

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. at the Midland County Road Commission office.

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

Public Present: Jeanette Snyder, Midland County Board of Commissioners; Laura Dawson, Lee Township Clerk.  
Maria Sandow, Larkin Township Supervisor attended virtually.

**The Pledge of Allegiance was said**

**Additions to Agenda:**

None

**Approval of Minutes:**

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Atton to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2022, meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Public Comment:**

None

**Approval of Open Accounts:**

The pre-pay for January 20, 2022, was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Atton to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts for January 20, 2022 in the amount of \$312,448.25.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Hyatt

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Correspondence and Items of Information:**

The quarterly East Central Council meeting is scheduled to be held Thursday, January 20, 2022.

**Permit listing was reviewed**

**Unfinished Business:**

None

**New Business:**

A ballot was received from the County Road Association for the CRA Board of Directors for the Northern Association of Road Commissions. Term is April 1, 2022 through March 30, 2025. Discussion was held.

Moved by Commissioner Atton and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to cast a unanimous vote for Mark Christensen of Montcalm County.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioner Hyatt, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Miscellaneous:**

Discussion was held on the traffic signal at the corner of Eastman & Monroe Roads. Jon presented a report regarding the timing of the traffic signal. After consultant analysis it was suggested to add another dial for the afternoon and shortening the morning timing. The City of Midland will be adjusting the traffic signal according to the new analysis.

**Staff Reports:**

Russ stated he is working on programming projects for submittal to the state.

He has a MATS meeting today to submit the Urban Projects.

He will be working on the right-of-way for the Waldo-Monroe roundabout.

Donna stated everything is going well and she completed her first payroll cycle.

Ben stated he stopped at Hutson's to check on the brush cutter. The new frame has been installed. The install is complete, but we are still waiting on the tire and wheel configuration.

He is hoping to take delivery within a couple weeks.

He is working on equipment demos for purchases this year.

Art stated he passed his MDOT recertification two weeks ago.

He attended a local planning team meeting at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) that went very well.

He stated Mike Phillips was here from MCRCSIP to conduct a building inspection at the Sanford and Jasper garages.

He is continuing to work on township estimates for the 2022 construction season. He has estimates back from 9 of 16 townships so far.

He stated the crews are working a tree removal while there is a break in the snow.

He ordered another 500 tons of our back up salt.

The new labor/truck driver is working on his paperwork and could possibly start next Monday.

Jon stated there is a grade inspection plan review for Waldo-Monroe roundabout on January 31.

He stated there is a MDOT meeting in February regarding the two Meridian Road bridges that need to be repaired before MDOT will take over Meridian Road south of M20.

We will attend the CMU job fair on February 2 and hope to recruit a couple engineering interns.

He is working on a project with Larkin Township on the extension of Letts Road from the dead end to Waldo Road. He is getting a lot of questions regarding the project and will be planning an open house after more information has been collected.

Jeff stated he has been working on a couple EGLE permits for large culvert replacement in Ingersoll Township.

He stated there is a meeting today with the new guardrail contractor to discuss requirements.

Maria Sandow stated she has been getting a lot of questions on the Letts Road extension and thinks it would be a good idea to have the open house as soon as possible.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 9:23 a.m. until Thursday, February 3, 2022.

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Brenda Gordert, Finance Director

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Mike Atton, Chairman