

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Sagle on Thursday, August 13, 2015 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  
Art Buck, Engineering Technician

Absent: None

Public Present: Gene Smith, Midland County Planning Commission Chairman

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

**Additions to Agenda:**

Under New Business:

- Hourly Employees
- Compactor purchase
- Truck Rodeo
- Safety Project Eastman Road

**Approval of Minutes:**

Moved by Commissioner Atton and seconded by Commissioner Terwillegar to approve the minutes of the July 30, 2015 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Sagle, Terwillegar

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Public Comment:**

None

**Approval of Open Accounts:**

The pre-pay for August 13, 2015 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Atton and seconded by Commissioner Terwillegar to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts for August 13, 2015 in the amount of \$492,014.82.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioner Sagle, Terwillegar, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Correspondence & Items of Information:**

Township Allocations for 2016 were discussed.

East Central Council Meeting will be held August 27<sup>th</sup> hosted by Isabella County.

MCTOA General Membership meeting will be held September 3<sup>rd</sup> at Porter Township hall.

**New Business:**

Title VI Plan updated and discussed.

Per MDOT requirements an updated plan must be adopted and submitted by August 14, 2015.

Moved by Commissioner Atton and seconded by Commission Terwillegar to approve updated Title VI Policy. Full policy will be printed and added to policy book.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Sagle, Atton, Terwillegar  
Nays: None Motion Carried

Discussion on voting delegate for the Northern Association at the Annual Meeting on September 17. Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Atton to appoint Terry Palmer voting delegate and Mike Atton alternate.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Terwillegar, Atton, Sagle  
Nays: None Motion Carried

Discussion on permit requests for installing utility poles when other utility poles are already available. We have double sets of poles on the same side of the road. Other utilities must pay fees to Consumers to tie into their poles. It is cheaper for them to install their own. Permits on hold for further discussion.

The annual Municipal Employees Retirement System meeting will be held October 8-9, 2015. Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Atton to appoint Brenda Gordert voting delegate and also pay for one hourly employee to attend.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Terwillegar, Sagle, Atton  
Nays: None Motion Carried

Discussion on hourly employees. We have an opening due to a disability retirement. Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Atton to fill the hourly laborer position and advertise for two weeks in newspaper and on website.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Sagle, Terwillegar  
Nays: None Motion Carried

Discussion on compactor purchase. We have had to rent a compactor for the last two weeks for \$2,100 per week and we need it for a couple more weeks or we can purchase one for approximately \$15,700 and they will put rental towards purchase.

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Atton to purchase compactor.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Sagle, Terwillegar, Atton  
Nays: None Motion Carried

MCRCSIP has brought up the idea of having a "Truck Rodeo" in conjunction with a safety day. We are looking into different ideas and will try to schedule it the end of October.

The Managing Director reviewed the need to apply for a safety grant for Eastman Road from south of Schneider Court north .5 miles to north of E. Bombay Road in Larkin and Mills Townships.

Moved by Commissioners Terwillegar and 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 Eastman Road near E. Bombay Road for widening to three lanes in Larkin and Mills Townships.

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

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Terwillegar, Sagle, Atton

Nays: None Resolution Adopted.

**Permit listing was reviewed.**

**Staff Reports:**

Art commented on the progress of the Coleman Road Bridge and everything is going well. Healer sealer on the Gordonville Road Bridge in Ingersoll Township is complete and new line stripping has been configured. Salt River Road pulverizing in Greendale Township scheduled to start August 18.

Rural Overlays are scheduled to start on August 24.

Sam stated the chip sealing has started in Ingersoll Township.

Brush spray program has started in Lincoln Township.

Crews are working on the state trunklines.

Ben stated the two new mowers are working great and waiting to hear back on the extended warranty on the new excavator. The stock room data entry into the computer is complete.

Terry commented on the "Road Diets" and the roads that have been line stripped with wider shoulders for bikers and walkers.

Discussion with Isabella County on the reconstruction of County Line Road. Discussion on a 5-way split with Isabella, Midland, Jasper, Coe and VanLoon Farms. Isabella County would fund paving the north mile and Midland County would fund an overlay on mile south.

Meeting on August 11 with County Finance Committee to discuss an increase in Commissioners salary.

Meeting on Coyote Ridge in Larkin Township on Friday August 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss the finalization of the subdivision.

United Way informational meeting on August 24 with Bridgette Gransden.

**Miscellaneous:**

None

Moved by Commissioner Atton and seconded by Commissioner Terwillegar adjourn meeting at 10:20 a.m. until Wednesday, August 26, 2015.

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Brenda Gordert, Clerk

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Janice Leatherman Sagle, Chairman