

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on August 17, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. at the Midland County Road Commission office.

Present: Mike Atton, Chair
Jim Hyatt, Vice Chair
Rod Kloha, Member
Jon Myers, Managing Director
Russ Inman, Design Engineer
Donna Lowe, Finance Director
Ashley Hiles, GIS Technician
Art Buck, Superintendent
Ben Mead, Facilities Manager
Absent: Jeff Brown, Construction Technician

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said

Additions to Agenda:

Commissioner Atton welcomed Rod Kloha to the board. He was appointed by the Midland County Board of Commissioners to fill the remainder of the term left vacant by the passing of Commissioner Bruce Clark.

New Business – Bid approval for Meridian Road culvert

Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2022 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Hyatt, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

Jeanette Snyder commented on how well the project at Anna Lane is going and asked if the Road Commission ever uses mats or pads to protect roads during construction.

Laura Dawson showed pictures of the damage the Republic garbage truck is doing to her road.

Approval of Open Accounts:

The pre-pay for August 17, 2022 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts for August 17, 2022, in the amount of \$604,969.39.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

Commissioner Atton and Commissioner Hyatt confirmed they are attending the NMARC conference September 14-16. The 2023 Board Election will be held at that time, and the nominees for the board were discussed. Final decision will be made at the next meeting.

The CRASIF Board of Trustees Election ballot was discussed. It is due September 2, 2022 and will be voted on at the August 31, 2022 meeting also.

Permit listing was reviewed

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

Art discussed bids for the Salt Barn repairs. Only one bid was received and it was high for the amount of work to be done. Jason Potts from MDOT did not have enough money in the maintenance budget to cover their portion of the work and would have to amend his budget in order to accept that bid. Art recommended that the board reject the bid and look at other options.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to reject the bid for repairs to the Salt Barn.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Hyatt, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Art also gave the board information about the Flexamat Installation that is going to be bid for MDOT. 200 feet of Flexamat will be installed on the M18 ramp to US10. It will be paid for by MDOT, but Midland County Road Commission bid the project out. Jason Potts approved the winning bid, and it did not need Road Commission board approval.

Jon discussed the urgency of the bidding for materials for the culvert at Meridian Road over Prairie Creek. As part of the jurisdictional transfer of Meridian Road to MDOT, the Midland County Road Commission is going to purchase and install this culvert. Bids for materials were advertised on August 16, 2022, and Jon asked the board for permission to award the bid in the best interest of the road commission prior to the next meeting to avoid a delay in the project, which he is hoping to complete before the transfer occurs.

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to allow Jon Myers to approve the bid in the best interest of the Road Commission for culvert materials for the Meridian Road over Prairie Creek project prior to the next board meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Hyatt, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Misc:

Commissioner Atton reminded everyone about the East Central Council meeting at the Chippewa Nature Center Thursday at 8:30 am, which the Midland County Road Commission is hosting.

Staff Reports:

Ashley and Russ gave an update on the Road Commission display at the Midland County Fair. Ashley put together a video of all of her one second a day videos which is being played on a loop at the fair booth.

Russ gave an update on the easement negotiations for the Waldo/Monroe roundabout. Negotiations for the northeast portion is going well. The property owners were happy that a smaller easement than previously discussed was needed. Negotiations for the northwest portion will be more difficult but Russ remains hopeful that he will be able to reach an agreement.

Ben gave an update on the window evaluation that Sugar Construction was doing. WinCo finally came out and evaluated the flawed window panels that had been installed and has agreed to replace seven panels at no cost to the Road Commission.

He also gave an update on the new Harley Rake, which has been used to work on some country curb areas. They will be trying some different adjustments but overall it works very well. He also stated that the new John Deere Motor Grader should be delivered this month. Ben also discussed some building repairs being done at the Sanford facility. He has been replacing the tube heaters in the truck storage building a few at a time. Six of them are done and two are left to be done next year. The air conditioning units at the main building need to have the heat exchangers replaced. There are two; one is cracked and needs to be replaced this year and the second, larger one can be done next year.

Art gave several construction updates including the Gordonville ditching project, chip seal for the repair of windmill construction damage and the continued county wide paving. He stated that 15 of 27 projects are complete, which is approximately 70% of the paving work.

He discussed the closure pour which is going to be done at the Grey Road bridge on August 18, 2022. Duane from Clare County had recommended an ultra high-performance concrete that was developed by U of M and used in Clare County previously. Our project will be the biggest pour done nationwide to date.

Art also let everyone know that safety coats are on display in the office if anyone needs to order one.

Commissioner Kloha thanked everyone for welcoming him to the Road Commission.

Jon updated the board on the Asset Management class he has been arranging with Michigan Tech. We will be hosting a half day class on September 22nd and he is going to reach out to the townships and the City of Coleman with information.

He also discussed the culvert damage from windfarm construction. There are 6 culverts damaged and in need of repair.

Jon stated he would be attending a meeting with EGLE in the afternoon regarding the Bailey Bridge at Smith's Crossing.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 9:40 a.m. until Wednesday, August 31, 2022.

Donna Lowe, Finance Director

Mike Atton, Chair