

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Thursday, May 28, 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 May 14, 2020 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

### **Public Comment:**

County Commissioner Snyder thanked the Road Commission for everything being done throughout the flood disaster and stated the Road Commission has her full support. She thanked Art for answering all her calls and texts and being honest. She explained a couple problem areas and Art will look into them.

Maria Snyder thanked everyone for the awesome job and the incredible work done.

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

The pre-pay for May 28, 2020 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts for May 28, 2020 in the amount of \$209,112.79.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Kloha, Hyatt

Nays: None

Motion Carried

### **Flood Update:**

Art stated there were actually two events, the large amount of rainfall and then the dam failures. During the rainfall Townline 16 culvert washed out in Mills Township and Eastman Road flooded near Hurley Road in Larkin Township. Townline 16 has been repaired and is back open. The dam failure caused numerous washouts and road closures. Art listed a couple major repairs that are being coordinated;

Curtis Road bridge washout between Water and Neiner, Edenville Township  
8 Mile Road washout between Saginaw and Nielsen, Jerome Township  
Poseyville Road washout between Ashby and St. Charles, Midland Township

Art stated our GRS-IBS bridges all held up good during the flood, there is a little erosion around the guard rails that needs to be filled in.

Jon stated there is a lot of little stuff to take care of and he has started on the paperwork for emergency funding.

**Correspondence and Items of Information:**

None

**Permit listing was reviewed**

**Unfinished Business:**

None

**New Business:**

Discussion was held on COVID-19 pandemic and return to work policies and procedures approved at board meeting held on May 14, 2020. Wendy Hardt of Attorney Michael Kluck's office suggested the following amendment to comply with Executive Order 2020-91 and 2020-92:

*If an employee is identified with a confirmed case of COVID-19, within 24 hours, the employer needs to notify the local public health department, as well as co-workers, contractors, and suppliers who may have come into contact with the person with a confirmed case of COVID-19.*

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve amendment to COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

A letter was received from MDOT regarding reimbursement of engineering costs in the amount of \$10,000 in accordance with Act 51, P.A. 1951.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to request engineering reimbursement in the amount of \$10,000.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Kloha, Hyatt

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Miscellaneous:**

None

**Staff Reports:**

Russ stated he is working on finalizing the certification maps for submittal.

He is gathering information for FEMA and Federal Aid funding. Reports are due next week.

He is looking up old plans for the Curtis Road bridge ROW to aid Consumers Energy in their repairs.

Russ stated during the recent MATS meeting they applied for an extra \$69,000 in highway improvements funds for the 2021 Poseyville Road project.

Jeff stated the contractor poured curb and gutter at the Redstone Road bridge and is waiting on Central Asphalt to pave the approaches.

On the rural projects Freeland Road will be paved tomorrow and Salt River, Gordonville, Dickenson are scheduled for paving next week.

He is working on numerous flood related items.

Ashley stated she has been working on flood related items and maps.

She is working on TMAC data reporting.

Jon stated he is working on detailed damage costs for the flood repairs to submit for FEMA and Federal aid funding

He stated he has put a hold on future construction projects for now until finances can be reevaluated.

He is working on a press release to the newspaper to reinforce facts about road closures, traffic delays and detours.

Art stated the rain event caused a culvert washout at the corner of Monroe and Waldo. The Road is open to one lane of traffic and he has met with Spicer and the Drain Commission regarding completing the final repair ahead of the construction project.

He stated the crews opened up Sanford to 7 Mile Road, but the 7 Mile Road bridge is still closed due to erosion. Contractor is scheduled to be in next week for repair.

Poseyville Road is scheduled to be milled and prepped tomorrow for paving this weekend. Road will hopefully be opened to one lane of traffic each way temporarily.

Art stated we are helping out the Village of Sanford removing sand and debris from the streets and we are taking our loader and dump trucks down to the Sanford Park to remove sand piles.

Art stated Jeff was on call this weekend during the flood response and he handled it very well.

Commissioner Hyatt stated keep up the good work.

Commissioner Kloha is doing a lot of research on the dam levels. He is extremely happy with all the volunteer help to clean up the area.

Commissioner Atton stated the crews are doing a great job.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 9:45 a.m. until Thursday, June 11, 2020.

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Brenda Gordert, Finance Director

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Mike Atton, Chairman