

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, 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  
Officer Bill von Matt, Weighmaster  
Donna Lowe, Finance Director  
Ashley Hiles, GIS Coordinator  
Russ Inman, Director of Engineering  
Jeff Brown, Construction Technician  
Travis Havercamp, Design Engineer  
Art Buck, Superintendent  
Steve Youngs, Fleet and Facilities Manager

Absent: None

Public Present: Jeanette Snyder, Midland County Board of Commissioners; Larry Schuelke, Homer Township.

**The Pledge of Allegiance was said.**

**Additions to Agenda:**

None

**Approval of Minutes:**

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2024 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Public Comment:**

None

**Approval of Open Accounts and Payroll:**

The payroll for January 18, 2024 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to authorize payroll for January 18, 2024.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Open accounts for January 18, 2024 were discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve open accounts for January 18, 2024, in the amount of \$785,384.74.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Correspondence and Items of Information:**

The Midland County Township Officials' Association meeting will be held on Thursday, March 7, 2024. RSVP's are due by February 29, 2024. Commissioners will check their schedules and let Donna know by the February 15<sup>th</sup> meeting if they are able to attend.

**Unfinished Business:**

None

**New Business:**

***1/16/2024 Material Bid Results***

Jeff reviewed the 2024 Material Bid Tabulations that were opened on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. He recommended the board award the bids as highlighted on the tabulations.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to approve the 2024 Material Bids for Signs and Posts, Brush Spray and Pipe as tabulated and recommended.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

***Board Meeting Conflict July 3, 2024***

After the 2024 Board Schedule had been adopted, it was discovered that due to the addition of July 5th as a holiday, and July 5th being on a Friday in 2024, that Wednesday July 3rd will also be a paid holiday. Therefore, the July 3, 2024 meeting needs to be rescheduled.

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to move the July 3, 2024 regular board meeting to Tuesday, July 2, 2024.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

***2 Western Star 49X purchase***

Steve presented the board with a quote from D & K Truck Company for the purchase of two Western Star 49X chassis.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to approve the purchase of two Western Star 49x chassis from D & K Truck Company for \$319,744.00.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

***Walk 'n' Roll Compactor for Motor Grader purchase***

Steve presented the board with a quote from AIS Construction Equipment for the purchase of a Walk 'n' Roll Rubber Tire Compactor for the Motor Grader.

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve the purchase of a Walk 'n' Roll Compactor from AIS Construction Equipment for \$43,740.00.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

***Service Truck and Body purchase***

Steve presented the board with a quote from Garber Chevrolet for the purchase of a 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 5500 Regular Cab truck to be outfitted as a service truck.

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve the purchase of a 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 5500 Regular Cab truck from Garber Chevrolet for \$156,255.35.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

***84" Pick-up Broom for Skid Steer purchase***

Steve presented the board with a quote from AIS Construction Equipment for the purchase of an 84" John Deere pick-up broom with an optional broom mounted 30-gallon water tank kit.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to approve the purchase of an 84" John Deere pick-up broom from AIS Construction Equipment for \$8,050.00.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Miscellaneous:**

None

**Staff Reports:**

Travis has finished the draft of the Asset Management Plan and has begun working on designing some of the larger culvert replacements for which we have agreements with the Drain Commission.

Ashley has submitted applications for the 2024 CRA Impress Awards. The application is for the position of Weighmaster being a collaboration between Midland, Gladwin and Isabella Counties, and also about Officer Bill von Matt's activities to increase awareness and encourage compliance with road regulations through education and public relations. The one application will be submitted for two separate categories, Collaboration and Communication. Ashley has also been mapping 2024 construction projects. Commissioner Atton commented on and complemented the 2023 Road Commission recap video she put together and posted on the Road Commission's Facebook page.

Jeff stated he has been working on material bids. There are 7 or 8 items left to be bid in the next month.

Russ confirmed the date for the second Letts Road Open House, which will be February 12, 2024 from 5-7 p.m. at the Larkin Township Hall. He will be mailing out 500 to 600 copies of the flyers to residents in the area. He also updated the board on the right-of-way permits for the Bailey Bridge project. He is hoping to have it all complete within a few weeks so he can start bid letting soon. Commissioner Atton asked if we were aware of videos being posted online of people climbing a fence to get to the Bailey Bridge. Jon and Russ both stated that there are barricades and guardrails in place to stop people from approaching or climbing the bridge, and Russ was going to stop out there to make sure that everything looked good.

Jon stated they had a pre-con meeting for the 4-structure Bridge Preventative Maintenance project. He will be attending several trainings next week, one of which is the new state software that will replace Field Manager. This program has been being designed for almost 8 years, and he is finally going to get training on it. He has also been testing out the Everbridge software for employee notifications. Jon is also attending the Tri-County Contractor's Association Meeting next week. He just recently began attending these meetings, but he enjoys going so that he can hear the feedback from the attendees. Jon also stated that he is still trying to get answers from FEMA for funding we should have received as well as a change in scope for a project, both of which he has been waiting on for over a year.

Art discussed how staff had handled the most recent snow event. For the first time, he ran a 5-man night crew on Friday night with the rest of the crew coming in at 4 a.m. on Saturday and worked all day on Saturday. There were lots of trees down. The crews also worked another 5 hours on Sunday. Art will be placing an order for another 500 tons of backup salt this week. He is also finishing up with the townships who are still getting signed estimates back.

Steve commented on how happy he was that the equipment held up well through the storm. There was only one truck that went down and it was at the very end of the route and it was able to be back in service quickly. He also discussed the new lighting upgrades that are lighting up the yard so much better at night. He will be having a Zoom call with representatives about the Samsara

units. They will be giving him information on how he can tweak the units to give him the information he needs. Steve also stated that the 524 loader was delivered and they tested it out a little bit.

Art also gave an update on Al Sandow's recovery. He spoke to Maria and Al is recovering very well. He will have a long recovery ahead of him but they are all thankful for how well he is doing.

Jeanette thanked Jon for assistance he had given her with a constituent from Jerome Township.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 9:43 a.m. until Thursday, February 1, 2024.

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Donna Lowe, Finance Director

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Mike Atton, Chair