

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Thursday, May 18, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the Road Commission office.

Present: Mike Atton, Chairman  
Al Kloha, Commission Member  
Don Terwillegar, Vice Chairman  
Terry Palmer, Managing Director  
Sam SanMiguel, Superintendent  
Ben Mead, Facilities Manager  
Art Buck, Design Technician  
Sara Iverson, Payroll Clerk  
Absent: Russ Inman, Design Engineer  
Brenda Gordert, Clerk

Public Present: Jeanette Snyder, Midland County Board of Commissioners; Maria Sandow, Larkin Township Supervisor

**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 May 4, 2017 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Kloha, Terwillegar, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Public Comment:**

Jeanette Snyder spoke regarding the change in her vote on the dissolution of the Planning Commission. Maria Sandow, Larkin Twp. supervisor, stated that she was told that without the backing of the County Planning Commission the townships cannot enforce zoning ordinances. Jeanette stated that the townships still have the authority to ticket zoning violations and can then hire a lawyer if the case goes to court; that is how it would be handled with or without a County Planning Commission.

**Approval of Open Accounts:**

The pre-pay for May 18, 2017 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Terwillegar to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts for May 18, 2017 in the amount of \$412,014.42.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Kloha, Terwillegar, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Correspondence and Items of Information:**

The MCTOA General Membership meeting will be held June 1<sup>st</sup>, dinner is at 6:30 p.m., the meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. Commissioners Atton, Terwillegar, Kloha and his wife will attend as well as Terry and Sam.

**Permit listing was reviewed**

**Unfinished Business:**

**Swede Road:**

Terry recommended that we hold off on completing work until he has made contact with all involved parties. He has spoken with the Laurenz' and Steger's, there are two other property owners to contact. Once contact has been made with all parties we will remove the culvert, restore the right-of-way, restore the open ditch, seed the area and the work will be complete. Jeanette Snyder asked about the number of McNitt right-of-ways in the county and how they are treated. She stated that she had a constituent who was having an issue with a neighbor and a gated McNitt.

**New Business:**

A private road maintenance agreement was received from Warren Township for Harsh Drive, east off Alamando Road, section 35.

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to approve private road maintenance agreement for Harsh Drive.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Terwillegar, Kloha, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

A private road maintenance agreement was received from Warren Township for Brandy Lane, south off Shaffer Road, section 27.

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to approve private road maintenance agreement for Brandy Lane.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Terwillegar, Kloha, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Airway Drive Slope Restoration:**

Terry and Art presented a video and pictures of a slope erosion issue on Airway Drive in Jerome Township. The Road Commission has a 40' drainage easement from the roadway to the Tittabawassee River. The joints of the existing metal drainage tubes had separated causing erosion that washed out several large trees and caused sediment to pile up in the river. Terry presented two estimates, one from Pat's Gradall in the amount of \$36,500.00 and one from Earthmovers in the amount of \$23,562.00 and requested an emergency approval to contract Earthmovers to do the work. MCRC will provide all materials and permits for the job as well as request a grading permit from the property owners as the work will require more than the 40' easement. The work will not begin until all permits are complete and the materials are received.

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to contract Earthmovers to complete work on Airway Drive in the amount of \$23,562.00.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Terwillegar, Kloha, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Miscellaneous:**

None

**Staff Reports:**

Sam stated that the paving is happening plans for Orr Road paving had changed, they decided to do a 2" overlay vs. overlay and ultra-thin, based on new asphalt prices a 2" overlay was less expensive and a better result. Brooks Rd received a better asphalt mix than the 13A at the same price. Shouldering will take place after the paving of Freeland Road, the 1<sup>st</sup> of June. Most of the stubs have been paved as well. Crack sealing has begun as well as the bridge maintenance program and summer mowing.

Terry and Sam discussed Woodland Estates drainage and gravel. Last year several roads in Woodland Estates received ultra-thins and although we spot graveled low spots, there are many

curvy areas where additional shoulder gravel is necessary and Central Asphalt is going to gravel the shoulders in the whole subdivision. Brushcutting and drainage work in Woodland Estates and Waskevich subdivisions were discussed and Sam, Terry and Maria Sandow, Larkin Twp. supervisor agreed that this fall they will hold an open house at Larkin Township hall to discuss drainage work with the property owners.

Terry stated that there is a meeting next week regarding the joint City of Midland/MCRC Airport Road project, MCRC will handle the project management. MCRC had bid opening for an MDOT project at M-30 and M-20 on May 17<sup>th</sup>, two bids were received, Shaw Contracting for \$58,500 and Crawford Contracting for \$59,500.

Art stated that the work on Shearer Road is coming along quickly, spreading gravel this week and pulverizing it the next. He believes the project will be complete by the second week of June. Eastman Road is moving along, a bit behind schedule, but Art stated he believed they could make up the time. Freeland Road will be paved the first of June and Pine River Road will take place after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Ben stated the fifth mower will be here in a couple of weeks, but the other four mowers are out. The shop floor replacement is going well, on schedule, the hoists are supposed to arrive on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, will be set after that, drainage and plumbing will be installed, styrofoam will be installed and then the concrete will be poured. The shop staff are busy keeping the mower tractors going, the temporary shop is working out well. Art's new truck has arrived, it is getting a bed liner, rust proofing, lights, and stickers before it will be out on the road. He also stated he has not forgotten about the new sign installation, by the time the concrete floor is slated to be poured he will have the old sign down so we can pour the pad at the same time. The loader and pickups are ordered and the new excavator should arrive around the first week of June along with the mower tractor. Commissioner Kloha asked what the total cost of the shop floor replacement was going to be, Ben stated that the total would be somewhere around \$300,000.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 9:58 a.m. until Thursday, June 1, 2017.

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Sara Iverson, Payroll Clerk

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Mike Atton, Chairman