

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Thursday, August 5, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. at the Midland County Road Commission office.

Present: Mike Atton, Chairman
Jim Hyatt, Vice Chairman
Jon Myers, Managing Director
Art Buck, Superintendent
Brenda Gordert, Finance Director/Clerk
Ben Mead, Facilities Manager
Jeff Brown, Construction Technician

Absent: Bruce Clark, Commission Member
Russ Inman, Design Engineer
Ashley Rockefeller, GIS Technician

Public Present: Jeanette Snyder, Midland County Board of Commissioners; Maria Sandow, Larkin Township Supervisor; Jon Lewis.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Additions to Agenda:

Miscellaneous – MDOT Maintenance Contract

Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Atton to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2021, meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

Jon Lewis addressed the board regarding two driveways on his property along Coleman Road near Salt River that need to be replaced. Art stated driveways have been replaced twice in the past. Mr. Lewis stated an easement was provided for the bridge a few years ago in exchange for the driveway maintenance. Art and Jon will review paperwork and meet with Mr. Lewis on site.

Approval of Open Accounts:

The pre-pay for August 5, 2021, was reviewed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Atton to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts as presented for August 5, 2021, in the amount of \$495,713.08.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Hyatt

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

The Midland County Township Officials Association (MCTOA) meeting will be held on Thursday, September 16, 2021.

The Northern Association of Road Commissions annual meeting will be held September 15-17, 2021.

The Commissioners Conference will be held October 3-5, 2021.

The East Central council meeting will be held August 19, 2021.

Permit listing was reviewed.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Miscellaneous:

The new state maintenance contract has been received for review from MDOT for contract period October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2026.

Staff Reports:

Art stated the paving is rocking along. The contractor will be in for the next two weeks. He has been in contact with Fisher regarding the gravel projects and they are a couple weeks out. The drainage projects are moving along, crews will move to Star Road and then to Brooks. We still have a lot of work to do.

Crews are working on the NRCS projects as approvals are received.

The Superintendents Conference will be held October 6-8.

The Winter Operations Workshop will be held October 19-20.

We are doing some mowing at the landfill for the City of Midland.

Ben stated the salt barn is being painted this week. It has never been painted since it was built, and it was much needed.

The front gate improvements are moving along. The old gate has been removed and the new gate installed. Midland Fence has done a really good job with straightening the fence line. We are waiting for the operators to be installed and Solucient Security can hook them up.

The concrete pad has been poured out front for the antique grader. Tobe Gauthier has done a phenomenal job.

There is a small problem with the new brush cutter. The framework in the back is only 6" off the ground. Ben is working with Hutson on a solution and delivery should be soon.

The rebuild for 624 is going well. The mechanics have refabricated the holes on the old chipper box, and it is being sandblasted and painted.

Jeff stated the contractor has started laying block on the north abutment on the Coleman Road bridge project this week. Should be ready to set beams in about 2 ½ weeks.

The Freeland/Sasse roundabout has been paved and line stripped. Waiting on Consumers for lights before opening to traffic.

The Poseyville Road reconstruction project from Gordonville to Ashby started this week and portions are closed to traffic.

He is continuing to work on surveys for the local drainage projects.

Jon thanked Jeanette and the County Board for approving the full 2 Mill for 2022.

He attended the Rural Task Force meeting this week and discussion was held on COVID funding. He also attended an MPO meeting to discuss future funding.

He is expecting asphalt prices to increase next year and is looking into paving the Road Commission parking lot this year.

Art stated the summer help students are leaving to go back to school and they have done a really great job. The four mower students were excellent, and he hopes to have them back next year.

Jon stated the engineering intern has also been doing a great job.

Maria Sandow asked about the exits for the proposed US10/Waldo Road interchange.

Jon was expecting MDOT to conduct a broader study this year but that has not happened yet.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 9:40 a.m. until Wednesday, August 18, 2021.

Brenda Gordert, Finance Director

Mike Atton, Chairman