

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Brenda Gordert, Clerk on Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the Road Commission office.

Present: Mike Atton, Chairman
Don Terwillegar, Vice Chairman
Al Kloha, Commission 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: Jeanette Snyder, Midland County Board of Commissioners; Eugene Smith, Midland County Planning Commission Chairman

The Pledge of Allegiance was said

The Clerk called for nominations for Chairman of the Board for the ensuing year. Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to nominate Commissioner Atton for Chairman of the Board of County Road Commissioners, County of Midland, for the ensuing year.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Terwillegar, Atton, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

The Clerk called for nominations for Vice Chairman of the Board for the ensuing year.

Moved by Commissioner Atton and seconded by Commissioner Kloha 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, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Kloha that the regular meetings of the Midland County Road Commission begin with Thursday, January 14, 2017, and regular meetings will be on Thursdays every two weeks thereafter at 9:00 a.m., except when rescheduled by the Board. The meeting scheduled for January 26, 2017 has been changed to Tuesday, January 24, 2017.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Kloha, Terwillegar, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Kloha 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, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Kloha 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 Kloha, Terwillegar, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Additions to Agenda:

None

Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Terwillegar to approve the minutes of the December 29, 2016 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Terwillegar, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

Jeanette Snyder discussed trees down on the roadway and whether the township fire departments or the Road Commission get first call.

Approval of Open Accounts:

The pre-pay for January 12, 2017 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Terwillegar to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts for January 12, 2017 in the amount of \$237,864.83.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Terwillegar, Kloha, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

None

Permit listing was reviewed

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

Discussion was held on the credit card account.

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Terwillegar to add Terry Palmer as an authorized contact person.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Terwillegar, Atton, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

The East Central Council meeting will be held on January 19, 2017 in AuGres, Commissioners Atton, Terwillegar and Kloha to attend with Sam San Miguel.

Discussion was held on the FetchGIS service proposal including the annual license fee of \$6,000.00.

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to approve FetchGIS proposal in the amount of \$6,000.00.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Kloha, Atton, Terwillegar

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Miscellaneous:

Minutes of the Rural Task Force meeting held on January 4th were discussed. Road projects were approved at the meeting and Terry presented them at the Regional Task Force meeting in Mt. Pleasant on January 10th. If there is money left on the table the Road Commission has the authority along with Transit and City of Coleman to approve projects without a meeting of entire Task Force. Projects should make the March bid letting if they pass through MDOT.

Staff Reports:

Russ stated we are replacing 8 computers and they should be set up in the next couple weeks. Ashleigh is continuing to work with us a few hours a week while also working at the MPO and the County GIS.

Art stated he is working with the auditors closing out last year's projects and getting the bid information ready for 2017 projects.

Ben is finishing up on the two brine tank conversions. The shop guys are very busy keeping up with repairs.

Sam stated he is working with the townships on projects for this year. He stated there is a new company offering educational videos on the benefits of passer ratings to educate employees, township officials, and others on why and how roads are rated. They also have training videos along with safety videos. Sam and Art attended a meeting on brush spraying and the different bid specifications for the spray program. They are looking into adding a warranty clause in the bid process and use the GIS for tracking.

Terry is looking into DEQ grants to update old diesel engines. He stated Wonsey Tree is low bidder on the Eastman Road safety project at 5% under estimate. We received a notice of a drain determination meeting for the Swan Creek intercounty drain in Midland and Saginaw Counties. Terry passed out maps and information regarding McNitt ROWS, All Season Routes, the Road Commission 5-year Plan and weight restricted bridges. All maps and information are on the website.

Commissioner Kloha inquired about lease equipment on the 2017 budget and the companies we will be using.

Commissioner Terwillegar inquired about the McNitt ROW on Bradford Road and removal of gate. Russ will send a letter out.

Commissioner Atton inquired about the purchase of mower tractor for this summer.

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Terwillegar to adjourn meeting at 10:15 a.m. until Tuesday, January 24, 2017.

Brenda Gordert, Clerk

Mike Atton, Chairman