

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Thursday, July 8, 2021, at 9:00 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
Art Buck, Superintendent
Brenda Gordert, Finance Director/Clerk
Jeff Brown, Construction Technician
Ashley Rockefeller, GIS Technician
Absent: Ben Mead, Facilities Manager
Russ Inman, Design Engineer

Public Present: Jeanette Snyder, Midland County Board of Commissioners

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 June 24, 2021, meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Clark, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

None

Approval of Open Accounts:

The pre-pay for July 8, 2021, was reviewed.

Moved by Commissioner Clark and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts as presented for July 8, 2021, in the amount of \$1,435,618.77.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Hyatt, Clark

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

A working draft of the legislative priorities for 2022 was received from the County Road Association for review.

The 2020 financial report was received from Smith & Klaczkiwicz for review.

The annual MERS financial report was presented for review.

The Commissioner seminar will be held October 3-5.

Permit listing was reviewed.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

A Michigan U.S. Bicycle Route 20 (USBR20) modification request was received and discussed.

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

WHEREAS, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) has identified, designated and signed an east and west, 300-mile bicycle corridor through the lower peninsula of Michigan connecting Marine City, Michigan and Ludington, Michigan, as United States Bicycle Route 20 (USBR-20), and

WHEREAS, a coalition of planning organizations, the League of Michigan Bicyclists, the Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance, and the Adventure Cycling Association, with the cooperation of the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and other stakeholders, worked with AASHTO for a specific route to be designated as USBR 20, and

WHEREAS, the designated USBR 20 route traverses Midland County and provides a benefit to our residents and businesses, and

WHEREAS, the stakeholders who worked with AASHTO to designate the route for USBR 20 through Midland County proposes a change to the route, a map of which is herein incorporated into this resolution by reference, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Road Commissioners, County of Midland, hereby expresses its approval and support for the proposed route change of USBR-20, and requests that the appropriate officials see to it that the route is officially changed by AASHTO as soon as this can be achieved, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Road Commissioners, County of Midland, hereby express its approval and support for the proposed route change of USBR-20, and respectfully requests the appropriate officials complete the necessary documents needed for the proposed route change and monitor progress to verify the route is officially changed by AASHTO as soon as reasonably practicable, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Midland County Road Commission will commit the labor, materials and equipment necessary for removing the existing USBR-20 route signage and installing new signage for the proposed USBR-20 route, also committing to maintaining said new signage.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Clark

Nays: None

Motion Carried

A Rural Task Force meeting will be held at the Midland County Road Commission on Monday, July 19th, 2021, at 9:00 am to invite public input on the 2022-2026 Rural Transportation Construction Program. The Regional Task Force 7C meeting will be held at Gladwin County Road Commission on August 3, 2021, at 1:00 pm.

Staff Reports:

Jeff stated the contractor continues to work on removing the north abutment on the Coleman Road bridge. They have been delayed due to weather. They are scheduled to set beams in approximately 3 weeks and then pour deck.

The contractor is pouring curbs at Freeland/Sasse roundabout and is scheduled to pave July 26 and 27.

The Poseyville Road reconstruct project is scheduled to start July 19. AT&T is relocating lines prior to construction.

Jon stated he has been working with Russ on collecting information on the bridge inventory documentation for MDOT and going through old plans. They will be working with Great Lakes Engineering on bridge information where plans are not available.

He and Russ continue to work on the asset management report and will finalize soon.

The emergency funding paperwork on the flood projects has been submitted to the State Police for FEMA reimbursement.

We have received a partial reimbursement from MDOT on the FHWA funds in the amount of \$570,000 for emergency repairs.

NRCS permits are being finalized and construction will start soon on those projects.

Art stated he had a meeting with MDOT regarding the remaining budget money. They have decided on a few projects including concrete patches on US10, some ramp work on US10 at Eastman Road, and possible curb work at park-and ride at M20.

We rented a mini-mill this week and milled out the bridge approaches on Perrine Road north of Letts, and using it at Bailey Bridge Road and Saginaw. First time we have rented the mini-mill and it worked out great.

Central Asphalt is working on our local paving projects and our crews are very busy with drainage projects.

Ben is working on the front gate updates and installing underground conduits.

A contractor is in working on painting the salt shed and MDOT is participating in costs.

The swap loader has arrived. The mechanics picked up the components early this week and it will be on the road next week.

Commissioner Clark gave an update on the Parks Commission meeting he attended. The Parkapalooza celebration will be moved to the Tridge this year. They are very thankful for the help in dura-patching the cracks on the rail trail.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 9:35 a.m. until Wednesday, July 21, 2021.

Brenda Gordert, Finance Director

Mike Atton, Chairman