

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Thursday, February 9, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the Road Commission office.

Present: Mike Atton, Chairman  
Don Terwillegar, Vice Chairman  
Al Kloha, Commission Member  
Terry Palmer, Managing Director  
Brenda Gordert, Clerk  
Russ Inman, Design Engineer  
Ben Mead, Facilities Manager  
Art Buck, Design Technician  
Absent: Sam SanMiguel, Superintendent

Public Present: Jeanette Snyder, Midland County Board of Commissioners; Eugene Smith, Midland County Planning Commission Chairman

**The Pledge of Allegiance was said**

**Additions to Agenda:**

None

**Approval of Minutes:**

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Terwillegar to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2017 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Terwillegar, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Public Comment:**

None

**Approval of Open Accounts:**

The pre-pay for February 9, 2017 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts for February 9, 2017 in the amount of \$354,353.02.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Terwillegar, Kloha, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Correspondence and Items of Information:**

Midland County Township Officials' Association meeting will be held March 2, 2017 at the Mt. Haley Township hall.

**Permit listing was reviewed**

**Unfinished Business:**

None

**New Business:**

An agreement was received from the Soy Transportation Coalition for a grant for a pilot project to demonstrate the capabilities for load testing rural bridges. The grant amount is \$10,000.00. Equipment will be purchased from LifeSpan Technologies and they will provide training on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Invitations will go out to invite neighboring counties and consultants to participate in the training. The results will be documented and publicized.

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to accept agreement and authorized Terry Palmer, Managing Director, to sign agreement.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Kloha, Terwillegar, Atton

Nays: None

Motion

The Michigan Road Preservation Association is hold their annual City County Workshop on March 31, 2017 in Mt. Pleasant. The program will be Innovations in CPM – Stretching Your Preservation Budgets. The cost to attend is \$30 and Terry will invite the Road Committee members and Township officials.

**Miscellaneous:**

None.

**Staff Reports:**

Art stated the materials bids are on the website and will be advertised in the paper three times this month. They are due March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The audits on the 2016 projects are complete.

Russ and Terry attended the Engineers Conference last week. Information was shared on an online bid program and Fetch GIS.

Russ stated he is getting property appraisals for the Gordonville and 4 ¾ Mile Road safety project.

The new computers are being installed.

Brenda stated the hallway wallpaper removal and painting is complete.

Ben stated he has taken Joel to demo excavators. He would like to demo a couple more before making a decision.

He has been working on bid specifications for the shop floor replacement.

We now have two pre-brine trailers on the road.

Ben stated he contacted the mower distributors regarding the IVT option and was told the price would increase by \$17,000 and therefore he will not be adding it.

He will soon be purchasing a ¾ ton pickup and a 1 ton pickup.

Terry stated the proposed salary increase for the commissioners was approved by the County Board on Tuesday with the option of healthcare in lieu of salary.

He discussed Senate Bill 69 regarding bids and will wait to see if it passes for more information.

At the Engineering Conference Kurt Steidle of MDOT discussed new revenues and recommended to plan ahead. Discussion was held on new culvert specifications and we changed our bid specifications to aluminized for this year.

Terry discussed temporary traffic signals. There has been a change in the law that allows smaller signals and he will look into pricing.

Terry had a meeting with Doug Enos, Drain Commissioner, and presented a map regarding work on drains this year. The Oliver Drain estimate came in at \$117,000, a few revisions were made and he is waiting for an updated cost.

Commissioner Atton thanked the crew for patching Eastman Road just north of the mall.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 10:00 a.m. until Thursday, February 24, 2017.