

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. at the Midland County Road Commission office.

Present: Mike Atton, Chair
Jim Hyatt, Vice Chair
Bill Cozat, Member
Jon Myers, Managing Director
Russ Inman, Director of Engineering
Jeff Brown, Construction Technician
Travis Havercamp, Design Engineer
Donna Lowe, Finance Director
Ben Mead, Facilities Manager
Ashley Hiles, GIS Coordinator
Absent: Art Buck, Superintendent

Public Present: Dan Mieske, Hope Township; Maria Sandow, Larkin Township attended virtually

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Additions to Agenda:

MDOT Agreement 23-5373, Pine River Bridge added to New Business

Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve the minutes of the August 31, 2023 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

Dan Mieske asked questions regarding the Waldo/Monroe roundabout and when it would be fully completed.

Approval of Open Accounts and Payroll:

The payroll for September 14, 2023 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to authorize payroll for September 14, 2023.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

The open accounts for September 14, 2023 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to approve open accounts for September 14, 2023, in the amount of \$207,475.66.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

Act 51 Annual Certification of Employee-Related Conditions

The Board reviewed MDOT 2067, Annual Certification of Employee-related conditions, which is required to be filed by Public Act 51.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to approve the Annual Certification as presented and have it signed by Commissioner Atton.

Roll call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

2023 CRA Commissioners Seminar

The 2023 Commissioners Seminar was discussed. Commissioner Atton and Hyatt cannot attend. Commissioner Cozat will attend.

Letts Road Connector Study – Public Open House – September 12th

Engineering staff will be attending the Open House in Larkin Township along with Rowe to discuss the Letts Road Connector Study. Rowe is conducting a survey for public input and this Open House is the first public engagement meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Amendment of Policy Number 100.04 – Township Cost Sharing

Jon reviewed the amended Township Cost Sharing policy that was discussed at the previous meeting.

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve the amended Township Cost Sharing Policy Number 100.04.

Roll call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

New Business:

September 28, 2023 Meeting

The board discussed that due to vacations, conferences and other conflicts, there would be several people absent for the Board Meeting scheduled for September 28, 2023.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to cancel the September 28, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

MDOT Agreement 23-5373

Jon presented the Board with MDOT Agreement 23-5373 for the scour counter-measures on the Pine River Bridge over the Pine River

Commissioner Hyatt offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

Be it resolved that Contract No. 23-5373, Control Section ER 56000, Job Number 213065CON by and between the MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION and the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Midland, Michigan is hereby accepted.

The following Officials are authorized to sign the said contract:

Jon Myers, Managing Director; Art Buck, Superintendent

Supported by Commissioner Cozat

ADOPTED: AYES: Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

NAYES: None

Miscellaneous:

None

Staff Reports:

Jeff discussed the Waldo/Monroe roundabout, which is open. There will be sporadic closures as they finish up the last few details, but it is largely completed. He also stated that the Tittabawassee Road project will be starting tomorrow. Jeff stated that the recon projects from this summer are finally beginning to be paved and will be completed as quickly as possible.

Russ and the engineering staff have been working in collaboration with Rowe to set up the Letts Road Conductor Study Open House. They have all put in a lot of work to get information out to the public. He also stated he is very happy with the way the roundabout turned out. It looks great and is working very well so far. Russ also attended the MCTOA meeting last week. He was well received and was asked several questions about projects scheduled for next year.

Ashley reported that she has been working on the information for the Letts Road Connector Open House. She has also created an app to track the progress of the construction of the signage project.

Jon gave the update for Art, who was attending the SAM Meeting. The brush program in the south end of the county has been completed. Gravel spreads have started and the grader operators have told him that the new roller is working well on the gravel spreads.

Jon attended the kick-off meeting for the design of the Shaffer Rd over Bluff Creek project. Design is starting for the project which is scheduled for the 2025 Critical Bridge program.

Travis is still working on drainage projects. He has been going out with Jeff to make sure the crew has everything they need to get the work done.

Ben reviewed what was going on with the plan to get the air filtration system in the shop. The contractor has been behind and Ben needs information from the contractor before he can begin electrical and pre-construction work. Kawkawlin Roofing is going to be beginning repairs to the storage facility roof next week. They will be installing new anchors to secure the cap and then they will be sealing over the screws and fasteners. Ben stated that the new semi is complete. He needed to reorder an offset PTO to overcome the issues with the frame that they encountered, but it will be a better setup in the long run. Ben has also been working on finding someone to come in and give pricing on repairing the stucco on the office building, and they should be coming in the next week. He also reported that we took delivery of two new front plows, which will replace two of the plows we have which are 50 plus years old. His plan is to replace 2 each year until they are all new. Ben spoke to the board about his decision to take a new position with AIS and thanked the board for the support he has received in his nine years at the Road Commission.

Commissioner Hyatt asked about the work being done on the bridge on M30. Jeff had talked to Jason Potts from MDOT about what was going on. The work is being done by a contractor for MDOT.

Commissioner Atton asked about shoulder work being done South M30. Jon commented that they are doing shoulder gravel in Midland County and Saginaw County is widening and paving the shoulders on M30.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 9:40 a.m. until Thursday, October 12, 2023.

Donna Lowe, Finance Director

Mike Atton, Chair