

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Sagle on Thursday, October 20, 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
Sam SanMiguel, Superintendent
Brenda Gordert, Clerk
Ben Mead, Facilities Manager
Art Buck, Engineering Technician
Absent: Russ Inman, Design Engineer

Public Present: Gene Smith, Midland County Planning Commission Chairman; Al Kloha, Midland County Board of Commissioners; Andy Kobisa, Hope Township Supervisor.

Additions to Agenda:

None

Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Commissioner Atton and seconded by Commissioner Terwillegar to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2016 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Terwillegar, Sagle

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

None

Approval of Open Accounts:

The pre-pay for October 6, 2016 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Atton and seconded by Commissioner Terwillegar to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts for October 6, 2016 in the amount of \$1,194,198.12.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Terwillegar, Sagle, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

The pre-pay for October 22, 2016 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Atton to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts for October 22, 2016 in the amount of \$327,314.14.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Terwillegar, Sagle

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

An invitation was received from the Midland County Township Officials' Association for their annual December meeting. It will be held Thursday, December 1, 2016 at the Dow Diamond.

Correspondence was received from the Midland Area Chamber of Commerce in support of the millage renewal.

Correspondence was received from the County Road Association seeking nominees to set on the new wetland banking board. This seven member board will be responsible for setting up and administering the wetland banking program in Michigan. Discussion was held.

Moved by Commissioner Atton and seconded by Commissioner Terwillegar to offer the following:

In accordance with PA 246 of 2016 the Midland County Road Commission Board of Commissioners would like to formally nominate Terry Palmer, Managing Director for participation on the Wetland Banking Board.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Sagle, Terwillegar, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Permit listing was reviewed

Unfinished Business

Discussion was held on the reconstruction of East County Line Road in Jasper Township. Art stated the southbound side has been excavated and the contractor is working on the northbound side. They are a little behind schedule due to weather. Paving is scheduled for last week in October.

New Business:

Discussion was held on traffic control order for Gordonville Road east and west of Badour Road in front of the Bullock Creek High School.

Moved by Commissioners Atton and seconded by Commissioner Terwillegar to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Chapter VI of Act No. 300, Public Acts of 1949, as amended (Michigan Vehicle Code), this Board is authorized to place and maintain traffic control devices and traffic control signals on any highway under its jurisdiction for the purpose of regulating, warning or guiding traffic, and

WHEREAS, Gordonville Road from 1,400 feet west of Badour Road to 200 feet east of Badour Road has been widened to three lanes due to safety concerns and has an equivalent of greater than 30 driveways per one-half mile and in accordance with section 627(F) meets requirements for a posting of 45 MPH and is under the jurisdiction of this Board and, in the interest of public safety, it is deemed necessary to place and maintain certain traffic control devices and/or signals on said road to regulate, warn or guide traffic.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Road Commission with support from the Midland County Sheriff, Bullock Creek School Superintendent, and the supervisors of Homer, Ingersoll, Midland and Mt. Haley Townships, shall post this portion of Gordonville Road.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that 45 MPH signing shall be erected to give notice of the regulation hereinafter established; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy hereof be filed with the County Clerk of the County of Midland, Michigan.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Terwillegar, Sagle, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Miscellaneous:

Permit fees were discussed.

At 10:15 a.m. Lincoln Township board members Kevin Wray, Supervisor and Mark Trinklein, Clerk joined the meeting to discuss road projects for 2017. Lincoln Township left meeting at 10:45 a.m.

At 10:30 a.m. Homer Township board members Russ Varner, Supervisor; Sandy Turk, Treasurer; and John Stern, Trustee joined the meeting to discuss road projects for 2017. Homer Township left meeting at 11:15 p.m.

Staff Reports:

Ben discussed his budget for 2017 siting facility improvements with a new floor and hoist in the shop.

He is building a machine to stress the new bridges.

Art stated he has completed the last couple drainage surveys.

He is in the process of finalizing the 2016 federal projects.

Castor Road Bridge will be completed in the next couple weeks.

Sam attended the Superintendents meeting along with Terry and Ben. The mechanics joined them one day for a truck building session.

Crews are working on completing the township drainage and gravel projects.

Working on drainage in Tisland Subdivision, paving to follow next year.

Terry attended a bridge meeting and funding was approved for replacement of the Sturgeon Road Bridge in Larkin Township along with funding for preventative maintenance on three additional bridges.

Terry is talking with Krenn Bridge Company on timber bridges. They will send their inspector out to look at a couple of our bridges and possibly raise weight restrictions.

Terry attended Rural Task Force training. Projects have been turned in and hoping for March bid letting. Tony is looking into selling future 7C Rural Task Force monies to Kent County for .90 on the \$1.00.

He is working on project costs for 2017 budget preparation.

Moved by Commissioner Sagle to adjourn meeting at 11:30 a.m. until Thursday November 3, 2016.

Brenda Gordert, Clerk

Janice Leatherman Sagle, Chairman