

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Thursday, April 30, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. via conference call due to COVID-19 restrictions.

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

Absent: None

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said

Additions to Agenda:

None

Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2020 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

None

Approval of Open Accounts:

The pre-pay for April 30, 2020 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts for April 30, 2020 in the amount of \$245,015.40.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Kloha, Hyatt

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

None.

Permit listing was reviewed

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

Material bids for the 2020 construction season were presented and discussed:

See Attached

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve the material bids as presented and allow staff to award based on low bid and in the best interest of the County Road Commission.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Kloha, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

A listing of bridges for the 2023 Local Bridge Program was presented and discussed.

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

WHEREAS, the Board of County Road Commissioners, County of Midland, has reviewed the 2020 applications for FY2023 Local Bridge Program funding.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Road Commissioners, County of Midland, actively seek Federal and State participation with the following structures, listed in priority:

- Replacement of Shaffer Road over Bluff Creek, Warren Township, sections 22/27, structure #6939.
- Replacement of Kent Road over Jo Drain, Ingersoll Township, sections 24/25, structure #6975.
- Preventative Maintenance of Freeland Road over Bullock Creek, Mount Haley Township, sections 16/21, structure #6931.
- Preventative Maintenance of 9 Mile Road over Pine River, Porter Township, sections 9/10, structure #6947.
- Preventative Maintenance of 4 3/4 Mile Road over Pine River, Homer Township, section 34, structure #7004.
- Preventative Maintenance of Gordonville Road over Little Salt Creek, Lee Township, sections 29/32, structure #6999.
- Replacement of Stewart Road over Little Salt Creek, Lee Township, section 27, structure #7000.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Kloha, Hyatt

Nays: None

Resolution Passed

Miscellaneous: None

Staff Reports:

Art stated Michigan Chloride stated brining on Monday.

Central Asphalt started paving on Tuesday in Midland Township.

Fahrner Asphalt is starting chip seal May 18 with 14 miles in the south half of the county.

Art updated the Board on staffing levels during the pandemic. Starting May 11th, he is planning on resuming the normal summer schedule of 10 hour days with modifications as necessary to comply with state restrictions.

Jeff stated the contractor is scheduled to pour curbs on the Monroe Road Bridge on Friday, May 1st and deck paving could be the week of May 8th.

He is processing right-of-way permits as they come in and doing surveys.

He had a pre-con meeting for various paving routes in Midland County.

He stated Pyramid Paving will be starting on May 11th.

The Redstone Road bridge deck has been poured and the contractor is working on getting road ready to be paved

Jon stated he had a pre-con meeting for the Waldo Road Drain project. It will be a lengthy project spread out over two years.

He attended a county finance committee meeting for the road millage approval on the August ballot.

He attended a virtual presentation last week by Representative Moolenaar for the Midland Business Alliance concerning the COVID response.
He has a GI meeting scheduled this afternoon for the Freeland/Sasse roundabout.
Jon contacted Representative Glenn's office regarding the bridge proposal and is waiting to hear back.

Russ stated he has been working on MDOT reimbursements.
He received a request for an abandonment of a right-of-way in a platted subdivision in Edenville where M30 and Water Road meet. He stated many years ago there was a lawsuit and it was ruled by the courts, the Road Commission retain the right-of-way. Russ recommends taking no action to abandon right-of-way and all board members are in agreement with his recommendation.

Ben stated the mower tractor will be delivered next week.
He stated the new pickup is here and getting fitted with proper equipment.
He stated he has completed paperwork involving a class action lawsuit with International Navistar Engines and four of our trucks fall under the settlement. Trucks were purchased in 2012 and 2013 and settlement is worth \$2,500 for each truck.
He has contacted Truck & Trailer regarding the swap loader truck. At this time everything is still on schedule for July, but things could change with deliveries during the pandemic.
Ben stated the mechanics are getting mowers and construction equipment ready to go.

Ashley stated she is updating the county road maps for printing in July reflecting some changes from local roads to primary roads.

Commissioner Kloha stated he is glad to hear Governor Whitmer loosened up the quarantine restrictions for construction and infrastructure repairs. He is concerned about the time frame to complete 2020 projects.

Jeanette Snyder agreed with Commissioner Kloha and stated the County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution to encourage the Governor to open certain businesses back up. She stated the County Board approved the road millage at their last meeting. If the millage does not pass in August, it will automatically be put on the November ballot.

Commissioner Atton inquired about summer help. Art stated we have applications to fill four mower tractors and two sign helpers. We may have to move the sign helpers around until the quarantine restrictions are lifted. Staff will be reevaluating the need as we move forward.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 9:40 a.m. until Thursday, May 14, 2020.

Brenda Gordert, Finance Director

Mike Atton, Chairman