

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Thursday, March 9, 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
Russ Inman, Design Engineer
Brenda Gordert, Clerk
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; Rodney Gilbert, Gilbert Sales; Jim Secord, Kessler Equipment.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said

Additions to Agenda:

None

Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Terwillegar to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2017 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Terwillegar, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

None

Approval of Open Accounts:

The pre-pay for March 9, 2017 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts for March 9, 2017 in the amount of \$358,967.34.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Terwillegar, Kloha, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

None

Permit listing was reviewed

Unfinished Business:

Discussion was held on a full-time Design Technician position in the engineering department. A job description stating the major duties of the position and the job qualifications were reviewed. A pay range for starting wage was discussed between \$20-\$26 per hour based upon qualifications and experience.

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to approve hiring a full-time Design Technician.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Kloha, Terwillegar, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

New Business:

County wide bids were received on March 3 and tabulated:

See attached spreadsheet

Rodney Gilbert of Gilbert Sales was in attendance to discuss the pressure washer. Ben recommended the Landa Model ENG6-32024B in the amount of \$6,500.00 and he will wait to purchase if funds are available.

Jim Secord of Kessler Equipment was in attendance to discuss the shop rotary hoists and options were reviewed. Ben recommended option #4 in the amount of \$216,300.00 which also includes a 12,000 lb above ground lift.

Discussion was held on the shop floor replacement timing and specifications.

Discussion was held on the remainder of the bids and proposals.

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Terwillegar to accept all bids and proposals and allow management staff to purchase in the best interest of the county.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Terwillegar, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Ben presented the state bid pricing for a 2017 GMC Sierra 2500HD double cab 4x4 ¾ ton pickup in the amount of \$28,284.30 from Todd Wenzel Buick GMC. Discussion was held. A pickup topper, rack for carrying ladders, and step bars will be added.

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Terwillegar to purchase 2017 GMC pickup off the state bid contract.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Terwillegar, Kloha, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Ben presented the state bid pricing for a 2018 International 7600 tandem dump truck in the amount of \$120,910.00 from Wieland Truck. Discussion was held.

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Terwillegar to purchase 2018 International Tandem Dump Truck from Wielands and the components off the state bid contract.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Kloha, Atton, Terwillegar

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Ben gave an update on the excavator purchase. He is still getting final numbers and will present them at the next board meeting.

Sam talked with Midland Township and they would like to discuss the Poseyville Road crosswalk. They are interested in eliminating the current crosswalk and moving it to the corner of Poseyville and Ashby Road where there is already a traffic signal. Sidewalks and entrances to the businesses are a concern. Sam will get back to Midland Township and ask for drawings or plans for further discussion.

Sam had a safety meeting on chainsaws and the vests our crews currently use need to be replaced. They safety committee is requesting safety shirts that will replace the vest when using a chain saw. Sam presented pricing on new safety shirts that are ANSI compliant and will cost approximately \$920 to purchase two shirts apiece for each employee.

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Terwillegar to approve purchase of safety shirts.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Kloha, Terwillegar

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Recess for lunch at noon.

Miscellaneous:

None

Staff Reports:

Art stated he is busy working on drainage surveys for the summer projects.

He has been attending certification classes.

He is preparing for the federal projects that will start in June.

Art discussed a permit request for 120' tall 4' diameter towers in our right of way that he received last fall. Permit was not issued. Letters are being sent out from the FCC that a complaint has been filed due to permits not being approved. This involves many states and counties and more information will be forwarded.

Russ stated the Bradford Road McNitt right-of-way letters were sent out a while ago. The owner of the gate has come forward and may submit a petition for abandonment.

Ben has been busy working on equipment quotes, proposals for shop floor replacement, and preparing for transition out of shop when the demo starts.

Sam stated he held a safety meeting for employee certification in bucket truck, fork truck and scissor lift operation. The next meeting will be on excavating and trenching.

A Lenawee County Road Commission employee, certified on tree cutting, will conduct a two-day safety training on tree cutting and trimming here at our shop.

Brenda stated we received a grant for an AED. It will be installed next to the first aid kit in the employee lunch room and extra training will be provided.

Terry stated the LifeSpan Technologies training was completed. We will be testing a few key bridges to verify weight limits.

He received notification on the Eastman Road and the Poseyville Road safety projects. Cost will be approximately \$1.2 million. Russ is doing a great job on the safety applications.

Terry had a meeting with the DNR on the Castor Road project. They seem to be in favor of the project and are willing to work with us.

Terry also talked with DNR regarding the Kawkawlin Flooding in Mills Township. Terry and Sam will meet with Dan Bloom, Mills Township Supervisor, to discuss options.

Terry will be on the interview panel for a new MPO Transportation Planner to assist Maja.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 1:10 p.m. until Thursday, March 23, 2017.

Brenda Gordert, Clerk

Mike Atton, Chairman