

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Thursday, July 7, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. at the Midland County Road Commission office.

Present: Mike Atton, Chair  
Jim Hyatt, Vice Chair  
Bruce Clark, Commission Member  
Jon Myers, Managing Director  
Russ Inman, Design Engineer  
Art Buck, Superintendent  
Ben Mead, Facilities Manager  
Donna Lowe, Finance Director  
Ashley Hiles, GIS Technician  
Jeff Brown, Construction Technician

Absent: None

Public Present: Jeanette Snyder, Midland County Board of Commissioners; Laura Dawson, Lee Township; Heidi Pitt, Lee Township; Mindy Manser; Maria Sandow, Larkin Township attended virtually.

#### **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 23, 2022 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Hyatt, Clark

Nays: None

Motion Carried

#### **Public Comment:**

Jeanette Snyder mentioned how much she enjoys the Facebook updates that Ashley has been putting up monthly. It shows the work being done and offers transparency.

Mike Atton introduced his daughter Mindy, who was in the audience.

#### **Approval of Open Accounts:**

The pre-pay for July 7, 2022 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts for July 7, 2022, in the amount of \$1,497,812.74.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Clark

Nays: None

Motion Carried

#### **Correspondence and Items of Information:**

There was a refund of penalties from the IRS from a previous charge.

#### **Permit listing was reviewed**

#### **Unfinished Business:**

None

**New Business:** Donna explained that the Road Commission was put on a Corrective Action plan in 2018 for the under-funded pension plan. We have now had two consecutive Corrective Action plans that did not trigger the severely underfunded status, and we may now be eligible to request

to be removed from the CAP. Motion by Commissioner Clark, and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt for Donna to draft a letter to remove the Midland County Road Commission from the Corrective Action Plan.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Clark

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Misc:**

None

**Staff Reports:**

Jeff was off on vacation to Arizona last week and is now back to work and has been doing a lot of survey support on the Grey Road bridge.

Russ stated that crews have started work on the Flint Road drainage outlet project and it is going very well.

Jon was also on vacation and is now back to work. He updated the board on the legislative budget bill that was passed. The County Road Association did not get the funding they requested. The legislature said it would be included in the supplemental increase in the general budget. MTF funds were increased, but it was not the increase that was hoped for.

The 2022 road millage renewal planning continues. Jon gave an update at The Midland Business Alliance meeting and they have given their support for the millage renewal.

He also stated that he is going to be focusing on updates to permit guidelines and standards. They have needed to be done for a while, and it is something that will be started on shortly.

Jon also updated the board on the union contract. There is a tentative agreement which the union voted to approve. Our lawyer needs to look at it and then it will be provided to the union. He anticipates it will be finished soon as negotiations went so smoothly and he doesn't anticipate any problems.

Art discussed how well the Grey Road Bridge work is going. He is very pleased with it, the weather has cooperated and construction is going well.

He discussed the Flint Street outlet, which is coming together after about 8 years of planning.

Art also discussed the paving projects. There are many paving projects going and will continue.

Line striping is expected to start soon, depending on the company's schedule.

He updated the board on the second round of brine to be done for dust control. That is expected to be completed before the next meeting.

Russ also discussed the Brush Spray program and noted that No Spray permits are due by July 14. After that time, they will begin on the north half.

Art mentioned that the guardrail spray has been done. It was much needed and is very nice to have it done.

Ben updated the board on the stockroom cabinets and shelving. There were 79 pallets delivered, and he and Brian are formulating a plan. They are going to do the install themselves, doing the install category by category. It will make the process smoother than having a company come in to do the install.

He also stated that the new brush cutter is approximately 90% complete. It is in the shop being completed.

Ben also indicated that the new one ton for the Jasper garage has arrived. It has been prepped and outfitted and is now in service.

Ben also discussed the many projects that have been done in the shop on various pieces of equipment. There have been some large jobs done in the last few weeks and they have been very

busy. Mowers are still going and running well. It has been a good summer and the mowing has kept them busy as well.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 9:27 a.m. until Thursday, July 21, 2022.

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Donna Lowe, Finance Director

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Mike Atton, Chair