

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Vice Chairman Kloha on Thursday, March 5, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at the Road Commission office.

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

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

### **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 February 20, 2020 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

#### **Public Comment:**

Laura Dawson commented on the substance on Saginaw Road last week. Art responded our crews were pre-brining in anticipation of a snow storm to keep snow from freezing on the roadway.

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

The pre-pay for March 5, 2020 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts for March 5, 2020 in the amount of \$465,067.33.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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

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

The CRA Conference and Road Show will be held next week in Lansing.

The CRA Commissioners Seminar will be held April 19-21 in Traverse City.

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

#### **Unfinished Business:**

None

#### **New Business:**

Private road maintenance contracts were received from Warren Township:

Harsh Drive – snow removal, grade and brine

Brandy Lane – grade and brine

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to approve private road maintenance agreements for Warren Township.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Kloha, Hyatt

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Material bid extension request was received from the following and discussion ensued;

Michigan Paving Materials – spray patch emulsion

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve Michigan Paving Materials bid extension for 2020.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Kloha Hyatt

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Ben presented pricing for the purchase of a wood chipper:

Morbark Chipper Model 2131 - \$78,950.00

Bandit Chipper Model 19XP - \$80,380.00

Discussion was held on chipper features and options and Ben recommended purchasing the Morbark chipper.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to purchase Morbark chipper.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

#### **Miscellaneous:**

None

#### **Staff Reports:**

Ben stated he took the mini excavator trailer over to Lake Painting for blasting and repainting.

He stated Art's new truck is now in service.

The 1-ton dump truck has been ordered.

He is replacing two of the tube heaters in the truck storage garage that have quit working.

Art stated the crews are working on cleaning up trees from storms over the winter and grading the gravel roads whenever possible.

A short safety meeting was held yesterday with Sandy Eagle, on Human Trafficking. She gave examples of things our crews could be watching for if they see something out of the ordinary while out on the roads.

We have filled the laborer and service man positions and the new employees will start March 16<sup>th</sup>.

He attended the East Central Council meeting with Jon and discussed the apprenticeship program for municipal workers. The group is still working on a few details and will continue to meet.

He will be putting in an order for the remainder of the road salt that we are required to take.

Weight restrictions are in effect and staff is keeping an eye on the frost and continuing to find 11" in some shade areas.

Jon stated he attended the Midland Business Alliance meeting and discussion was on the windmills in the southern part of the county.

He attended a meeting for the Coleman Industrial Park to bring the roads up to standards.

He attended the Michigan Road Preservation Association workshop held in Mt. Pleasant last week.

Eastman Road resurfacing and widening project has not been advertised yet, working on the final percentage estimates.

Coleman Road bridge over Chippewa River has been turned in and is being reviewed for advertising. The Road Commission will have to pay for the paving of School Road for a detour route.

The design for Freeland/Sasse Road roundabout will be completed soon.

Jeff stated he attended passer training and webinars last week for rating roads.  
He attended the Michigan Road Preservation Association workshop in Mt. Pleasant last week.  
He attended a contract management workshop yesterday for Local Agency Projects.  
Materials bids have been advertised and will be opened on March 25<sup>th</sup>.  
He will be attending a bridge conference with Jon in a couple weeks.  
He has started survey work on the local road projects for this summer.  
The Monroe Road bridge deck was poured on Tuesday. Work should continue next week.  
Redstone Road bridge beams have been installed and contractor is forming the walls.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Kloha at 9:42 a.m. until Thursday, March 19, 2020.

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Brenda Gordert, Finance Director

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Al Kloha, Vice Chairman