

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Clerk Donna Lowe on January 5, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. at the Midland County Road Commission office.

Present: Mike Atton, Chair
Jim Hyatt, Vice Chair
Bill Cozat, Member
Jon Myers, Managing Director
Russ Inman, Director of Engineering
Donna Lowe, Finance Director
Art Buck, Superintendent
Jeff Brown, Construction Technician
Ben Mead, Facilities Manager

Absent: Ashley Hiles, GIS Coordinator

Public Present: Jeannette Snyder, Midland County Board of Commissioners; Maria Sandow, Larkin Township

The Pledge of Allegiance was said

The Clerk called for Election of Board Officers for 2023.

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to nominate Commissioner Atton for Chairman of the Board of County Road Commissioners, County of Midland, for the ensuing year.

Roll call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Cozat

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Moved by Commissioner Atton and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to nominate Commissioner Hyatt for Vice-Chairman of the Board of County Road Commissioners, County of Midland, for the ensuing year.

Roll call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Cozat

Nays: None

Motion Carried

At this time, 9:03 a.m., the Clerk turned the meeting over to Chairman Atton.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat that the depository of the Midland County Road Commission will be Huntington Bank. For investment, the Road Commission may use Huntington Bank or any other entity that the Clerk of the Road Commission or the County Treasurer uses for the ensuing year. All investments will comply with Public Act 20, as amended.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Cozat

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt that the Midland Daily News, but not limited to, be the official register for its publications, such as meeting date changes, bids, notices, etc.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Cozat

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Additions to Agenda:

None

Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Atton to approve the minutes of the December 22, 2022 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Hyatt, Cozat

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

Jeannette Snyder welcomed Bill Cozat to the board. She was sorry she missed the last meeting of 2022, but wanted to thank Rod Kloha for his service and briefly explained how there were two great candidates for the position.

Approval of Open Accounts and Payroll:

The payroll for December 22, 2022 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to authorize payroll for December 22, 2022.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Cozat

Nays: None

Motion Carried

The open accounts for December 29, 2022 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to approve payment of open accounts for December 29, 2022 in the amount of \$680,733.34.

The payroll for January 5, 2023 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to authorize payroll for January 5, 2023.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Cozat

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

An audit engagement letter was received from Smith & Klaczkiwicz, P.C. which summarized the terms of the upcoming audit.

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to allow the Clerk to sign the audit engagement letter and return to Smith & Klaczkiwicz, P.C.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Cozat

Nays: None

Motion Carried

The January 19th East Central Council meeting was discussed. The official invitation had not been sent out yet, but we received information that it is to be held in Oscoda County on January 19, 2023. All three Commissioners stated they would attend.

Permit listing was reviewed

Unfinished Business:

The MERS Benefit E Actuarial Report was received and provided to Commissioners. The Board had voted to approve the Benefit E for all eligible retirees at the December 22, 2022 meeting.

New Business:

Jon and Jeff discussed the bid advertisements for materials. Bids will be accepted through BidExpress until 2:00 p.m. on January 17, 2023 and the results will be presented at the next board meeting.

Miscellaneous:

None

Staff Reports:

Jeff discussed the snow event from Christmas weekend and expressed his appreciation to the crew for their commitment to work, even on Christmas morning. He is working on a tricky drain project on Pine River Road, where drainage is an issue.

Russ was out of the office for the majority of the holiday week. He has been working on purchasing computer hardware and equipment for the upcoming year and working on getting those projects started.

Jon discussed the EGLE permit that we received for the Stewart Road over Bullock Creek Bridge project. It was the last of the FEMA projects we had left to do. FEMA had granted an extension on the project; the scope of the project had changed and additional steps had to be taken which made the process lengthy but it is now complete. It should be ready to be bid this summer. He also received notification from the contractor working on the Bailey Road Bridge that sediment samples had been collected at the Bailey Road and Gordonville Road Bridges. He has not received the reports yet, but the collection has been completed.

Art also complimented Jeff and the crew for the work that was done over the holiday weekend during the storm. He reported that we are going to be receiving the second 500 ton delivery of our backup salt for the season this week. Art discussed the retirements of Rob Woollard and Roger Barringer last week. Township estimates are beginning to come in. He should have all the contracts received from all the townships in the next few weeks.

Ben updated the Board on the brine tanker. It is done and can be picked up, but components for it won't be available until mid-February. The old brine tanker needed some maintenance to keep it going until the new tank is ready, which may be mid-March or April. He also discussed a transmission repair that had to be made to truck 628. The transmission failed during the snow event and was inoperable. A remanufactured one has been ordered and will be installed when it arrives. Ben also spoke about Roger Barringer's retirement. Chris Nelson has been hired to replace Roger. He has been on board for about a week and is fitting in well in the shop. He discussed the various projects that are being completed and stated that once those projects are done and out of the shop, they are going to reorganize and rearrange the shop to make it more ergonomic and take advantage of space to the fullest. Ben also stated that he has started several auctions on the govdeals auction site, for some items to be auctioned in the next few weeks.

Commissioner Cozat stated he is excited to join the board and he is happy to be here. The other Commissioners welcomed him.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 9:30 a.m. until Wednesday, January 18, 2023.

Donna Lowe, Finance Director

Mike Atton, Chair