

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 9:00 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, Christy, Rodney Woods Builders.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Additions to Agenda:

New Business:

- Summer work hours
- Weighmaster vehicle

Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Commissioner Clark and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2021 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Clark, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

None

Approval of Open Accounts:

The pre-pay for March 18, 2021 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts for March 18, 2021 in the amount of \$299,119.24.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Hyatt, Clark

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

None

Permit listing was reviewed.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

The annual ACT 51 road mileage certification was discussed with the Board.

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

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Clark

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Bids were received on March 12, 2021 for materials and vendor RFP's for the 2021 construction season and discussion ensued. Art stated the asphalt prices came in \$9.00 per ton less than last year's price.

Moved by Commissioner Clark 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, Clark, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Discussion was held on the vendor RFP's for the following:

- Bridge design services
- Road design services
- Bridge safety inspection
- As needed inspection testing and survey

A total of 18 proposals were received and scored by staff.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve RFP's as scored and award in the best interest of Midland County Road Commission.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Clark, Hyatt Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

The County Road Association has been working on the legislative priorities for 2021. Approval would have normally taken place at the annual conference but due to COVID the conference was cancelled. The changes have been reviewed and Jon recommends approving the legislative priorities and sending our agreement to the County Road Association.

Moved by Commissioner Clark and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approved 2021 legislative priorities.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Hyatt, Clark

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Discussion was held on candidate projects for the fiscal year 2024 Local Bridge Program

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and second by Commissioner Clark to submit applications for FY2024 Local Bridge Funding and offer the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of County Road Commissioners, County of Midland, has reviewed the 2021 applications for FY2024 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 with a 20% local match.

- Replacement of Stewart Road over Little Salt Creek, Lee Township, section 27, structure #7000 with a 20% local match.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Clark, Hyatt

Nays: None

Resolution Adopted

The summer work schedule was discussed. The summer work schedule has been 10 hours days starting in May and ending in September in an agreement with the union. Due to the work load this year it is proposed to move the schedule up and start the 4-10 work schedule in April. It is anticipated the seasonal load restrictions will be off at that time and construction projects can start immediately. There is overwhelming support from the union.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commission Clark to start 4-10 summer work schedule on April 5th.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Clark, Hyatt, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

A proposal was received from Todd Wenzel Chevrolet for a new vehicle for the weighmaster, a 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe 4wd SSP. The MiDeal pricing for the vehicle is \$37,495.40. Ben is continuing to work on the upfitting pricing. If vehicle is not ordered soon, we could have to wait until fall and get a 2022 model.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commission Clark to purchased Chevrolet Tahoe off the MiDeal pricing from Todd Wenzel Chevrolet.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Clark, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Miscellaneous:

Due to the updated COVID-19 restrictions the Midland County Board of Commissioners, in accordance with Section 10 of 1976 PA 390, as amended, has declared that a state of emergency exists within their jurisdiction effective until May 4, 2021. The declaration allows all public meetings to be held virtually. Chairman Atton suggested to continue to conduct Road Commission meetings virtually until May 4th. Everyone was in agreement.

Staff Reports:

Jon stated the M30 bridge in Gladwin County was opened up last Thursday following a short parade including the local township fire trucks. It was a very nice ceremony.

There has been no new progress with FHWA on the flood projects.

He has presented a few arguments to FEMA on why the costs should be higher on their flood repair estimates and is waiting to hear back.

He attended the virtual bridge conference this week which had some good information.

He stated next week he has a couple more webinars and will be working on final turn in's for federal aid projects.

Art stated frost laws are still in effect and he will be going out with Jeff to drill some holes and check frost levels.

The paving prices came in lower than last year's and he will be reviewing paving projects with the Townships for possible additions to the construction season.

The COVID vaccine for essential workers does not seem to be available for our crew. Employees have been advised to go out on their own and a handful of employees have received their first vaccine shots.

Russ stated the review process for the RFP's was better this year with Jon's new streamlined process.

He has been working on the asset management data entry.

He attended the MATS technical committee meeting this week and the projects for this year's construction were approved. The projects will now go to the policy committee for approval the first of the month.

He stated we may have to hold a local RTF meeting to approve changes to the County Connection project budget. Also, at the next RTF meeting there are some additional COVID funds that will need to be discussed.

Russ has met with Eric Cozat from the City of Coleman and he and Ashley are helping him update and correct their certification maps.

Jeff stated the countywide curve sign improvement project is approximately 90% complete. Most of the signs have been installed and the contractor is working on the reflectors.

He is working on surveys for the local drainage projects.

He stated the contractor on the Eastman Road project has agreed to mill and repave two sections on the southbound lane that did not meet inspection.

Ben stated he is getting information to purchase a small roller.

The shop has slowed down a little and the mechanics were able to get back on the new truck build. He has talked with Truck & Trailer on the swap loader build. It is a little over 50% complete and they are doing a great job working with us and building it our way.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 9:45 a.m. until Thursday, April 1, 2021.

Brenda Gordert, Finance Director

Mike Atton, Chairman