

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Thursday, February 15, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the Midland County Road Commission office.

Present: Mike Atton, Chair  
Jim Hyatt, Vice Chair  
Bill Cozat, Member, attended virtually  
Jon Myers, Managing 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  
Donna Lowe, Finance Director

Absent:

Public Present: Jeanette Snyder, Midland County Board of Commissioners

**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 February 1, 2024 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton

Nays: None

Absent: Cozat

Motion Carried

**Public Comment:**

None

**Approval of Open Accounts and Payroll:**

The payroll for February 15, 2024 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Atton to authorize payroll for February 1, 2024.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton

Nays: None

Absent: Cozat

Motion Carried

Open accounts for February 15, 2024 were discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Atton to approve open accounts for February 15, 2024, in the amount of \$275,675.18.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton

Nays: None

Absent: Cozat

Motion Carried

**Correspondence and Items of Information:**

Russ discussed the Letts Road Connector Study public meeting that had taken place at the Larkin Township Hall on February 12, 2024. It was well attended and was overall a very positive

experience. He and Jon were able to answer many questions for the group and they also received some good feedback.

**Unfinished Business:**

Donna reviewed the invitation to the Midland County Transportation Officials Association meeting on March 7. The meeting is at 7:00 pm with a light meal at 6:30 pm and she needs to RSVP anyone who will be attending the meal. Commissioner Hyatt stated that he will be attending the meal as well as the meeting.

**New Business:**

***John Deere 250P Excavator purchase***

Steve presented the board with a quote for a John Deere 250P excavator. It will replace the 2015 John Deere 250GLC, which will also be traded in on the purchase of the new excavator. Moved by Commissioner Atton and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve the purchase of a John Deere 250P excavator from AIS Construction Equipment for \$328,142.17, less \$77,000 credit for the trade-in, for a total of \$251,142.17.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton

Nays: None

Absent: Cozat

Motion Carried

***Finn T75T Hydroseeder (used)***

Steve reviewed a listing for a used 2004 Finn T75T Hydroseeder that he located for sale in Utah. The Road Commission has been looking to purchase a hydroseeder for a few years but they are hard to come by locally. The person selling it is holding it for Steve, pending Board approval. If approved, Steve will drive out to Utah to make sure it is as represented and if he agrees to purchase it, Donna will wire the funds to the account of the seller so Steve can tow it back to Michigan. Steve has reviewed the specifications with a colleague at Servinski Sod and this machine should serve the needs of the Road Commission very well.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Atton to approve the purchase of the 2004 Finn T75T Hydroseeder for \$21,500 and allow Steve to drive to Utah to obtain it.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton

Nays: None

Asent: Cozat

Motion Carried

***2024 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD purchase - Superintendent***

Steve presented the board with a quote for a 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD pickup truck. This truck will replace Art's half ton, which will be passed down for another use.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Atton to approve the purchase of a 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 HD from Garber Chevrolet for \$54,160.40.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton

Nays: None

Absent: Cozat

Motion Carried

**Miscellaneous:**

None

**Staff Reports:**

Steve reported that truck 602 is currently down. There are parts on backorder that are holding up getting back on the road, but those parts should arrive next week. He also stated that he had been contacted by Dan Welke who is looking at purchasing some running gears. The person selling

them has multiple that Dan is going to purchase and will sell the Road Commission whichever he isn't keeping. These will be used to store the truck inserts when they are not in use. Steve also stated that he has the New Holland mower listed on GovDeals and he expects that to sell for a reasonable price. He attended Reasonable Suspicion Training in West Branch last week and learned a lot of new information.

Art took some core samples for frost last week. Weight restrictions were removed on Wednesday.

Jon attended the Engineering workshop in Manistee last week along with several other staff members. He also attended a Drain Commission meeting to discuss the projects being done by the Road Commission on some of the larger culverts in the County. Jon also met with MDOT this week and discussed an open house they are planning. They would like to hold the open house at the main Road Commission building and provide the public with information about the M-30 closure for repairs to the bridge over US-10 in 2025. There was a precon meeting for the Saginaw Rd. project, which is scheduled to start approximately April 15<sup>th</sup>. Jon will also be attending a meeting with Procomm next week regarding radio system upgrades.

Russ stated he had also attended the Engineering workshop in Manistee last week. After returning from that, he was working on preparations for the Letts Road Connector meeting. He has been cleaning up files in the engineering department and organizing things. The tablet for the Weighmaster died earlier in the week and Russ has been working on getting a replacement. They are working together to purchase something that is closer to the industry standard for Law Enforcement.

Jeff has been working on survey projects including the culvert replacement project in Coleman. He also has 9 material items going out for bid either today or tomorrow, which will be due March 12<sup>th</sup>.

Ashley stated she is approximately 90% done with the 2024 construction maps. She has been helping Russ with materials for the Letts Road public meeting. The January recap video for Facebook is almost complete as well.

Travis attended the Engineering workshop in Manistee with Russ and Jon. This was his first time attending, and he enjoyed it. He has been helping Jeff with a special pavement marking bid package as well.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 9:37 a.m. until Thursday, February 29, 2024.

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Donna Lowe, Finance Director

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Mike Atton, Chair