

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Sagle on Thursday, March 26, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at the Road Commission office.

Present: Janice Sagle, Chairman  
Don Terwillegar, Vice Chairman  
Mike Atton, Member  
Terry Palmer, Managing Director  
Russ Inman, Design Engineer  
Sam SanMiguel, Superintendent  
Brenda Gordert, Clerk  
Ben Mead, Fleet and Facilities Manager  
Art Buck, Design Technician

Absent: None

Public Present: Gene Smith; Al Kloha, County Board of Commissioners; Carla Stremlow, Warren Township; Dan Bloom, Mills Township Supervisor; Andy Kobisa, Hope Township; Dick Dougherty, Mt. Haley Township Supervisor.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

**Additions to Agenda:**

Terry added summer help wages under New Business.

Township Road Committee was moved to top of the agenda.

Terry gave presentation on Proposal I and answered questions

Dan Bloom and Andy Kobisa expressed concerns regarding the additional registrations fees and funding for schools that are attached to the sales tax increase. They thanked Terry for the informative presentation and answering their questions.

**Public Comment:**

Dan Bloom asked about the progress on the repaving of Sturgeon Road. Sam stated he has talked with Central Asphalt many times and it will be done as soon as possible and will schedule it with the continuation of another half mile to get a quality finish on the entire project.

Andy Kobisa asked about tree removal contracts. Sam met with 911 and Township Fire Chiefs to explain the Road Commission should be first contact for trees across roadways.

Carla Stremlow asked when they would receive their township estimates for 2015. Sam stated he is working on them. We will be taking bids for road materials in a couple weeks.

Dick Dougherty commented on the nice job the crews did this winter.

Al Kloha commented on the tax bond invoice the Road Commission received from the County Treasurer.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Atton to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2015 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Terwillegar, Sagle

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Approval of Open Accounts:**

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Atton to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts for March 26, 2015 in the amount of \$233,299.35.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioner Terwillegar, Sagle, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Correspondence & Items of Information:**

Commissioner Seminar will be held April 12-14, 2015 in Grand Traverse. Janice Sagle and Mike Atton will be attending.

**Permit listing was reviewed.**

**Unfinished Business:**

Discussion on Pioneer Trail abandonment lawsuit. Terry met with Attorney Bill Smith and Kim Haller of County Parks on Friday, March 20 to discuss a settlement in the case.

Update on Brugger vs MCRC motorcycle accident lawsuit. Insurance pool has been notified and will take necessary steps.

Glenn Street (Buttonville) abandonment lawsuit update. Attorney Bill Smith will be handling the case and will take the necessary steps. The Board feels the entire plat should be amended.

Quotes have been taken for a new phone system:

Vendor	Phone System	Phones	Total
Martel	\$3,875.00	\$2,760.00	\$6,635.00
ITI	\$4,327.61	\$2,027.88	\$6,355.49
CTI	\$3,268.50	\$4,785.00	\$8,053.50

Discussion was held regarding quotes. CTI was lowest for phone systems but highest on the actual phones. The additional features of the CTI system will save in cost of additional phone lines that the two other systems will not allow.

Moved by Commissioners Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Atton to accept quote from CTI.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Terwillegar, Sagle, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Discussion on mechanic position. Position was posted internally and was not signed. Advertisement has been put on the Road Commission website, CRA website, Midland Daily News, and Michigan Works. Applications will be accepted until April 7.

**New Business:**

Russ presented the certification maps to be signed by Chairman Sagle.

Terry discussed selling the Smith Crossing Bridge (Mapleton). It is a historical bridge that serves no purpose for the Road Commission since the construction of the Gordonville Road Bridge.

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Atton to sell the historical bridge to any entity to preserve.

Roll Call

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Sagle, Terwillegar

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Ben Mead submitted proposals for a new excavator and discussion was held. Road Commission heavy equipment operators have all had a chance to demo the machines and mechanics have all looked them over. It is recommended to the board to purchase John Deere excavator from AIS for \$224,907.00 off the state bid MiDeal Contract.

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner to accept recommendation of Ben Mead to purchase John Deere excavator from AIS.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Sagle, Terwillegar, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Summer help wages were discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Atton to pay first year summer help \$9.00 per hour and second year and beyond \$10.00 per hour.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Sagle, Atton, Terwillegar

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Miscellaneous:**

Pine River Road slope restoration projects has been completed. Project looks very good but when guard rail was installed the posts punctured cross tube. We will be holding final payment until further investigation and an agreement can be reached on warranty or reduction in cost.

Sam will be holding a meeting out to Geneva Road between Shepherd & Kent at 2:00 pm. on Monday. Meeting will be regarding cross tube with I-beam and power line installed by B & B Farms within the right-of-way.

Meeting with IT Right next week before making any decisions on computer server, new webpage and facebook page.

**Staff Reports:**

Sam reported he has been working on township estimates, the crews are busy grading roads and steaming tubes.

Ben reported his mechanics are working hard. Roger Barring is off with his wrist surgery and temporary mechanic Shane Wright is doing a good job. Dan is working on the new trucks. The new pickups have been ordered and are six weeks out. The insurance claim on the burned truck has been settled. It is of no value to the insurance company so we will be selling the truck for scrap as soon as possible.

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Atton to adjourn meeting at 12:10 p.m. until Thursday, April 9, 2015.

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Clerk

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Chairman