

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Thursday, December 9, 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
Brenda Gordert, Finance Director/Clerk
Art Buck, Superintendent
Russ Inman, Design Engineer
Ben Mead, Facilities Manager
Jeff Brown, Construction Technician

Absent: Ashley Hiles, GIS Technician

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:

New Business – ROW for 2022 Waldo-Monroe Roundabout

Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve the minutes of the November 23, 2021, meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Clark

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

None

Approval of Open Accounts:

The pre-pay for December 9, 2021, was reviewed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts as presented for December 9, 2021, in the amount of \$1,111,945.07.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Clark, Hyatt

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

None

Permit listing was reviewed.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

The 2022 capital outlay review was presented by staff for road projects, equipment purchases and engineering expenses.

Moved by Commissioner Clark and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to hold a public hearing for the 2022 budget on December 23, 2021, at 9:30 am.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Hyatt, Clark

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Hyatt, Clark

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Jon presented 2022 administrative wage increases of 2% with an additional peer increase for the weighmaster of 1%. New hire step increases also went into effect for the Superintendent, Road Foreman, and Construction Technician.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve the proposed administrative wage increase along with a 3% increase to the Managing Directors salary, and a \$2,000 bonus for 2021.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Clark, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Jon discussed wages for student help and summer interns. It is getting hard to find temporary help and compete with wages of other companies. Jon recommends increasing hourly rate \$1.00. New rates would be:

Student Help - \$13.50 first year and \$14.50 each returning year.

Engineering Interns - \$16.00 first year and \$17.00 each returning year.

Moved by Commissioner Clark and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to adjust student help and intern wages for 2022 as presented.

Roll call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Clark

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Russ stated right-of-way will need to be secured for the Waldo-Monroe roundabout. Three pieces of permanent right-of-way will need to be purchased and two grading easements are required.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Clark to allow staff to negotiate for the required right-of-way for Waldo-Monroe roundabout.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Clark, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Miscellaneous:

None

Staff Reports:

Jeff stated the construction projects are done for the year.

He has been working on getting bids ready for the 2022 construction season. Bids for guardrail, brine, brush spray will go out in January and construction material bids will go out in March.

He was on call for the first snow storm of the season and thanked Ben and the mechanics for having all the trucks snow storm ready.

Russ stated he is working on paperwork for flood and federal aid jobs and working on his to-do list. He attended a CRA meeting in Mt. Pleasant on road abandonments and it was very informative.

Ben gave an update on the brine storage pit. The new loading arm the mechanics fabricated is working great.

He stated the repair of our brush cutter is completed and the build has started on our new brush cutter.

Art stated he had a meeting with the Drain Commissioner, Joe Sova, and Maria Sandow, Larkin Township Supervisor regarding drainage work in Woodland Estates, and Waskevich Subdivision. He stated the guys are doing a great job clearing the recent snow events. The job applications are due tomorrow for the truck driver/labor position.

Jon attended a CRA meeting on Road Funding in Mt. Pleasant. Discussion was on the MTF breakdown and the proposed increase for federal revenue for 2022. The new numbers are not as favorable as the numbers presented a couple months ago and will not be available until possibly March or later. We will have to wait and see. There is a fall budget meeting with MDOT this afternoon on the 2021-2022 maintenance budget. There is a MCTOA dinner meeting tonight.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 10:15 a.m. until Thursday, December 23, 2021.

Brenda Gordert, Finance Director

Mike Atton, Chairman