

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Vice Chairman Terwillegar on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at the Road Commission office.

Present: 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: Janice Sagle, Chairman

Public Present: Gene Smith; Al Kloha, County Board of Commissioners

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Additions to Agenda:

None

Approval of Minutes:

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

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Terwillegar

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

None

Approval of Open Accounts:

Moved by Commissioner Atton and seconded by Commissioner Terwillegar to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts for February 26, 2015 in the amount of \$263,794.55.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioner Terwillegar, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence & Items of Information:

Terry gave update on the CRA Conference. Russ, Sam, Ben and Mike also attended vendor program of the conference and thought it was very informative and one of the better programs put on.

Terry volunteered the Road Commission for a pilot program for tow plows for US10 and M20 if MODT supplies equipment. A tow plow could clear more lane miles and reduce the number of passes our snow plow would normally make. Also volunteered for E Proposal & E Inspection. Looking into GPS software for trucks that could also show weather conditions. Terry is on a committee for Federal Highway to make sure testing is done. Looking into GRS-IBS structure for Kent Road bridge over Jo Drain in Ingersoll Township and gathering information to test "Ultra Thin Overlays" on a couple roads in Midland County.

Permit listing was reviewed.

Unfinished Business:

Discussion on Pioneer Trail lawsuit. Attorney Bill Smith has filed papers and we are waiting to hear back. It may be a compromise to accept the road back into the county system as a seasonal road with no county money spent to upgrade.

New Business:

Discussion was held on the critical bridge program.

Moved by Commissioner Atton and second by Commissioner Terwillegar to submit an application for Critical Bridge Funding and offer the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of County Road Commissioners, County of Midland, has reviewed the 2015 application for Critical Bridge 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 Sasse Road over Fleming Drain, Ingersoll Township
- Preventative Maintenance of Meridian Rd over Prairie Creek, Homer & Lee Townships
- Rehabilitation of Castor Rd over Big Salt River, Geneva & Jerome Townships
- Replacement of Coleman Rd over Chippewa River, Greendale Township
- Replacement of Kent Rd over Jo Drain, Ingersoll Township

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Terwillegar

Nays: None

Resolution Adopted

Discussion on the Stoneman Drain. Terry met with Drain Commissioner Doug Enos and it was decided the Road Commission would pay for the cost of the cross tube not to exceed \$12,000 to upgrade tube to Road Commission specifications. Cross tube will also have metal ends installed.

Miscellaneous:

Terry gave updates on West River Road and Pine River Road slope restoration projects. West River Road is almost complete. They have moved the large hammer to Pine River Road and they are back on schedule for a March 1 completion date.

Terry is looking into safety improvements along Gordonville and Badour Roads at the Bullock Creek High School and also at the intersection of Gordonville and Badour. Students are walking on Gordonville Road and there have been numerous accidents along that stretch of roadway. Proposed widening to three lanes with curb and gutter along Gordonville Road using 2016 Urban Funds. Proposed left turn lane on Badour Road with safety funds in 2017. He will be contacting the townships for input and support.

Staff Reports:

Sam stated he has been sending out township estimates for 2015 construction program. They are cleaning out the cold storage building. He attended the quad meeting at Lee Township and discussion was held regarding tree cutting by the township fire department. He has notified 911 to call Road Commission first and we will take care of down trees on the roadway. Crews have been cutting trees along the shoulders of M18. Kevin has contacted property owners and has permission to cut from the property side making it much safer for the crews.

Ben presented quotes for pickup trucks for the shop foreman, road foreman and superintendent. Discussion was held and more information will be brought back next meeting.

Art has been busy going through old plans and indexing them. He is updating manuals and design standards. Helping out with weekend call-ins and permits. He will be attending the Coleman Road Bridge pre-con meeting on February 27.

Russ stated he has been busy with MPO interviews assisting them in hiring an assistant.

Brenda is looking into new phone system and getting a couple quotes and looking into upgrades for the accounting system with Cogitate.

Mike attended new commissioner workshop and thought it was very informative.

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Atton to adjourn meeting at 11:15 a.m. until Thursday, March 12, 2015.

Clerk

Vice Chairman