

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Sagle on Thursday, September 22, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the Road Commission office.

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

Public Present: Gene Smith, Midland County Planning Commission Chairman; Dan Sagle, Jasper Township Supervisor; Bill Ricards; Ron Schauman and Mike Rybicki from RDM Development.

**Additions to Agenda:**

New Business – Safety Grant Applications

**Approval of Minutes:**

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Atton to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2016 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Terwillegar, Sagle

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Public Comment:**

Bill Ricards addressed the board with concerns regarding the speed limit on West River Road in Jerome Township at the location of the motorcycle fatality that occurred a couple weeks ago. He would like to have the speed limit reduced and would like to have signs installed for distracted drivers to promote safety awareness.

**Approval of Open Accounts:**

The pre-pay for September 22, 2016 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Atton and seconded by Commissioner Terwillegar to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts for September 22, 2016 in the amount of \$535,211.86.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Terwillegar, Sagle, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Correspondence and Items of Information:**

A letter was received from Melissa Haworth and Jan Pavlik (Citizens of North Wheeler) to request the removal of "Pavement Funded by the VanLoon Family" signs on the NE Gratiot-Midland County Line Road in Porter Township. Discussion was held and an acknowledgement letter will be sent.

Russ presented a draft of the brochure he has been working on for the road millage renewal. Brochure will be mailed to all county residents in early October.

**Permit listing was reviewed**

**Unfinished Business**

Discussion was held on the reconstruction of South County Line Road in Jasper Township. Plans have been completed by Isabella County Road Commission and they have taken bids. Moved by Commissioner Atton and seconded by Commissioner Terwillegar to allow Terry Palmer to accept bid and sign contract with Isabella County Road Commission in the best interest of the county.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Sagle, Atton, Terwillegar

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**New Business:**

Mike Rybicki and Ron Schauman of RDM Development presented the final plat of Siebert Woods Subdivision in Larkin Township, section 16. Discussion ensued.

Moved by Commissioner Atton and seconded by Commissioner Terwillegar to accept Siebert Woods Subdivision final plat.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Sagle, Terwillegar, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

A request was received from Bennett Construction to accept Coyote Ridge Drive in Larkin Township, section 10, into the county road system. Discussion ensued.

Moved by Commissioner Atton and seconded by Commissioner Terwillegar to accept Coyote Ridge Drive into the county road system as a certified road.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Terwillegar, Atton, Sagle

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Sam presented information regarding a pending lawsuit with Frontier facilities. Cable was not correctly marked and consequently damaged during reconstruction of Salt River Road in Greendale Township. Crews were told by a Frontier representative the cable was dead and finished the project. Frontier is now seeking damages of \$8,009.84 to replace cables. Sam has contacted MCRCSIP and will follow up.

Discussion was held on safety grants for 2018.

Moved by Commissioners Atton and seconded by Commissioner Terwillegar to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, under the transportation bill SAFETEA-LU, the Local Safety Program Funds are available under a competitive based consideration, and

WHEREAS, projects are funded at 80% up to an amount not to exceed \$600,000, with a minimum 20% local match, and

WHEREAS, the Midland County Road Commission has selected Eastman Road near E. Shaffer Road for widening to three lanes in Mills Township.

THEREOFRE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Road Commissioners, County of Midland, authorized Terence Palmer, Managing Director, to apply for these funds.

Roll call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Terwillegar, Sagle

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Moved by Commissioners Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Atton to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, under the transportation bill SAFETEA-LU, the Local Safety Program Funds are available under a competitive based consideration, and

WHEREAS, projects are funded at 80% up to an amount not to exceed \$600,000, with a minimum 20% local match, and

WHEREAS, the Midland County Road Commission has selected Poseyville Road between Brooks and Gordonville Roads for shoulder widening and paving, slope flattening and fixed object removal in Ingersoll Township.

THEREOFRE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Road Commissioners, County of Midland, authorized Terence Palmer, Managing Director, to apply for these funds.

Roll call.

Yeas: Commissioners Terwillegar, Sagle, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Miscellaneous:**

Discussion was held on the Blue Cross rate changes for 2017. Blue Cross will no longer offer our current benefit plan and options were discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Atton to purchase a higher deductible plan and contract with EHIM as a third party administer to wrap back to the benefits stated in the union contract.

Roll call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Terwillegar, Sagle

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Discussion was held regarding the Board Meeting scheduled for October 6, 2016.

Administrative staff will be out of the office attending the Superintendent's conference.

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Atton to cancel board meeting and allow finance director to process payroll and open accounts with listing to be reviewed at the next meeting.

Roll call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Sagle, Terwillegar

Nays: None

Motion Carried

At 10:30 a.m. Jasper Township board members Dan Sagle, Supervisor; Carol Aldrich, Treasurer; and Roxanne Gibson and Ted Roe, Trustees; joined the meeting to discuss road projects for 2017. Jasper Township left meeting at 11:15 a.m.

At 11:15 a.m. Porter Township board members Bob Fleming, Supervisor; John Girvin, Treasurer; Donald Anger, Trustee; and Tom Corbat joined the meeting to discuss road projects for 2017. Porter Township left meeting at 12:00 p.m.

At 12:00 p.m. Greendale Township board members Jim Laviere, Supervisor; Ruth Knapp, Clerk; and Sandi Schumacher, Trustee; joined the meeting to discuss road projects for 2017. Greendale Township left meeting at 1:30 p.m.

**Staff Reports:**

Ben discussed the recent approval of the green lights for county vehicles for visibility. We will start implementing them as new vehicles are purchased for fleet.

Sam stated the fog seal has been completed on the sealcoat projects. Saginaw Asphalt is in working on the caps on the asphalt projects. The crews are busy working on the township drainage projects.

Terry reviewed priorities for MATS;

First priority will be Mier Road and the Alamando corridor.

Second priority will be continuing with Alamando corridor along with Gordonville or Bradford.

Third priority will be 9 Mile & Burns Road.

Moved by Commissioner Sagle to adjourn meeting at 2:00 p.m. until Thursday October 20, 2016.

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Brenda Gordert, Clerk

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Janice Leatherman Sagle, Chairman