

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Thursday, April 2, 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: Laura Dawson, Lee Township Clerk

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 March 5, 2020 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Kloha, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

Laura Dawson thanked the Road Commission staff and employees for keeping the roads maintained during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Approval of Open Accounts:

Due to the cancelation of the March 19, 2020 meeting the pre-pay for March 19, 2020 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts for March 19, 2020 in the amount of \$404,300.21.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

The pre-pay for April 2, 2020 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts for April 2, 2020 in the amount of \$420,130.44.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Kloha, Hyatt

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

The East Central Council meeting scheduled for April 16th has been cancelled due to the coronavirus.

The Commissioners Seminar scheduled for April 19-21 has also been cancelled due to the coronavirus.

Permit listing was reviewed

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

A construction contract was received from the Michigan Department of Transportation programmed with the FHWA for implementation with the use of Federal Funds under the Surface Transportation Program and the Highway Infrastructure Program.

Moved by Commissioner Atton and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to offer the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Contract No.20-5154 is for hot mix asphalt cold milling and resurfacing work along Eastman Road from Commerce Drive to Mercantile Drive; including geosynthetic paving interlayer, storm sewer, concrete curb and gutter, permanent signing, and pavement marking work, and all together with necessary related work.

WHEREAS, the parties hereto have reached an understanding with each other regarding the performance of the work and desires to set forth this understanding in the form of a written contract.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Road Commissioners, County of Midland, authorizes Jonathan Myers, Managing Director and Art Buck, Superintendent, to sign Contract 20-5154.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Kloha

Nays: None

Resolution Adopted.

A request was received from MDOT to update the Performance Resolution for Governmental Agencies. The update will authorize the following positions to apply to MDOT for the necessary permit to work within the State Highway Right of Way on behalf of the Midland County Road Commission:

Managing Director; Superintendent, Design Engineer, Construction Engineer, Road Foreman; and GIS Technician

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve update to the Performance Resolution for Governmental Agencies.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Hyatt, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Private road maintenance agreement was received from Mills Township:

Sherry Lane – snow removal, grade and brine

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

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Kloha, Hyatt, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

The annual certification maps were presented.

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve and submit annual certification maps.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Miscellaneous:

None

Staff Reports:

Art stated during the COVID-19 pandemic half the crew is working a 10-hour day on Monday and half the crew is working a 10-hour day on Thursday. They are focusing on maintenance work, grading and patching potholes.

The contractor on the Monroe Road bridge project is continuing construction.

Central Asphalt paving is scheduled to open on April 13 and will start on some of our local paving projects.

Art stated he has two more projects left to close out from last year and send to auditor.

Jon stated trainings and meeting have been cancelled for April and most of May due to the coronavirus.

He is starting to look ahead at the local bridge program with deadlines extended to June 1st.

Jon discussed the projected reduction in the gas tax revenue due to the coronavirus. We have been giving guidance to plan for a 5-10% reduction for the next couple months.

Russ stated he is working on billing out projects and catching up on the back log of items.

He stated there is a 10:30 news conference this morning with updates from Governor Whitmer.

He stated Ashley and Samuel are also working on projects remotely.

Ben discussed the engine overall done by Wieland Truck on the flat rack truck.

The mechanics are pulling wings and getting most of the snow and ice equipment removed from the trucks.

He stated the new service man, Dan Nevill, is going a fantastic job.

Brenda stated Tom Smith is currently working on our annual audit.

Commissioner Atton expressed his concern regarding the coronavirus and keeping communication open with the crews.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Kloha at 9:25 a.m. until Wednesday, April 15, 2020.

Brenda Gordert, Finance Director

Mike Atton, Chairman