

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Sagle on Thursday, May 19, 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
Sara Iverson, Payroll Clerk
Russ Inman, Design Engineer
Ben Mead, Facilities Manager
Sam SanMiguel, Superintendent
Art Buck, Engineering Technician

Absent: Brenda Gordert, Clerk

Public Present: Al Kloha, Midland County Board of Commissioners, Dan Sagle, MCTOA

Additions to Agenda:

None

Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Atton to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2016 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Terwillegar, Sagle

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

Dan Sagle, MCTOA, commented on the capitalization issues on some of the new road signs being installed in the county. The Road Commission is aware of the issue, it has been corrected and the signs will be replaced as soon as possible.

County Commissioner Al Kloha mentioned that there are reflectors at Chippewa River Road and M30 warning of cross road traffic and he would like to see those placed further north on M30 as well as no passing zones at cross roads. Terry agreed that the reflectors are a good safety measure and there has been discussion of passing flares being placed at cross roads as well. Al also stated that in his discussions with constituents there have been no negative comments regarding the road millage renewal.

Approval of Open Accounts:

The pre-pay for May 19, 2016 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Atton and seconded by Commissioner Terwillegar to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts for May 19, 2016 in the amount of \$280,675.14.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Terwillegar, Sagle

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence & Items of Information:

Correspondence was received from Stacy Cowan at 4477 E. Wackerly Road requesting the Road Commission resume maintenance on the half mile of Wackerly Road west of Waldo Road. The roadway was not abandoned, but incorrectly removed from certification in 1998. There is currently a gate in place 400' east of Waldo Road, owned by Mark Rapanos, a property owner on Wackerly Road who is in favor of the Road Commission resuming maintenance of the road. Mr. Rapanos indicated he would remove the gate.

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Atton to re-certify Wackerly Road for up to one half mile west of Waldo Road.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Terwillegar, Atton, Sagle

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Discussion of re-certification of Swede Rd in Larkin Township.

Moved by Commissioner Atton and seconded by Commissioner Terwillegar to re-certify Swede Road from Marilyn's Lane north to the section line.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Terwillegar, Sagle

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Commissioner Terwillegar mentioned that a resident in Ingersoll Township had asked him why there was a gate up on a McNitt Public ROW east off Badour Road at Bradford Road. Discussion ensued and staff will make contact with property owner to remove the gate.

Informational update on CRASIF's changeover from a self-insured group fund to a mutual fund and issues that have caused delays.

Permit listing was reviewed

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

Bids were received for the Gordonville/Badour Road safety project, Shaw Contracting was low bidder at \$1,337,567.99. Terry commented that the project came in a little over estimate but stated that he believes Shaw Contracting will do a great job.

Discussion of PA 181 and 182; new County Road Agency competitive bidding requirements. PA 181 provides the townships with the option to require local projects exceeding specified costs to be bid out. Terry stated this would be acceptable to the Road Commission, as we have too many projects already. PA 182 requires road agencies to bid out all construction or preservation projects that exceed \$100,000 unless the agency can prove that it is in the county's best interest to not require competitive bidding. Discussion ensued regarding projects being bid out as a package or each component of a project being bid separately as the Road Commission already does. Terry stated that our bridge projects are over \$100,000 and might fall under the competitive bidding requirement except for the Road Commission has already bid out each individual component of the project other than labor. The Board of Commissioners agreed that should fulfill the requirements of PA 182.

Miscellaneous:

None

Staff Reports:

Terry stated he and Janice would be attending the East Central Council meeting in Oscoda County on May 26th at 9:30 a.m. Terry provided the Commissioners with a copy of the Michigan Roads & Bridge annual report and asked for input on a 5 year plan for bridges and primary roads. Discussion of how the new funding will impact the condition of roads and bridges. Janice commented that this information should be provided to the Township Road Committee and could be presented to the townships at the MCTOA dinner.

Sam stated that the seasonal employees have started crack sealing on Freeland Road and will move on to the other roads slated for chip seals this year. He drove the roads to be chip sealed with Highway Maintenance to clear up any questions on expectations. Crews are also working on digging

out locations for skip patching and the wedging planned for roads slated for ultra-thin overlays has started as well. Our crews are keeping busy replacing a long list cross tubes due to a rough spring. Paving will start soon.

Ben stated the new mini excavator was delivered last week and the operator loves the new machine. He has built a training lap around the drainage pond to help train the new seasonal employees who will be operating the mower tractors. Each mower operator will have about 6 hours of training on operation of equipment, quality control, safety and maintenance of equipment before being sent out on the roads. He mentioned the new landscaping in the front of the building and how it was an effort by all the staff and was complimented on how it looks by the Commissioners. Seasonal employees are also working on tree trimming on the perimeter of the property. Work continues on the sign shop, the timber racks are being replaced by custom built metal racks.

Art stated that the West River Road bridge was paved May 16th and rides well and additional stone is being added to the shoulders. He is keeping busy with surveying and permits.

Russ has the two co-op workers doing culvert inventory and adding the information to Roadsoft. Dennis continues to work on the guardrail inventory and traffic counts. Devin has been working on scanning the driveway permits so that the information can be added the GIS system. We are now asset management compliant for 2015. He is reviewing subdivision and site condo plans and designing drainage plans.

Mike stated that he has been into Mitch Art to discuss getting some options for the sign at the road. He's hoping by the next meeting he will have some options to present.

Janice asked if the new logo was on all of the equipment. Ben stated that there are a few pieces of equipment that still need to be changed over. She attended the quad meeting and it went well, Kevin and Sam attended and did a great job but there were many questions about Salt River Road and the cracking along the shoulders. She continues to get questions on the last mile of paving on County Line Road. Discussion ensued regarding Isabella County's scheduling and when work will begin to rebuild the road bed and dig ditches before it can be paved. Janice and the other Commissioners asked Terry to make contact with Tony Casali, Isabella County Road Commission, by Monday, May 23rd, to find out when we can expect the soil borings to take place.

Moved by Commissioner Sagle to adjourn meeting at 10:28 a.m. until Thursday, June 2, 2016.

Sara Iverson, Payroll Clerk

Janice Leatherman Sagle, Chairman