

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Sagle on Thursday, December 17, 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, Design Technician

Absent: None

Public Present: Gene Smith, Midland County Planning Commission Chairman; Andy Kobisa, Hope Township Supervisor; and Bird Vincent

Additions to Agenda:

Terry added House Bill 5016 under New Business

Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Atton to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2015 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Sagle, Terwillegar, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

Bird Vincent commented on the new legislature allowing townships to go out for bid on local projects. Terry responded that he does not have a problem with that. We currently bid out materials and subcontractors and we have too much work for our forces.

Andy Kobisa thanked the Road Commission for all the hard work and wished everyone a Merry Christmas. He stated he is no longer president of the Township Association and the new president is Dan Sagle.

Approval of Open Accounts:

The pre-pay was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Atton and seconded by Commissioner Terwillegar to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts for December 17, 2015 in the amount of \$270,885.19.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioner Terwillegar, Atton, Sagle

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence & Items of Information:

A letter was received from Michigan Paving and Materials to extend their 2015 bid prices to the 2016 construction season. Discussion was held and Sam will be gathering more information for a future discussion.

New Business:

The County Road Association presented a list of Legislative Priorities that were approved by the membership on February 19, 2015. They are asking for input:

Item #20 Seasonal Roads

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Atton to not support.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Sagle, Terwillegar

Nays: None Motion Carried

Item #32 Fee for Utility Right of Way Use

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Atton to approve an amended:

“The proposed fees should be collected by the state on a monthly basis and be deposited in the Michigan Transportation Fund and be distributed by the ~~current Act 51 formula~~ Agency mile of roadway.”

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Terwillegar, Sagle, Atton

Nays: None Motion Carried

Item #33 Direct Funding of Federal Grants

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Atton to not support.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Sagle, Atton, Terwillegar

Nays: None Motion Carried

Item #34 Sale of State-Owned Property and Equipment

Moved by Commissioner Atton and seconded by Commissioner Terwillegar to support.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Terwillegar, Sagle, Atton

Nays: None Motion Carried

Item #35 Dedicating Sales Tax on Fuel to Roads

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Atton to support.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioner Atton, Terwillegar, Sagle

Nays: None Motion Carried

Item #36 No-Fault Exclusion from Personal Protection Benefits

Moved by Commissioner Atton and seconded by Commissioner Terwillegar to support.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Terwillegar, Atton, Sagle

Nays: None Motion Carried

Ben presented an update on the mower tractor/brush cutter for the spring. He is currently working on pricing for a new combination unit. After discussion he will also look into a used model.

Brenda presented proposed budget amendments for 2015 and discussion was held:

	2013	2014	PROPOSED	
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	2015	Amended
			BUDGET	2015
REVENUES				
TAXES				
County Millage/Per prop 2013	1,203,905	1,402,527	1,300,000	1,300,100
County Millage/Per prop 2015				
PERMITS & LICENSES	27,338	27,175	25,000	27,000
FEDERAL SOURCES				

Bridge - Stark Rd		588,171		
Surface Trans/STP Urban	689,553			
Fed "D" Funds - overlays Rural	388,886	1,049,296	514,647	379,600
Fed. Safety Grant				
Fed. High Risk				
Fed. Stimulus Funds				
STATE SOURCES				
MTF	5,434,193	5,559,543	5,575,000	5,792,000
Build Michigan	197,381	197,722	190,000	198,700
Bridge - Stark Rd		110,282		
Special Winter Maint-one time		359,665		
PA252 Additional Rd Funds		265,413	398,237	264,654
PA84 Additional Rd Funds				477,400
EDF- "D" Funds Overlays Rural	173,728	89,078	95,967	114,500
EDF-Forest Rd "E"	48,135	48,135	48,200	48,135
EDF-Urban area STP Urban		8,163		
EDF - Urban "F" fema				20,200
Bridge - Coleman Rd	10,556		1,502,000	1,523,000
CONTRIBUTIONS				
City/Villages/Counties	55,279	11,173	11,000	120,000
Townships	1,363,445	1,163,262	900,000	1,300,000
Other - Salv sales	6,885	11,166	5,000	7,800
CHARGES FOR SERVICES				
State Maintenance	834,238	701,556	622,064	611,400
State Non-Maint		61,932		326,100
Other - Inspection fees		4,941		0
OTHER-LIST				
Interest & Rentals	2,023	2,095	2,500	1,350
Interest - Other/Sell Coleman garage	28,000	266,003		
Private Contrib	125,945	18,896		78,900
Proceeds/royalties	17	16		10
Gain(loss) on equip disposals	101,450	31,000		106,100
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TOTAL REVENUES	10,690,957	11,977,210	11,189,615	12,696,948

