

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Friday, February 7, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at the Road Commission office.

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

Absent: None

Public Present: Maria Sandow, Larkin Township Supervisor; Al Sandow; Jeanette Snyder, Midland County Board of Commissioners; Laura Dawson, Lee Township Clerk; Doug Jackson, Larkin Township.

### **The Pledge of Allegiance was said**

#### **Additions to Agenda:**

Misc: Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2020 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Hyatt, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

#### **Public Comment:**

Jeanette Snyder commented the Midland County Board of Commissioners is looking forward to meeting Jon on February 18<sup>th</sup> and hearing about Road Commission updates.

#### **Approval of Open Accounts:**

The pre-pay for February 7, 2020 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts for February 7, 2020 in the amount of \$357,893.48.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Kloha, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

#### **Correspondence and Items of Information:**

The next MCTOA meeting will be held on March 5<sup>th</sup>, Jon has been asked to be guest speaker.

#### **Permit listing was reviewed**

#### **Unfinished Business:**

None

#### **New Business:**

A ballot was received from CRA for the Board of Directors.

Moved by Commissioner Atton and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to cast unanimous ballot for Burt Thompson of Antrim County.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Kloha, Hyatt

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Material bid extension request was received from Central Asphalt for paving for 2020.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to approve bid extension for Central Asphalt.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Kloha Hyatt

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Material bid extension request was received from Dornbos Sign for signs and posts for 2020.

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve bid extension for Dornbos Sign.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Kloha, Hyatt, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

### **Miscellaneous:**

The mailbox policy was briefly discussed and will be reviewed at a future meeting.

Ben explained the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program. It is very similar to the Michigan MiDeal Program only it is nationwide and there is no cost to join. Discussion ensued.

Moved by Commission Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to join the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

### **Staff Reports:**

Ben stated he will have a Morbark chipper available to demo in the next couple weeks.

He went with Dan Welke to Gratiot County Road Commission to view their anti-ice truck with a pressurized system. He will have more discussion at a future meeting.

Art stated the pre brining application the crews are doing is working great.

He attended a meeting with Jon and Bill vonMatt in Roscommon County and the local logging companies to discuss hauling on county roads.

He will be attending an asphalt maintenance workshop next week in Mt. Pleasant.

Interviews have been set up for the week of February 17<sup>th</sup> for the laborer and service man positions. We received over 40 applications for laborer and 20 for service man.

Art stated the Art Lewis radio talk show interview went very well with Jon and Jim Lillo from Bay County.

Jon stated the engineering conference was very good.

He has multiple training workshops coming up.

He met with the East Central Council Managers group in West Branch to discuss a program with Michigan Works for training/apprenticeship for public works agencies. Attendees would get college credits and on the job training opportunities.

Russ stated he is reviewing upcoming projects and working on progress schedules and contracts.

He is working on a couple ROW issues for the roundabout in Ingersoll Township at Freeland and Sasse.

Jeff stated he attended the engineering conference this week.

He is working on ROW permits.

He stated the contractor is done placing block on the west side abutment at Redstone Road Bridge over Bush Creek and will be continuing to work on the east side.

He stated the contractor worked on the deck pans on the Monroe Road Bridge in preparation of warm weather to pour the concrete deck.

Ashley stated she is working on county road map updates and updates from the city.

Commissioner Kloha inquired about the human trafficking educational opportunity. Brenda received a contact name from the sheriff department and will follow up.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 9:45 a.m. until Thursday, February 20, 2020.

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Brenda Gordert, Finance Director

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Mike Atton, Chairman