

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 9:04 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
Jeff Brown, Construction Technician
Ashley Rockefeller, GIS Technician
Absent: Ben Mead, Facilities Manager

Public Present: Maria Sandow, Larkin Township Supervisor.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Additions to Agenda:

None

Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2021 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Clark, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

None

Approval of Open Accounts:

The pre-pay for April 1, 2021 was reviewed.

Moved by Commissioner Clark and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts as presented for April 1, 2021 in the amount of \$334,355.42.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Hyatt, Clark

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

The Commissioners Conference scheduled for April 18-20 has been rescheduled to the fall. Time and place to be determined.

The quarterly East Central Council meeting will be held on Thursday, April 15 via zoom.

Permit listing was reviewed.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

Discussion was held on the reclassification of a route consisting of Salt River Road, Dickenson Road and Gordonville Road between Coleman Road and the Isabella

County Line in Greendale Township, section 30. Support is for the reclassification of the route from local roads to primary roads.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve reclassification of Salt River, Dickenson, and Gordonville Roads.

Roll call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Hyatt, Clark

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Discussion was held on the reclassification of Bradford Road between Coleman Road and the Isabella County Line in Greendale Township, sections 30/31. Support is for the reclassification of the route from a primary road to a local road.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve reclassification of Bradford Road.

Roll call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Hyatt, Clark

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Russ presented four changes to the local road system certifications:

- Hines Road, Lee Township section 4, remeasurement +.18 miles
- Daniels Drive, Jerome Township section 23, remeasurement +.02 miles
- 11 Mile Road, Edenville Township section 23, abandonment -1.01 miles
- Lambert Road, Homer Township section 11/12, remeasurement +.03 miles

Miscellaneous:

None

Staff Reports:

Jon stated weight restrictions will be lifted next week.

The Coleman Road bridge project will start next week.

There has been a lot of movement with permits and routing for the trucks for the windfarms.

We have been working on designs and permits over for the winter for the USDA-NRCS flood projects and the first location has been approved for Orr Road over Weeks Drain. A pre-con meeting will be held next week.

He is continuing to meet with FEMA on a regular basis and has been able to get them to increase the repair estimates on some of the flood projects after recalculation. He is still working with them on a recalculation for 8 Mile Road.

The CAD internship with the student from MidMichigan College ended last week and was very successful. We have applied to the college for another intern to assist with some CAD work.

Art stated the health department offered COVID vaccinations to our crew last week during a clinic at the Center for the Arts. With the 12 that received shots last week we have over half our employees that have had their first vaccine shot.

A safety meeting is being held today for excavation and traffic control with Mike Phillips from MCRCSIP.

Art stated 10-hour days will start next week, and frost laws are coming off on Monday.

He met with the brush spray contractor and we will be spraying the southwest corner of the county. If budget allows, he would also like to spray the southeast corner.

He has placed the salt order for next winter to fill the shed.

He has been ordering road materials in preparation for construction season.

Russ stated the certification maps have been submitted. He will submit the request for the reclassifications today.

He will be submitting the asset management data reports today also. An asset management plan required by the state is due the end of April and will need board approval. He is sending out a McNitt ROW obstruction letter regarding a gate that has been installed along Wackerly Road from 10 Mile to the west in Jerome Township.

Jeff stated the Coleman Road bridge project will start on Monday, April 5th. The county-wide curve sign project is wrapping up today. He attended a hot mix asphalt paving course for three days at Ferris this week.

Commissioner Atton stated the no outlet sign on Jefferson Road north of Hurley is hanging upside down off the post.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 9:22 a.m. until Wednesday, April 14, 2021.

Brenda Gordert, Finance Director

Mike Atton, Chairman