

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. via conference call due to COVID-19 restrictions.

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

Public Present: Jeanette Snyder, Midland County Board of Commissioners; Maria Sandow, Larkin Township Supervisor; Bruce Clark, Warren Township Supervisor, 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 Atton to approve the minutes of the October 29, 2020 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Approval of Open Accounts:

The pre-pay for November 12, 2020 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Atton to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts for November 12, 2020 in the amount of \$404,330.98.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Hyatt

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

None

Permit listing was reviewed

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

After receiving updates from MHDDS and MCRCSIP regarding COVID-19 safety requirements the Road Commission has updated the COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan along with the daily screening questionnaire. It also includes new MIOSHA requirements for risk exposure categories.

Moved by Commissioner Atton and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve updated Preparedness and Response Plan.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton
Nays: None

Motion Carried

A request for bid extension has been received from Fahrner Asphalt for the chip seal and the crack seal program for 2021. Art recommends extending.

Moved by Commissioner Atton and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to extend chip seal and crack seal bids from Fahrner Asphalt for the 2021 construction season.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton
Nays: None

Motion Carried

A request for bid extension has been received from Dalton Inc. for the brush spray program for 2021. Art recommends extending.

Moved by Commissioner Atton and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to extend brush spray bid from Dalton Inc. for the 2021 construction season.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Hyatt
Nays: None

Motion Carried

Miscellaneous:

None

Staff Reports:

Jon stated the Curtis Road bridge opened today.

He is continuing to work on FHWA flood funding projects.

He has been meeting weekly with FHWA and projects are moving forward.

He is working with USDA on design for the flood repair projects starting next week.

The bid for the curve signing safety project for 2021 came in 8% over estimate and was awarded to low bidder Action Traffic for \$286,000.

He presented at the Transportation Asset Management Conference two weeks ago and received good feedback.

Art stated Poseyville Road is now completely opened from flood damage and the traffic light is fully operational at the intersection of Poseyville and Ashby.

The local road gravel projects will be finished today.

The crews are wrapping up the large drainage project on Greendale Road and will work on some smaller projects until winter.

School Road has been paved and will be used for the Coleman Road bridge detour route next year.

Art stated we are doing our best to keep up with all the COVID requirements and allowing the crews in the building with social distancing and masks where required.

Russ stated he continues to work on paperwork for the flood projects, reimbursement contracts and paperwork for easements.

Ben stated the new engine has been installed in 630 and it is back on the road. While it was in the shop the air compressor was replaced along with belts and hoses and new battery box.

He has been working on organizing the facility and yard storage areas.

He stated the snow and ice equipment has been prepped for winter. There are a few trucks still being used for ditching but will be winter ready as soon as they are done.

He is working on budget reviews for 2021. He will have a couple bids next board meeting to order equipment to be delivered in 2021.

Commissioner Atton inquired about the M30 bridge repair in Gladwin County. Art stated construction is slated to start in December with opening some time in February or March. Jon stated it did not qualify for an emergency contract due to timing so they have to go through the normal MDOT bid process.

He also asked about the paving quality of Eastman Road. Art stated Jeff has talked with the inspector from Spicer and they are working on a corrective action plan. Commissioner Atton stated the ride quality is very poor on the southbound lane.

Public Comment:

Maria Sandow agreed with Commissioner Atton and stated the ride quality on the southbound lane of Eastman Road is poor.

She also inquired about crews doing ditch work on Eastman Road on the west side. Russ stated the contractor was installing a culvert liner on a damaged culvert.

Maria also asked when Waldo and Monroe intersection would be paved. Art stated that is a project the Drain Commission completed for us and should be paved tomorrow.

Laura Dawson stated the quad meeting in November has been canceled and the MCTOA meeting scheduled for December has also been canceled due to COVID.

Jeanette Snyder stated she just walked across the Curtis Road bridge and it is wonderful. They crew did a great job on the flood repair.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 9:30 a.m. until Wednesday, November 25, 2020.

Brenda Gordert, Finance Director

Mike Atton, Chairman