

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Board Clerk Donna Lowe on Thursday, January 4, 2024, 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
Officer Bill vonMatt, Weighmaster
Donna Lowe, Finance Director
Ashley Hiles, GIS Coordinator
Russ Inman, Director of Engineering
Jeff Brown, Construction Technician
Travis Havercamp, Design Engineer
Art Buck, Superintendent

Absent: Steve Youngs, Fleet and Facilities Manager

Public Present: Jeanette Snyder, Midland County Board of Commissioners

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

The Clerk called for the Election of Board Officers for 2023.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat 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, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Atton 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, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

At this time, 9:04 a.m., the Clerk turned the meeting over to Chairman Atton.

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt that the depository of the Midland County Road Commission will be Huntington Bank for the ensuing year; And For investment purposes, the Road Commission may use Huntington Bank or any other entity, as determined by the Clerk of the Road Commission and the County Treasurer, for the ensuing year; And

All investments shall comply with Public Act 20, as amended.

Roll call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt that the Midland Daily News be the official register for its publications.

Roll call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Additions to Agenda:

None

Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2023 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

None

Approval of Open Accounts and Payroll:

The payroll for January 4, 2024 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to authorize payroll for January 4, 2024.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Open accounts for December 30, 2023 were discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to approve open accounts for December 30, 2023, in the amount of \$521,110.07

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

None

Unfinished Business:

CRA Highway Conference and Road Show

Registration for the CRA Highway Conference and Road Show is open now. It will be held in Lansing March 19 – 21, 2024, and hotel rooms will need to be booked early. All three Commissioners stated they would only be attending the Road Show on Wednesday.

New Business:

Weighmaster Annual Update

Officer Bill vonMatt gave the board an update on his patrol activities for the last year. He has seen evidence that his enforcement and public relations events have had a positive effect, as violations are down compared to prior years. This year he started working with the Career Technical Education instructor at MidMichigan College as part of his public education efforts. The board commented that they have all heard positive things about Officer vonMatt from the community and appreciate his work.

Miscellaneous:

None

Staff Reports:

Art reported that township estimates for 2024 construction projects are out. Two townships have already returned their signed estimates. The weather has been very good, so crews have been

out at the clay pit doing clean up, grading gravel roads one last time before snow hits and finishing tree cleanup.

Jon has been busy with implementation of the various technologies we will be using in the new year. He has the Everbridge software set up for employee call-in and notifications with testing underway. He attended several incident command training courses online that he was required to complete because he is the backup Road Commission representative for the E.O.C. He also attended a meeting regarding internet connectivity activities in Midland County. He mentioned that the East Central Council meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2024, but so far we haven't had any communication about it yet.

Donna has been busy preparing for the end of the year and the "go live" date for the new accounting software. She also gave an update for Steve, who was absent from the meeting. Steve reported that the Samsara units have been installed in truck 642 fully and partially installed in 638. Both cameras are active. He also has Blasey Electric coming to install exterior lighting upgrades at the Sanford building. Steve also stated that Jeff's new truck is in the shop being outfitted and would be in service soon. He also reports that all equipment is currently up and running with no equipment down.

Russ has been busy with several computer issues that took up a lot of his time between the holidays. He gave an update on the Poseyville Rd. FHWA flood repair project. They are working on a time extension and waiting for approval so they can get submit the project for bids. There is a plan for a second Letts Road Connector Open House, tentatively set for Monday, February 12, 2024, from 5-7 pm at the Larkin Township Hall, which he will begin advertising as soon as he confirms availability of the Township Hall.

Jeff has been getting the first batch of material bids out for advertisement, which are due the 16th of January and will be presented at the board meeting on the 17th. He has also been working on surveys for a few large culvert replacements scheduled for 2024.

Ashley has been working on a 2023 recap video and Impress Award submissions, which are due January 12th.

Travis is finishing up the TAMC Asset Management Plan and then will be working on design for 2024 culvert replacement projects next week.

Commissioner Cozat complemented everyone on a good year and is looking forward to a great 2024.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 9:30 am until Wednesday, January 17, 2024.

Donna Lowe, Finance Director

Mike Atton, Chair