

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Thursday, November 21, 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; Jeanette Snyder, Midland County Board of Commissioners; Douglas Jackson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said

Additions to Agenda:

Addition of Anna Lane under Miscellaneous

Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve the minutes of the following meetings;

October 31, 2019
November 4, 2019
November 6, 2019
November 11, 2019

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Kloha, Hyatt

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

Doug Jackson thanked the Road Commission for support in the restoration of the seasonal portion of Swede Road in Larkin Township.

Maria Sandow inquired about the condition of Waldo Road in the winter with the ice. Terry stated the pavement rippling will not cause any concerns. Maria also inquired about the completion date of the Monroe Road Bridge and Terry stated completion will be in June of 2020.

Approval of Open Accounts:

The pre-pay for November 14, 2019 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts for November 14, 2019 in the amount of \$1,012,763.44.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Kloha, Hyatt, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

The Annual MCTOA December Holiday Membership Dinner Meeting will be held on December 12th at the Great Hall.

A quad meeting will be held November 21st at the Lee Township Hall.

Permit listing was reviewed

Unfinished Business:

Improvements to the seasonal portion of Swede Road were discussed. A resolution was received from Larkin Township requesting the Road Commission improve the portion of Swede Road comprised of the north ½ mile of the section line between sections 22 and 23 of Larkin Township as a seasonal road.

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and second by Commissioner Hyatt to offer the following resolution:

The Road Commission is to improve that portion of Swede Road comprised of the north ½ mile of the section line between sections 22 and 23 of Larkin Township ("Swede Road – Extended") as a seasonal road. Should litigation be initiated by any party, challenging the Road Commission's right to do so, the Road Commission will share on a 50/50 basis with Larkin Township the expense of legal fees and costs incurred.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Kloha, Hyatt

Nays: None

Resolution Adopted.

Commissioner Atton announced the Board interviewed five outstanding candidates for the Managing Director position and it was a unanimous decision to hire Jonathan Myers. He will start on December 9th. Commissioner Atton abstained from the interview process due to conflict of interest.

Art and Terry interviewed three crew members for the replacement of Road Foreman Doug Hobbs who will be retiring. Joel Noyes was selected for the position.

New Business:

Safety luncheon was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Atton and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to hold safety luncheon on December 20th and approve purchase of \$15.00 gift cards for turkeys for all employees.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Hyatt, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

November 27, 2019 meeting has been canceled.

Moved by Commissioner Atton 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

Bid extensions were received from the following consultants for the 2020 construction season and discussion ensued:

Great Lakes Engineering Group

Spicer Group

SSI – Surveying Solutions, Inc.

Fleis & Vandenbrink

OHM Advisors

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve bid extensions for 1 year.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Bid extensions were received from the following vendors for materials for 2020 construction season and discussion ensued:

Michigan Pavement Marking
Pavement Recycling
Michigan Chloride
ADS Plastic Pipe

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to approve bid extensions for 1 year.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Kloha, Hyatt

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Ben presented pricing for truck blades for the 2020 season:

	Truck & Trailer	Shults Equipment
5/8" x 7/8" x 8" x 72" Blades	108.58	117.00
5/8" x 7/8" x 8" x 84" Blades	152.00	135.75
5/8" x 6" x 72" Ice Blades	69.02	70.00
5/8" x 6" x 84" Ice Blades	137.86	77.75
5/8" x 8" x 108" Wing Blades	128.46	109.00

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve bids and authorize staff to award in the best interest of the County.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Miscellaneous:

Russ discussed the importance of the ESRI Conference to be held in July in San Diego. It is a great support system for our GIS Software. Russ requested Ashley attend conference with two members from the County.

Moved by Commissioner Atton and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve attendance for Ashley at ESRI Conference in San Diego.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Kloha, Hyatt

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Discussion was held on Anna Lane restoration project in Edenville Township in October of 2014. There was a significant slope failure after heavy rains and the Road Commission repaired the slope. The slope did not hold and a permanent repair was engineered and bid out including removal of a stairway that was access to the lake for the Association. Replacement of stairway to the lake was originally put in the bid for \$12,500.00. It was removed by Road Commissioners at a board meeting on October 14, 2014. Discussion ensued and it was recommended by Russ to give the Lake Association an allowance to replace the stairway. Jeanette Snyder will be liaison for the project and assist in getting quotes for stairway replacement.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to approve up to \$5,000.00 for replacement of stairway that was removed during slope repair.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Staff Reports:

Ashley stated she is working on the set up for the new SeeClickFix call in program.

Russ stated his is working on a McNitt ROW issue in Lincoln Township off M30. A gate was recently installed blocking access. He has sent letters to all property owners informing them they have until December 2 to remove gate or our crews will go in and remove it.

He stated he had a conference call with FEMA on Tupelo Drive regarding mitigation grant. He is still waiting for more information and no progress was made.

Ben stated he and mechanic Neil Sharpe went to Truck & Trailer to go over the design for the swap loader build in 2020 and he will be getting bid prices. He stated we have a very good working relationship with Truck & Trailer and hopes to work with them on the build. He stated the leased brine tanker is set up and ready to go. He stated the mechanics are shortening all the wing plows for ease in getting around mailboxes.

Art stated the 11 Mile Road bridge is complete and guard rail should be installed before Thanksgiving.

He is meeting with the Townships to discuss road projects for 2020.

He is working on the paper work to close out the summer federal aid projects.

Terry presented pictures of the blocks he would like to use on Monroe Road bridge. He stated Redstone Road bridge at Bush Creek was scheduled for galvanized tub girders and now changing to steel I-beams at a savings of \$130,000 and will shorten construction time. He stated there is a MDOT fall maintenance meeting on Tuesday. MDOT has given us an extra \$130,000 for maintenance this year and he is looking at widening M30 with a left hand turn lane just south of the high school.

Commissioner Kloha stated he received correspondence from CRA regarding the Impress Awards, Russ and Ashley are working on them for submittal in January.

Commissioner Atton stated the shoulders are low on Eastman Road south of Monroe Road. Art and Doug will take a look.

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

Brenda Gordert, Finance Director

Mike Atton, Chairman