

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Thursday, March 28, 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
Art Buck, Superintendent
Steve Youngs, Fleet and Facilities Manager
Donna Lowe, Finance Director
Russ Inman, Director of Engineering
Jeff Brown, Construction Technician

Absent: Travis Havercamp, Design Engineer
Ashley Hiles, GIS Coordinator

Public Present: Jeanette Snyder, Midland County Board of Commissioners; Rod Kloha; Maria Sandow, Larkin Township, attended remotely.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Additions to Agenda:

None

Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2024 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Cozat

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

None

Approval of Open Accounts and Payroll:

The payroll for March 28, 2024 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to authorize payroll for March 28, 2024.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Cozat

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Open accounts for March 28, 2024 were discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve open accounts for March 14, 2024, in the amount of \$330,144.30.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Cozat

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

The board discussed a public open house MDOT is holding in the road commission's board room on April 2, 2024 to address the M-30 bridge replacement over US-10 in 2025.

Unfinished Business:

Material Bid Results

Jon reviewed the bid results for item 2024-08, the Parks and Recreation parking lot grading and paving project. There had previously been some confusion on the part of the contractors about what they were bidding on, and it was necessary to reach out to one of the bidders to confirm their price before awarding the bid. After confirming the bid, Jon recommended the board award the contract to Pyramid Paving.

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to award the parking lot grading and paving contract for Parks and Recreation to Pyramid Paving.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Local Bridge Program applications

Discussion was held on candidate projects for the fiscal year 2027 Local Bridge Program.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and second by Commissioner Cozat to submit applications for FY2027 Local Bridge Funding and offer the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of County Road Commissioners, County of Midland, has reviewed the 2024 applications for FY2027 Local Bridge Program funding.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Road Commissioners, County of Midland, actively seek Federal and State participation with the following structures, listed in priority:

- Replacement of Stewart Road over Little Salt Creek, Lee Township, section 27, structure #7000 – L37.
- Rehabilitation of Gordonville Road over Tittabawassee River, Midland Township, section 35, structure #6934 – P34.
- Replacement of Orr Road over Jo Drain, Ingersoll Township, section 25 and Tittabawassee Township, section 30, Saginaw County, structure #6984 – L18.
- Preventative Maintenance, Multiple Structures:
 - Preventative Maintenance of Kent Road over Little Salt Creek, Jasper Township, sections 16/21, structure #6930 – P31.
 - Preventative Maintenance of Jasper Road over Little Salt Creek, Jasper Township, section 2, structure #6988 – P23.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Cozat, Hyatt

Nays: None

Resolution Adopted

New Business

2023 Certification Maps

Russ reviewed the 2023 Road Certification Maps. There were no changes to the miles during the 2023 calendar year.

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to allow Chairman Atton to sign the Certification Maps and for Russ to submit them.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Social Media Policy Review

Jon discussed two new policies MCRCSIP had sent out regarding Social Media use. He provided the board with a copy of the Road Commission's current social media policy as well as the two MCRCSIP had developed. He is looking for suggestions to be discussed at a later date for ways that the current policy could be modified to include all of the information that the board feels is needed.

Miscellaneous:

None

Staff Reports:

Steve reported that the crew is working on cleaning up the winter equipment and getting ready for ditching projects to start.

Art stated that there was a company coming to demonstrate an automated flagging device in the afternoon, which he is looking at purchasing to make flagging at project sites safer for the crews. He reported that he has set up several trainings for the staff recently, including a presentation from MCRCSIP about crash scenes, a First Aid/CPR certification class, a three-day chainsaw and tree felling training and a fork and bucket truck certification put on by CRASIF. Art also stated that the 4 ten-hour work schedule will begin the second week of April.

Jon was happy to report that after years of preparation, the Bailey Bridge project was officially turned in for bidding. He discussed the TAP grant for non-motorized study projects the MPO is working on. Jon also stated he had spoken to Kevin Wray from MCTOA about organizing a meeting of a road committee in early April. The 4-bridge preventative maintenance project will be starting this week, which will include work being done on: SN 7004 – 4 3/4 Mile Road over Pine River, SN 6931 – Freeland Road over Bullock Creek, SN 6999 – Gordonville Road over Little Salt Creek, and SN 6947 – 9 Mile Road over Pine River. Jon also spoke to the Michigan State Police about the installation of a four-way stop sign at the intersection of Sturgeon and Shaffer Roads.

Jeff has been working on orders for large culverts required for various projects to be done this season. He stated there are 2 more material bids out currently, which are due April 8, 2024. He has also been working on his survey training presentation next week for the crew.

Russ stated that he had been at the County Road Association conference last week and there were several things he learned about there that he would like to follow up on. He reported that MCRC had received two Impress Awards at the conference, one in the Collaboration Category and one in the Communication Category; both involved the shared Weighmaster program the Road Commission has with Gladwin and Isabella Counties. Russ also stated that he has been working on a process to record past easements and rights-of-way that had never been filed with the Register of Deeds.

Commissioner Cozat thanked everyone who had worked so hard on getting the Bailey Bridge project ready to be submitted for bidding. It was a bigger project than anyone had imagined, and he was very happy with how hard everyone worked together to get it done.

Commissioner Atton mentioned the tragic bridge collapse in Maryland and requested that everyone keep the victims and their families in their thoughts. He also requested that the April 11, 2024 meeting be moved from 9:00 am to 9:30 am to accommodate an appointment he has that morning. Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to move the meeting time to 9:30 am on April 11.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioner Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 9:45 a.m. until Thursday, April 11, 2024.

Donna Lowe, Finance Director

Mike Atton, Chair