

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Vice Chairman Sagle on Thursday, January 15, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at the Road Commission office.

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

Absent: None

Public Present: Rachel Phillips, Wade Trim; Andy Kobisa, Hope Township Supervisor; Brian Hockemeyer, Gene Smith

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Meeting was turned over to Brenda Gordert, Clerk, for Election of Board Officers for 2015.

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Atton to nominate Commissioner Sagle for Chairman of the Board of County Road Commissioners, County of Midland, for the ensuing year.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Terwillegar, Atton, Sagle

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Moved by Commissioner Sagle and seconded by Commissioner Atton to nominate Commissioner Terwillegar for Vice Chairman of the Board of County Road Commissioners, County of Midland, for the ensuing year.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Terwillegar, Atton, Sagle

Nays: None

Motion Carried

At this time, 9:10 a.m., the Clerk turned the meeting over to Chairman Sagle.

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Atton that the regular meetings of the Midland County Road Commission begin with Thursday, January 15, 2015, and regular meetings will be on Thursdays every two weeks thereafter at 9:00 a.m., except when rescheduled by the Board.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Sagle, Terwillegar, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Atton that the depository of the Midland County Road Commission will be Chemical Bank. For investment, the road commission may use Chemical Bank or any other entity that the Clerk of the Road Commission or the County Treasurer uses for the ensuing year. All investments will comply with Public Act 20, as amended.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Terwillegar, Sagle

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Moved by Commissioner Atton and seconded by Commissioner Terwillegar that the Midland Daily News, but not limited to, be the official register for its publications, such as meeting date changes, bids, notices, etc.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Sagle, Terwillegar, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Additions to Agenda:

None

Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Commissioner Sagle and seconded by Commissioner Atton to approve the minutes of the December 30, 2014 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Sagle, Terwillegar

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

Andy Kobisa inquired about the new millage and when the townships would receive monies. The monies will be allocated in 2016. Andy also inquired about the M30 round-about. Construction on the round-about will start in April 2015 and completion date is July 1.

Gene Smith welcomed new Managing Director Terry Palmer and new Commissioner Mike Atton.

Brian Hockemeyer also welcomed new Managing Director Terry Palmer and new Commissioner Mike Atton.

Approval of Open Accounts:

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Atton to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts for January 15, 2015 in the amount of \$144,195.72.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Sagle, Atton, Terwillegar

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence & Items of Information:

None

Permit listing was reviewed.

Unfinished Business:

Discussion was held on a vehicle for the Managing Director. A GMC Acadia was approved on December 30, 2014. After further review by staff it was decided a pickup would be a better option.

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Atton to approve the purchase of a 2015 GMC Sierra from the state bid program.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Terwillegar, Sagle

Nays: None

Motion Carried

At 9:45 am Midland Township board members Terry Holt, Supervisor; Larry Leach and Mark Radosa, trustees; joined the meeting to discuss road projects for 2015. Midland Township left meeting at 10:30 am.

Discussion was held on hiring an Engineer Technician. Initial interviews were held a couple months ago and Terry has completed a second interview with one of the candidates and he recommends filling the position.

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Atton to fill the Engineer Technician position at a pay range of \$20.00 - \$26.50 per hour.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Terwillegar, Sagle, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

New Business:

Discussion was held on policy review. Commissioners were given copies of Road Commission policies and it was decided to add it to the agenda on March 12.

Bids were presented for the slope stabilization projects on Pine River Road and West River Road:

West River Road

Crawford - \$280,925

Fisher - \$244,342

Gerace – \$250,300

ET Mackenzie - \$243,525

Pine River Road – Main Bid:

Crawford - \$518,700

Fisher- \$440,758

Gerace - \$345,000

Pine River Road - Alternate Bid:

Crawford - \$315,000

Gerace - \$310,000

Note: Only Gerace provided a comprehensive schedule as required by the contract documents. Recommendation from Terry is Gerace for both projects providing they agree to both and the schedule. If not all bidders are qualified and acceptable. Also recommend the alternate bid as it is the preferred the option, less expensive but more difficult to build.

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Atton to accept recommendation and approve bid of Gerace Construction.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Sagle, Terwillegar, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Discussion on building maintenance. We will be painting the small board room and replacing carpet from the board room door back to the engineering room door. A new septic tank will be installed this spring.

Bids were received for the Coleman Road Bridge over Big Salt River, Geneva Township. MDOT is auditing bids and low bidder is Milbocker and Sons, Inc. with a bid of \$1,533,089. Project will start June 1 and completion is scheduled for October 18.

The annual CRA Conference is February 17-19, 2015. Don Terwillegar and Terry Palmer will be attending.

Terry explained the Economic Development Fund and the Transportation Alternatives Program and will be looking into possible grants and projects.

Terry explained the Local Safety Program and grants are available up to \$600,000. A safety review will be done and locations with numerous accidents will be looked at.

Consulting Services Contracts will be bid out this year.

Al Kloha is a new County Commissioner and has stopped by and introduced himself. He will be the representative for the Road Commission and will be attending some of our meetings.

Website will be updated. Suggestions are to start with board meeting minutes and agendas and add plans and projects. Maps and asset management are all possibilities for the new website.

Staff Reports:

Sam, Terry, and Russ all attended the Jerome Township board meeting and explained how the estimates are figured and the process for sealcoats, crack sealing, overlays and drainage.

Sam reported interviews have been completed for temporary truck drivers. Three applicants have been hired and they will be starting work in the next two weeks.

Safety meeting was held with the crew. Leather gloves have been purchased for the crew and safety jackets and hard hats will be ordered.

Miscellaneous:

Due to lack of quorum the next meeting scheduled for January 29, 2015 has been canceled.

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Atton to adjourn meeting at 11:50 a.m. until Thursday, February 12, 2015.

Clerk

Chairman