

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on March 16, 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
Art Buck, Superintendent
Ben Mead, Facilities Manager
Donna Lowe, Finance Director
Ashley Hiles, GIS Coordinator
Jeff Brown, Construction Technician

Public Present: Jeanette Snyder, Midland County Board of Commissioners; Larry Schuelke, Homer Township; Matt Seitz, Rowe PSC; Maria Sandow, Larkin Township, attended virtually.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said

Additions to Agenda:

New Business – 2022 Certification Maps.

Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2023 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Hyatt, Cozat

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

None

Approval of Open Accounts and Payroll:

The payroll for March 16, 2023 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to authorize payroll for March 16, 2023.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Cozat

Nays: None

Motion Carried

The open accounts for March 16, 2023 were discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to approve open accounts for March 2, 2023.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Cozat

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

None

Permit listing was reviewed

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

Material bids were presented and discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve material bids as presented in the best interest of the Midland County Road Commission.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

The 2023 Request for Consultant Proposals were presented and discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve recommended consultant contracts as presented.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Cozat, Hyatt, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Discussion was held on candidate projects for the fiscal year 2026 Local Bridge Program.

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to submit applications for FY2026 Local Bridge Funding and offer the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of County Road Commissioners, County of Midland, has reviewed the applications for FY2026 Local Bridge Program funding.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Road Commissioners, County of Midland, actively seek Federal and State participation with the following structures, listed in priority:

- Replacement of Stewart Road over Little Salt River, Lee Township, section 27, structure #7000 with a 10% local match.
- Replacement of Orr Road over Jo Drain, Ingersoll Township, section 25, structure #6984 with a 10% local match.
- Rehabilitation of Pine River Road over Pine River, Homer Township, sections 24/25, structure #6935 with a 10% local match
- Preventive Maintenance work on five (5) structures with a 10% local match, including:
 - 8 Mile Road over Chippewa River, Lee Township, sections 22/23, structure #6948
 - Redstone Road over Pine River, Jasper Township, sections 27/34, structure #6927
 - Lewis Road over Little Salt Creek, Jasper Township, sections 20/21, structure # 6989
 - Perrine Road over Sturgeon Creek, Larkin Township, section 30, structure #6998

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Cozat

Nays: None

Resolution Adopted

2022 Certification Maps were presented and discussed. Russ asked for a motion to submit them.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to approve the 2022 Certification Maps for submission.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton
Nays: None Motion Carried

Ben presented the Board with a proposed contract from SkyHawk Telematics. They are the company that provides the service for the 8 GPS units we already have outfitted on some of our snowplow trucks. Ben requested authorization to purchase 10 additional units which will outfit the entire fleet, and to sign the updated service contract.

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve the purchase of 10 additional units and sign a 3-year contract with SkyHawk.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Cozat, Hyatt, Atton
Nays: None Motion Carried

Miscellaneous:

None

Staff Reports:

Ashley is updating our map with Action Traffic for guardrail repair. Ashley is going to be working on finalizing the construction map and will make it public within a few weeks.

Jeff attended a week-long virtual office tech training which he passed. He is also preparing a training for the ditching crew for surveying during construction season.

Russ attended a MATS Technical Meeting last week and he learned that in Bay County one of their bid projects came in \$1M over the engineer's estimate because of ditching prices. Contractors are just so busy right now which seems to be limiting their capacity for new projects. The Road Commission will be setting up an open house to give the public a chance to ask questions and get information about the Waldo/Monroe Roundabout and other planned construction projects in Larkin Township. The open house will likely take place in late May or early June after we have confirmation that all projects have been advertised by MDOT. Interviews for the vacant position in the Engineering Department are complete. They had a candidate they all agreed was the best candidate, and he has accepted the employment offer and will be starting on April 10, 2023.

Ben attended a Safety Summit put on by CRASIF in Gaylord. He stated it was a very good program geared toward Road Commission Safety Coordinators. He learned about job safety analysis and near miss reporting. The shop is prepping excavators for construction season and getting ready for all the equipment that will need to be prepped.

Art, Jeff and Russ attended a meeting with the DNR Forestry Division this week, which is great to maintain the relationship with that Department. Art also attended a SAM meeting in Lapeer. There was significant discussion about the proposed EGLE brine restrictions that were to be imposed on April 1, 2023. They have put off the restrictions until they can come up with a solution that is beneficial to the environment, but also continues to allow road commissions to effectively apply brine for the purposes needed. Interviews are being set up for a mechanic and an operator position that will need to be filled by retirements in April, so Art is working on that. We also have been contacted about placing our salt order for next season, which Art will place by April 1, 2023.

Jon attended our MDOT Spring Meeting. Bid pricing is all over the place so their 5-year project schedule is dependent on prices. Also during that meeting, MDOT shared information about

temporary rumble strips that can be placed while flaggers are out. We can coordinate with MDOT to use theirs until we decide if we want to purchase our own.

Jon has attended several conferences including the Bridge Conference and the Highway Conference. He presented at the Highway Conference on the topic of Streamlining Operations with an overview of our SeeClickFix program.

Commissioner Atton attended the Insurance Pool Conference in Orlando and was overwhelmed by the amount of information presented. He learned a lot and made good connections.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 10:15 a.m. until Thursday, March 30, 2023.

Donna Lowe, Finance Director

Mike Atton, Chair