

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Friday, April 7, 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
Russ Inman, Design Engineer
Brenda Gordert, Clerk
Ben Mead, Facilities Manager
Art Buck, Design Technician
Absent: Sam SanMiguel, Superintendent

Public Present: Maria Sandow, Larkin Township Supervisor; Dan Bloom, Mills Township Supervisor; Alan Wendt, Mills Township Trustee.

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 March 23, 2017 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Terwillegar, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

Dan Bloom discussed Mills Township signed estimates for 2017 road work:

Jefferson Road from Shearer Road south ½ mile of reconstruction

Jefferson Road from Curtis to Saiko Road chip and seal 1 mile

Discussion was held on County Line Road a joint project with Bay County and Bombay Road a joint project with Larkin Township.

Dan thanked the Road Commission for allowing Novak Excavating to haul gravel to drain field.

Dan commented on the MRPA Annual City County Workshop held in Mt. Pleasant. He commented on the great job Sam did on the discussion panel.

The Road Commission will be replacing three tubes on Townline 16 as soon as water goes down.

Dan Bloom discussed the Kawkawlin wildlife flooding area. They have started the draw down on the dam and they would like to haul lumber out. They will have to work with Mills Township for access into the site through township property.

Maria Sandow discussed work being done by AT & T on Eastman Road in Larkin Township. They are working in the right of way and not using traffic control to warn motorists. The contractor has cut her phone cable twice. Art will go out to talk with contractor.

Approval of Open Accounts:

The pre-pay for April 7, 2017 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Terwillegar to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts for April 7, 2017 in the amount of \$193,388.22.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Terwillegar, Kloha, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

The East Central Council meeting will be held on Thursday, April 20, 2017 in Bay County.

The annual renewal for Michigan County Road Commission Self-Insurance Pool (MCRCSIP) was received. It reflects a 2% increase from last year.

Permit listing was reviewed**Unfinished Business:**

Ben gave an update on the shop floor replacement. He has met with all sub-contractors and developed a construction schedule. The shop is being cleared out and the crew will start cutting out the old concrete next week. The new shop hoists are a minimum of 8 weeks out due to custom ordering. Discussion was held on a sealer for the floor.

A letter was received from Midland Township Clerk, Shelly Armstrong-Miller, regarding the Hawk System cross walk on Poseyville Road. The township is requesting support in extending the trail system on the east side of Poseyville Road to the light at the Dow contractors gate and the removal of the Hawk System.

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Terwillegar to support Midland Township in their request.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Terwillegar, Atton, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

New Business:

None

Miscellaneous:

Dow Chemical is holding a series of informational meetings regarding the closure of Saginaw Road in the City Limits. The Road Commission's concern is how the closure and the new proposed route connect with Gordonville Road. Terry presented a map showing options for re-routing traffic and he will attend one of the meetings to gather further information.

Staff Reports:

Russ stated the certification maps have been sent in with the additional miles and the reclassifications of some primary roads. After MDOT approval, 36.53 miles of local roads will be reclassified to primary. Maria Sandow thanked Russ for making the changes.

Russ attended passer training this week.

He is working on asset management reporting and drafting correspondence to the developer regarding Forestview Site Condominium project.

Brenda stated Tom Smith of Smith and Klaczkiewicz auditing firm is finishing up with the office work today and will be finalizing the audit in the next couple weeks.

Ben stated the new excavator will be delivered in mid-May and the new mower tractor will be delivered the beginning of June.

Discussion was held on hiring summer students under 18 years of age. The Insurance Pool does not have any restrictions. We will check with MIOSHA for other restrictions.

Art is finishing up with his certification classes and seminars.

Shearer Road from Jefferson Road west will begin on May 1.

The bid letting is being held today for the paving of Federal Projects Freeland Road and Pine River Road.

The utilities are being relocated for the Eastman Road safety project and Spicer will be inspecting.

Terry asked Commissioner Kloha to look into a grant from Emergency Management for a portable signal system, cost is approximately \$58,000.

Terry is having a meeting with Dave Pettersch, Gladwin County Manager, to discuss final numbers for the federal aid buyout. Payment is due May 1st.

We will be using LifeSpan Technology for testing on Poseyville Road, Sasse Road, and Laporte Road bridges in the next couple weeks. We will have to rent a bucket truck.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 10:35 a.m. until Wednesday, April 19, 2017.

Brenda Gordert, Clerk

Mike Atton, Chairman