

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Wednesday, May 26, 2021, at 9:10 a.m. at the Midland County Road Commission office.

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

Absent: Art Buck, Superintendent

Public Present: Jeanette Snyder, Midland County Board of Commissioners
Maria Sandow, Larkin Township Supervisor, attended virtually

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Additions to Agenda:

MISCELLANEOUS - Updated COVID-19 preparedness and response plan

Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2021, meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Clark, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

None

Approval of Open Accounts:

The pre-pay for May 26, 2021, was reviewed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts as presented for May 26, 2021, in the amount of \$263,145.21.

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:

Discussion was held on Policy 200.23 Commissioners Attendance at Board Meetings.

Jon and Brenda attended an open meeting act presentation by Wendy Hardt of Michael Kluck and Associates last week at the Finance and HR Conference. During the presentation it was stated changes have been made to the act recently that specifically state remote attendance for

commissioners is not allowed after March 31, 2021, except for military personnel. Policy 200.23 is currently not in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Clark to rescind policy 200.23 Commissioners Attendance at Board Meetings.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Clark, Hyatt

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

A construction contract was received from the Michigan Department of Transportation regarding a project programmed with the FHWA, for implementation with the use of Federal Funds under the Surface Transportation Program and Highway Infrastructure Program. Contracts from MDOT are received digitally and signatures are required to be returned digitally. Jon and Art are currently set up with digital signatures.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Clark to offer the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Contract No.21-5194, consists of hot mix asphalt cold milling and resurfacing, widen and pave shoulders, storm sewer, culverts, concrete curb and gutter and sidewalk ramps, guardrail, signing and pavement markings along Poseyville Road from Gordonville Road to Midland city limits; and all together with necessary related work.

WHEREAS, the parties hereto have reached an understanding with each other regarding the performance of the work and desires to set forth this understanding in the form of a written contract.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Road Commissioners, County of Midland, authorizes Jon Myers, Managing Director, and Art Buck, Superintendent, to sign Contract 21-5194.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Clark

Nays: None

Resolution Adopted.

Miscellaneous:

Ben presented a listing of surplus equipment he has listed on GovDeals.com for auction sale:

- 2004 Chevrolet Silverado 1 ton
- 2005 International 7600 tandem dump truck
- 1999 Volvo semi-truck
- 1997 John Deere brush cutter
- 2001 Allis Chalmers forklift

Bids are due June 2, 2021, by 6:00 pm.

Jon presented an updated COVID-19 preparedness and response plan in response to the new Health and Human Services and MIOSHA guidelines. Restrictions have been loosened for fully vaccinated individuals.

Staff Reports:

Russ stated we are finally able to enter data electronically into MDOT folders related to the flood projects. Hopefully, we will receive reimbursement for emergency repairs.

He is also working on MDOT reimbursements for safety projects.

We have received a FOIA request for information about the Monroe-Waldo roundabout and Russ has reached out to them and is gathering information.

Jeff stated the pre-construction meeting for the Freeland-Sasse roundabout will be June 1 and construction is set to start June 7.

He has been in contact with the contractor on the Eastman Road project. He has marked out the segments of roadway for repair and work is set to begin when weather allows. He showed pictures and gave update on the progress of the Coleman Road bridge replacement.

Ben stated the local Superintendents group held a new employee training day in Arenac County and he attended with four of our newest employees. Employees participated in a variety of training exercises. Each county conducted a different exercise and Ben conducted the chainsaw safety and training exercise for the group.
No new updates on the swap loader.
The new brush cutter should be arriving in a couple weeks.

Jon gave updates for Art stating the two new hourly employees will be starting on June 1 and the final summer help student will also be starting June 1. The current summer help students are doing a good job with the mowing.
The gravel spreads were completed last week and are being pulverized this week.
The chip seal crew is slightly behind schedule due to weather and expects to be completed June 4. Central Asphalt has completed the paving on 4 smaller road segments and will continue paving as their schedule permits. The drainage jobs are moving along very well.

Jon stated the Orr Road project started this week and is the first of our NRCS projects. NRCS is helping with inspection and a system is in place for completing the required paperwork. We are still working with NRCS on a couple other projects and waiting for the final approval on the design and for a couple permits from EGLE.

He had a final meeting with FEMA last week and things are transitioning to the State Police going forward to complete paperwork and to receive funding.

He had a meeting with a representative from FROST Controls on the cameras and temperature sensors we tried last winter. We were not happy with the camera clarity and lack of night vision. The cameras have been updated and we are going to give them another test before signing on for another winter.

Jon and Brenda attended a Finance and HR conference last week and discussed MTF and ARPA funding and attended an unfunded liability workshop this week with CRA and other counties to discuss how they are handling the ongoing liability.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 9:50 a.m. until Thursday, June 10, 2021.

Brenda Gordert, Finance Director

Mike Atton, Chairman