EXPENDITURES

PRIMARY CONSTRUCTION				
PRIMARY HEAVY MAINT	1,614,004	2,370,908	2,742,600	3,765,900
PRIMARY MAINTENANCE	2,865,543	1,895,974	3,380,000	2,984,400
LOCAL HEAVY MAINT	1,743,949	1,203,607	900,000	1,533,800
LOCAL MAINTENANCE	3,402,487	3,051,197	2,930,000	3,042,200
LOCAL CONSTRUCTION				
STATE TRUNKLINE MAINT	728,702	603,374	622,064	611,400
STATE NON-MAINTENANCE		61,932		326,100
EQUIPMENT EXPENSE(NET)				
Direct	956,787	1,141,846	800,000	853,700
Indirect	657,958	569,500	650,000	595,200
Operating	453,302	432,796	420,000	314,700
Rented Equipment				
Less Equipment Rental Credits	(1,934,521)	(1,746,240)	(1,750,000)	(1,900,000)

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE (NET)

Administrative	685,490	508,141	700,000	596,815
Less Credits To	(86,229)	(69,474)	(75,000)	(90,000)

CAPITAL OUTLAY (NET)

Office	0	7,442	5,000	14,700
Engineering	0	677	50,000	56,200
Garage/Shop/Misc Rd Equ	29,226	677	35,000	37,000
Road Equipment	582,822	583,154	690,000	807,500
Less: Retirements				
Depreciation	(501,007)	(632,688)	(400,000)	(400,000)

OTHER

Debt Principal Payments		266,003		
Interest Expense		4,490		
City/Villages/city Escrow	18,422	8,070	11,000	104,700
Drain Commission	31,077	42,683	42,000	52,000

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	11,248,012	10,304,071	11,752,664	13,306,315
TOTAL REVENUES	10,690,957	11,977,210	11,189,615	12,696,948
LESS TOTAL EXPENDITURES	11,248,012	10,304,071	11,752,664	13,306,315
REVENUES OVER(UNDER) EXPEN	(557,055)	1,673,138	(563,049)	(609,367)

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Atton to approve 2015 budget amendments as presented.

Roll Call

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Sagle, Terwillegar

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Discussion on 2016 budget. The Public Hearing will be held Wednesday, December 30 at 9:30 am.

Terry discussed House Bill 5016. It would amend Section 13 of Public Act 368 of 1925 which regulates the usage of public right of ways along roads, to require a local unit of government or MDOT to provide notice one year in advance if relocation is to be requested or required of facilities of an entity holding a license under the Michigan Telecommunications Act. If notification is not provided, then these entities would have to be reimbursed by the local unit or MDOT for relocation costs.

Discussion was held. It was decided to contact Representative Kevin Cotter and Representative Gary Glenn and notify them the Road Commission is strongly opposed to House Bill 5016.

Permit listing was reviewed.

Unfinished Business:

None

Staff Reports:

Russ commented the FEMA disaster refund of approximately \$87,000 from the flooding in 2013 has been approved. We should receive money this month.

He presented the updated spreadsheet from the December 9th Rural Task Force meeting with the approved projects.

Art stated he is working on local road project estimates with Sam.

New survey equipment has been ordered and should be delivered soon.

Ben stated his mechanics are working on an overhaul of one of the tandem dump trucks expecting to save an estimated \$8k to \$10k.
He is continuing to work on outside lighting.

Sam stated Middle Road in Hope Township will be closed Monday & Tuesday for a cross-tube replacement.

The state is cutting trees on Gordonville Road west of Castor Road. He will work with them on a preferred route to minimize road damage.

Terry stated the East Central Council Meeting was very information and well attended. He held a bridge meeting with OHM discussing Castor Road Bridge for 2017. He will also be working on Alamando over Little Salt, Castor Road over Carroll Creek, and Jefferson over Herner Drain.

Miscellaneous:

None

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Atton to adjourn meeting at 10:30 a.m. until Wednesday, December 30, 2015.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Terwillegar, Sagle, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Brenda Gordert, Clerk

Janice Leatherman Sagle, Chairman