

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Clerk Brenda Gordert on Thursday, January 7, 2021 at 9:05 a.m. via conference call due to COVID-19.

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

Absent: None

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said

The Clerk called for Election of Board Officers for 2021.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Clark to nominate Commissioner Atton for Chairman of the Board of County Road Commissioners, County of Midland, for the ensuing year.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Clark

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Moved by Commissioner Atton and seconded by Commissioner Clark to nominate Commissioner Hyatt for Vice-Chairman of the Board of County Road Commissioners, County of Midland, for the ensuing year.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Clark

Nays: None

Motion Carried

At this time, 9:05 a.m., the Clerk turned the meeting over to Chairman Atton.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Atton that the depository of the Midland County Road Commission will be TCF Bank (formerly Chemical Bank). For investment, the Road Commission may use TCF Bank or any other entity that the Clerk of the Road Commission or the County Treasurer uses for the ensuing year. All investments will comply with Public Act 20, as amended.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Hyatt, Clark

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt seconded by Commissioner Clark that the Midland Daily News, but not limited to, be the official register for its publications, such as meeting date changes, bids, notices, etc.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Clark, Hyatt, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Additions to Agenda:

None

Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Atton to approve the minutes of the December 23, 2020 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Clark

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

None

Approval of Open Accounts:

The pre-pay for January 7, 2021 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts for January 7, 2021 in the amount of \$447,583.30.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Clark, Hyatt

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

An updated COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan was presented.

The quarterly East Central Council meeting is scheduled to be held Thursday, January 21, 2021.

Permit listing was reviewed

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

The 2021 Board Meeting schedule was presented and discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Clark and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve schedule as presented.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Clark, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Art discussed the Family First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) that expired on December 31, 2020 providing paid emergency leave to employees unable to work due to COVID-19. The new stimulus package extends the leave until March 21, 2021 to private employees who chose to provide it. The Road Commission had six employees use the emergency leave since its inception on April 1, 2020. The staff would like the Board to consider extending leave option to employees until March 31, 2021.

Moved by Commissioner Clark and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to extend FFCRA until March 31, 2021.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Clark, Hyatt

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Miscellaneous:

None

Staff Reports:

Jon stated he is wrapping things up with the FEMA paperwork, mitigation proposals and EGLE permits.

The NRCS repairs will be design ready for construction in the spring.

Art stated he is working on 2021 township estimates. He hopes to get them approved in January and ready to go out for bids in February.

He stated the on-call supervisors are doing a great job with the snow events the last couple weeks. He placed on order for 500 tons of county backup salt to be delivered today.

Jeff stated he has been working on EGLE permits for FEMA.

He stated he met with Barton Malow and DTE to discuss their proposed haul routes for the wind farm.

He had a pre-con for the Coleman Road bridge this week and construction is scheduled to start on April 12th.

Ashley stated she is working on maps for the MPO for the non-motorized transportation plan.

Ben is working on keeping the snow plow trucks on the road. He had a truck break down and had to use the Larkin Food Center parking lot to get snow plow off the road until tow truck could get there. He will sweep the absorbball off the parking lot later today.

The parts for the swap loader have been paid for, still looking at April for assembly.

Commissioner Atton thanked the crew for the great job with snow plowing this winter.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 9:25 a.m. until Wednesday, January 20, 2021.

Brenda Gordert, Finance Director

Mike Atton, Chairman