

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Thursday, October 31, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Road Commission office.

Present: Mike Atton, Chairman
Al Kloha, Vice Chairman
Jim Hyatt, Commission Member
Terry Palmer, Managing Director
Art Buck, Superintendent
Brenda Gordert, Finance Director
Russ Inman, Design Engineer
Ben Mead, Facilities Manager
Ashley Rockefeller, GIS Technician

Absent: None

Public Present: Maria Sandow, Larkin Township Supervisor; Laura Dawson, Lee Township Clerk; Jeanette Snyder, Midland County Board of Commissioners; Douglas Jackson; Janice Sagle; Dan Sagle; Don Terwilliger; Shane Wright, Ben Laubscher; Dan Laubscher.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said

Additions to Agenda:

None

Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2019 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Kloha, Hyatt

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

Doug Jackson requested letter to Larkin Township stating the Road Commission agreed to put Swede Road back to seasonal road at no expense to the Township. Terry stated the minutes already reflect that and will get Mr. Jackson a copy.

Shane Wright, union member, read a letter on behalf of a majority of union members and administrative staff regarding the support in Sam SanMiguel's application for manager position.

Approval of Open Accounts:

The pre-pay for October 31, 2019 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts for October 31, 2019 in the amount of \$393,679.54

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Kloha, Hyatt, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

Correspondence was received from Gladwin County Road Commissioner Manager Dave Pettersch regarding East Central Council meeting. He proposes the host county pays for lunch. It would be time saving, no cash handling by employees and no writing checks by each individual county.

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to have hosting County pay for meals for East Central Council Meetings. Vendors would pay set fee each meeting. If a County does not wish to participate, payment will be individually.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Hyatt, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Permit listing was reviewed

New Business:

November 14, 2019 meeting has been canceled.

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to authorize clerk to pay open accounts with listing to be presented at following Commission meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Hyatt, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Ben presented pricing for John Deere 6120M Cab Tractor off the MiDeal Program including PowerGard Protection Plan and 2019 Diamond Mowers DDR120-C0 for a total of \$134,447.55, discussion was held. Mower would need to be ordered immediately for delivery in spring of 2020. Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve purchase of John Deere mower tractor.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Miscellaneous:

Discussion on required pavement warranty policy. Terry stated policy was discussed on October 17, 2018 and approved at meeting on November 1, 2018 and board agreed.

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to amend the minutes of the November 1, 2018 meeting to reflect approval of pavement warranty policy.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Kloha, Atton, Hyatt

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Staff Reports:

Ashley commented on the article in the newspaper regarding the Waldo Road interchange survey, she is working on summarizing the comments for a full report. She attended a meeting hosted by CISMA and the County Road Association on invasive species.

Russ stated we are getting closer to getting reimbursement for some of the FEMA design funds and DEQ reimbursement of \$430,000.

He stated he is expecting a conference call today with FEMA regarding hazard mitigation grant program for Tupelo Drive in Larkin Township.

Ben stated he has been talking with Michigan Chloride in getting a brine tanker for the winter. He stated the mechanics are working on getting a couple trucks ready for winter.

Art stated Foreman Kevin Mudd took three new employees up to Roscommon County for a training workshop for winter operations.

He stated Terry signed the Road Commission up for two online training programs on winter maintenance and he will be reviewing them.

Paving has been completed on Orr Road Bridge, Kent Road Bridge and 7 Mile Road Bridge, guard is up and roads are open to traffic.

He stated Sunset Drive and Lakeshore Drive will not be paved until next spring.

Art stated the 11 Mile, Odd, Porter Road project is complete, he is going to do a final walk through.

He stated contractor did a good job.

He stated Barden just east of Alamando Road is part of the 13 locations of flood repairs and it has been completed and open to traffic, the rest of the sites will be completed in the spring.

Terry stated Monroe Road bridge over Newell Drain in Larkin Township is closed with completion in June of next year. Information has also been sent over to City of Midland. Same contractor will also be working on Redstone over Bush Creek and he is waiting on revised contract before construction starts. The roads could be opened sooner as gravel roads and paving will take place in the spring as weather permits.

Terry discussed the Local Drainage Policy with Maria Sandow and Laura Dawson. Russ has current pictures of farmers filling in the ditch and planting corn to the edge of the road. He would like the policy discussed at the Township meeting in December and will have copies of the policy. Laura will put it on the agenda.

Terry stated he is submitting for a recycled bridge grant for Alamando Road over Little Salt. It will be with rubber tire strands in the concrete, large concrete blocks will have recycled glass, plastic bags and styrofoam in the asphalt, and composted manure in the topsoil for restoration.

Commissioner Kloha inquired about the laser guidance system for the snow plow trucks. Ben stated it should be delivered within a week and he hopes to have it installed for use this winter.

Unfinished Business:

None

Commissioner Atton called for 10 minute recess.

Meeting reconvened and the Board reviewed resumes for Managing Director position.

Terry Palmer requested a closed session to discuss confidential attorney-client letter from Michael R Kluck & Associates regarding interview questions for Managing Director position.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to enter into closed session.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to reconvene regular meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Hyatt, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 12:20 p.m. until Thursday, November 21, 2019.

Brenda Gordert, Finance Director

Mike Atton, Chairman