

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Wednesday, August 18, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. at the Midland County Road Commission office.

Present: Mike Atton, Chairman
Jim Hyatt, Vice Chairman
Bruce Clark, 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; Robert Kelley, Hope Township; Patricia Robison attended remotely.

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 August 5, 2021, meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Clark

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

Robert Kelley addressed the Board concerning ditch cleaning and road paving in Hope Township. He is concerned with Grace Court. Art responded some of the ditches are county drains and are under the jurisdiction of the Drain Commission and local county road ditches and paving require 50% township participation in the costs. Grace Court is currently under construction and is scheduled to be paved this year. Art will speak with Mr. Kelley after the meeting to refer to maps and pictures.

Approval of Open Accounts:

The pre-pay for August 19, 2021, was reviewed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts as presented for August 19, 2021, in the amount of \$1,820,296.79.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Clark, Hyatt

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

The East Central Council meeting will be held on Thursday, August 19 at 9:00 am. in Gladwin County.

Permit listing was reviewed.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Consumers Energy Contract Number 103042010183 was received for General Unmetered Experimental Lighting Rate GU-XL at the Freeland & Sasse roundabout. Contract is for a two-year period beginning on September 1, 2021. Discussion ensued.

Moved by Commission Clark and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve Consumers Energy Contract #103042010183 and authorize Jon Myers to sign contract.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Clark, Hyatt

Nays: None

Motion Carried

A ballot was received from the Northern Association of Road Commissions for 2022 Board Members.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Clark to cast a unanimous ballot for the four candidates.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Clark, Atton, Hyatt

Nays: None

Motion Carried

State Trunkline Maintenance Contract No. 2021-0373 was received from the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Moved by Commissioners Hyatt, Clark to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the State Trunkline Maintenance Contract between the Michigan Department of Transportation and the Midland County Road Commission has been received, and

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.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Road Commissioners, County of Midland, approves Contract No. 2021-0373 for a period beginning October 1, 2021, and ending September 30, 2026, and designates Jon Myers as the Contract Administrator.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Road Commissioners authorizes Jon Myers, Managing Director, and Art Buck, Superintendent, to sign said contract.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Hyatt, Clark

Nays: None

Resolution Adopted

Moved by Commissioner Atton and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to go into closed session at 10:00 am. to discuss Lakeview Subdivision Plat Amendment litigation with legal counsel.

Roll Call

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Hyatt, Clark

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Clark to resume the regular meeting at 10:12 am.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Clark, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

The Road Commission was named a defendant in the legal proceedings to an Amendment to Plat of Lakeview Subdivision in Edenville Township section 35. Amendment is to remove Beach Street

north of Wixom from the plat as it was never developed. All roads in the plat are private and have no effect on any public roads.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Clark to instruct Attorney Bill Henn to file required paperwork approving the consent judgment.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Hyatt, Clark

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Miscellaneous:

None

Staff Reports:

Jeff stated the Freeland-Sasse roundabout was open to traffic last week.

The contractor is setting beams this Friday and next Monday at the Coleman Road Bridge.

The contractor has finished the trenching for the widening and storm sewer on Poseyville Road between Gordonville and Ashby for stage 1 and they are scheduled to pave the widening late next week before school starts. Closures will be scheduled around school and bus traffic.

Russ stated there has been an issue with completing the abandonment of 11 Mile Road in Edenville Township that was approved last October. The abandonment is contingent upon access and utility easements being provided by all parcel owners to each other. We have received written notification that a parcel owner intends to sell their property and will no longer provide such easement. Until such time as the terms of abandonment are met and the documentation is filed with the register of deeds, the roadway will remain a seasonal public road.

Ben stated the salt barn painting has been completed and contractor did a great job.

There are no new updates on the brush cutter, Hutson's is continuing to work on a solution to lift the frame higher off the ground.

He is meeting with a couple roofing contractors to reseal the roof at the Sanford garage over truck storage. He is getting quotes to reseal the ridge.

The mechanics are finishing up the restoration on the old chipper truck.

Art stated Central Asphalt is in paving this week. They have completed 26 out of 36 projects.

The crews are working on shouldering the paving projects today and tomorrow.

The brining of the stub roads by our crews is about 50% complete.

The brush spray contractor is scheduled to finish up this weekend and will return at a later date to complete the spraying of the phragmites.

The crews are continuing to work on the drainage projects.

He had a meeting with the Superintendents committee and they are moving forward with an in-person conference in October.

We are taking bids for a drainage project on US-10 for MDOT.

The centerline painting contractor is about 80% complete on the countywide line stripping and will return later in the year to line the construction projects.

He is meeting with a group from the Flats Campground to discuss an easement for drainage on Campbell Court and Flint Street.

Jon stated he and Russ had a couple meetings regarding funding for the Bailey Road Bridge.

They are working on a grant application to the Midland Area Community Foundation. The group feels they have secured approximately \$4 million for the project so far.

He and Russ attended a meeting with Midland Township and MCV regarding the Poseyville path running along the pond to get to Gordonville Road.

Last year we had a company install temperatures sensors with cameras in three locations around the county and we were disappointed in the clarity. They have updated their products and installed two new ones yesterday for testing.

Jon has been getting information about the Highway Infrastructure Funds that go through the RTF for the additional COVID relief funding. CRA has been working with MDOT on justification to use the COVID relief funds as replacement of lost revenue and have a cash out option allowing for use on local projects.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 10:15 a.m. until Wednesday, September 1, 2021.

Brenda Gordert, Finance Director

Mike Atton, Chairman