

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Thursday, February 29, 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
Travis Haverkamp, Design Engineer
Art Buck, Superintendent
Steve Youngs, Fleet and Facilities Manager
Donna Lowe, Finance Director

Absent: Ashley Hiles, GIS Coordinator
Russ Inman, Director of Engineering
Jeff Brown, Construction Technician

Public Present: Jeanette Snyder, Midland County Board of Commissioners; Charlotte Atton; Maria Sandow attended remotely.

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 February 15, 2024 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Cozat

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

None

Approval of Open Accounts and Payroll:

The payroll for February 29, 2024 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to authorize payroll for February 29, 2024.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Cozat

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Open accounts for February 29, 2024 were discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve open accounts for February 29, 2024, in the amount of \$156,269.08.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Cozat

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

None

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

Radio Upgrade

Jon discussed upgrades to the radio communication system that have been in the planning stages for a while. He had first looked at upgrading all radios to 800MHz by applying for grant funds, but we did not receive the grant, so that upgrade was cost prohibitive. He discussed a proposal from ProComm Inc that includes: an upgrade to the tower at the Sanford location, the purchase of 71 new 403-470 MHz UHF radios for the fleet, and the purchase of 3 new 800MHz radios to be used by management and shared between on-call personnel. In exchange for the infrastructure investment in our tower, the Road Commission will receive free airtime/usage and monthly fees for 5 years.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to approve the proposal from ProComm Inc to upgrade the radio communication system, including purchasing 71 new UHF radios, and 3 new 800 MHz radios for \$148,394.00.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

2024 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Pickup Purchase

Steve presented the board with a quote for a 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 pickup truck. This truck will be an Engineering vehicle, to replace Russ's GMC Terrain.

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve the purchase of a 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 from Garber Chevrolet for \$53,145.60.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Miscellaneous:

None

Staff Reports:

Steve reported that the parts room divider fence has been installed. All that is left to be finished is the electronic security pad to be installed. The 1-ton dump truck is expected to be delivered today. Steve stated that the New Holland tractor sold on GovDeal and was being picked up today, and he had also sold 2 older vehicles through an internal auction. He gave the board an update on his trip to Utah last week to purchase and pick up the hydro-seeder. He said it was everything he thought it would be prior to driving out there and is very happy with the purchase. He will be having the folks from Servinski's come in to provide education for the crew on use and maintenance of the unit. Steve also reported that the new loader scales are installed and working.

Art stated that crews have been busy with trees. The weather and lack of snow has freed them up to do some tree cleanup that has needed to be done. Next week if the weather cooperates crews will begin working on cross tubes. He reported that all of our required backup salt has been received. Art also attended a Drain Commission meeting regarding the Curtice Drain.

Travis has been keeping busy surveying with Jeff and has also been working on design for a mill and fill project.

Donna is focusing on the Act 51 report.

Jon discussed the MDOT's M-30 bridge project at Edenville, beginning with a closure and detour of M-30 on March 4, with an anticipated opening in mid-September. The upgrade MDOT has planned for Curtis Road will be done towards the end of the project, after the detour is over. Jon also stated that MDOT is planning an open house for the M-30 over US-10 bridge project scheduled in 2025. The meeting will be held at the Sanford Road Commission Facility on April 2, 2024. Jon reported he had several meetings happening at the beginning of March, including a pre-con meeting for the Eastman Road project, the Midland County Transportation Officials Association meeting, an annual meeting with the DNR, and the Michigan Bridge Conference March 12-14.

Commissioner Atton discussed information he received at the MCRCSIP board meeting in Mount Pleasant on Wednesday. They announced they will be hosting a manager's meeting on August 14th at the MCRCSIP building in Lansing. He reported that MCRCSIP is expecting about a 10% increase in fees this year. At the board meeting, John Rogers provided some information about a vault of information in Lansing containing old records about the McNitt right-of-way.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 9:35 a.m. until Thursday, March 14, 2024.

Donna Lowe, Finance Director

Mike Atton, Chair