has been run to the front gate for the security upgrades. Midland Fence is waiting for delivery of new controllers before installing new gate.

The new brush cutter build is complete but there were issues with the duels sticking out too far. They are working with the John Deere manufacturer to resolve issue. He hopes to take delivery in a week.

Ben and Art marked the corners for the concrete pad for the grader in front of the office.

The mechanics are finishing up the loading arm for the brine pit. He received an estimate for \$20,000 and determined we could save money and build it ourselves.

He installed conduit into the salt barn to install a 30-amp circuit to keep the dura patcher material heated.

The last couple items from the GovDeals auction have been picked up and payment should be received within a week.

He is looking into roofing repairs for the Sanford Building. The roof, ridge caps, and exhaust stacks need to be resealed.

Commissioner Atton stated Hubbard Road is still marked as a seasonal road. Art will have sign removed.

He stated the weeds on Bay-Mid Line Road north of Parish are as tall as the mailboxes. Bay County maintains this portion and Art will contact them.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 9:40 a.m. until Thursday, August 5, 2021.

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Brenda Gordert, Finance Director

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Mike Atton, Chairman