

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Clerk Brenda Gordert on Thursday, January 6, 2022, 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
Russ Inman, Design Engineer, attended virtually
Brenda Gordert, Finance Director/Clerk
Ben Mead, Facilities Manager
Jeff Brown, Construction Technician
Donna Lowe, Finance Director

Absent: Art Buck, Superintendent
Ashley Hiles, GIS Technician

Public Present: Jeanette Snyder, Midland County Board of Commissioners; Kaleigh Kyser, Michigan Chloride; Dan Mieske, Hope Township; Robert Kelley, Hope Township; Terrance Hall, Edenville Township Supervisor.
Maria Sandow, Larkin Township Supervisor attended virtually.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said

The Clerk called for Election of Board Officers for 2022.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Clark to nominate Commissioner Atton for Chairman of the Board of County Road Commissioners, County of Midland, for the ensuing year.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Clark

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Moved by Commissioner Atton and seconded by Commissioner Clark to nominate Commissioner Hyatt for Vice-Chairman of the Board of County Road Commissioners, County of Midland, for the ensuing year.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Clark

Nays: None

Motion Carried

At this time, 9:05 a.m., the Clerk turned the meeting over to Chairman Atton.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Atton that the depository of the Midland County Road Commission will be Huntington Bank. For investment, the Road Commission may use Huntington Bank or any other entity that the Clerk of the Road Commission or the County Treasurer uses for the ensuing year. All investments will comply with Public Act 20, as amended.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Hyatt, Clark

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt seconded by Commissioner Clark that the Midland Daily News, but not limited to, be the official register for its publications, such as meeting date changes, bids, notices, etc.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Clark, Hyatt, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Additions to Agenda:

None

Approval of Minutes:

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

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Clark

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

Robert Kelley asked if culverts will be replaced on Meridian Road before chip & seal is completed this summer and would like advance notice to notify residents of upcoming work.

Jon stated culverts will be replaced this spring and notification will be sent to township.

He also discussed shoulder removal equipment for the country curbs.

Ben stated it is in the budget this year for purchase of an attachment to go on the front of the skid steer. It will grind the country curb and level it off. Terrance would like to see demonstration when equipment is ready for use.

Approval of Open Accounts:

The pre-pay for January 6, 2022, was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts for January 6, 2022 in the amount of \$314,943.72.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Clark, Hyatt

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

An updated COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan has been implemented after recommendations from MCRCSIP.

The quarterly East Central Council meeting is scheduled to be held Thursday, January 20, 2022.

Permit listing was reviewed

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

Bids were received on January 4th, 2022 for the following and discussion was held;

- Signs and Posts
- Dust Control and Anti-Icing Product
- Guardrail
- Brush Spray
- Corrugated Metal Pipe and Plastic Pipe

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Clark to accept all bids and authorize staff to award in the best interest of the county.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Hyatt, Clark

Nays: None

Motion Carried

The 2022 Board Meeting schedule was presented and discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Clark and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve schedule as presented.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Clark, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Miscellaneous:

None

Staff Reports:

Jeff stated he has been working on the bids.

He has been measuring material stockpiles for end of the year inventory.

He has been working on EGLE permits.

He has been working on close out documents for 2021 federal aid projects.

Jon stated they have been doing field reviews with EGLE on the flood repair projects.

He stated there will be a GI meeting today for plan review of Meridian Road over Pine River and MDOT is currently looking at a 4 month approval deadline.

He stated Russ has been working on the ROW for the Waldo-Monroe roundabout.

He is working with MDOT on the local safety initiative program and reviewing local crashes in the county.

There is a meeting with DTE tomorrow to review road damages and repairs from the windmill activity.

He is working with staff on the primary road project selection for 2022.

He stated Art has been working on the township estimates.

The interviews are completed for the labor/truck driver and an offer will be made next week.

We have ordered 500 tons of our backup salt for this year and MDOT has also ordered 500 tons.

Ben stated the shop mechanics have been busy keeping the snow plow equipment on the road.

He is setting up equipment demos for the new equipment purchases this year.

He is working on the advertisement for the stock room update and hopes to have it out in the next couple weeks.

Mike commented on the visibility of the green lights on some of the older plow trucks. Ben stated the lights were different style and a lower profile on the older trucks. He will look into options.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 9:35 a.m. until Wednesday, January 19, 2022.

Brenda Gordert, Finance Director

Mike Atton, Chairman