

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Wednesday, October 18, 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, Finance Director
Russ Inman, Design Engineer
Absent: Art Buck, Design Technician
Ben Mead, Facilities Manager

Public Present: Jeanette Snyder, Midland County Board of Commissioners; Laura Dawson, Lee Township Clerk

The Pledge of Allegiance was said

Additions to Agenda:

None

Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2017 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Kloha, Terwillegar, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

None

Approval of Open Accounts:

The pre-pay for October 19, 2017 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Terwillegar to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts for October 19, 2017 in the amount of \$994,836.15.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Terwillegar, Kloha, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

East Central Council meeting will be held October 19th in Beaverton. Commissioner Atton, Commissioner Kloha, Terry and Sam to attend.

Permit listing was reviewed

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

The actuarial was presented for the MERS Benefit E program, a 2% increase to all retirees.

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to adopt the following resolution for the Municipal Employees Retirement System for all retirees:

WHEREAS, as authorized by Section 20 of the Municipal Employees Retirement System Plan document, the Midland County Road Commission adopts Benefit "E" for all retirees and beneficiaries.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, approval of a flat two percent (2%) increase of the amount of each retirement allowance since the last date Benefit E was adopted.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Kloha, Terwillegar

Nays: None

Resolution Adopted.

Miscellaneous:

A thank you note was received from the Vanchura Family for building a turn-a-round for the school bus. The school bus was unable to drive down the road and pick up their sister due to lack of a turn-a-round. Gravel was added to ensure safety for the bus and passengers.

Staff Reports:

Russ stated he is working on submitting the construction engineering costs on the bridge projects. He attended the GIS Conference two weeks ago and thought it was very informative. He will be working with Ashley to update our GIS system. He also attended the Superintendent Conference last week.

Sam stated he attended the Superintendents Conference with Devin and Bryon Newcomb. Devin attended the drone session and Bryon attended the arborist training session. Both were very informative. He held a group safety meeting on Monday and gave each employee a flashlight for being safety conscience during the flood event this summer. Sam stated Ashley is doing a great job assisting him with the passer rating maps for the townships.

Terry stated all three FHWA bridge projects have started – 9 Mile, Poseyville, and Shaffer. He has received verbal confirmation regarding the approval of our application for critical bridge funds for Coleman Road over Chippewa River for FY 2020. He has been attending Wetland Banking Board meetings to hire a new director. Terry stated Ashley has been working on a new county map and it is almost complete.

Commissioner Kloha commented on new technology of a tethered drone. He will get more information.

Commissioner Atton asked about the patches on the rail trail west of Magruder Road. Terry stated the paving patches cracked again right away and core samples may have to be taken to establish the problem.

Commissioner Terwillegar asked about the bridge sensors. Terry stated the Poseyville Road bridge testing is complete and he is waiting for written confirmation to remove weight limit signs. The sensors will be moved to Sasse Road on Friday for load testing.

At 9:45 a.m. Lincoln Township board member Mark Trinklein, Clerk, joined the meeting to discuss road projects for 2018. Lincoln Township left meeting at 10:30 a.m.

At 10:30 a.m. Homer Township board member Russ Varner, Supervisor, joined the meeting to discuss road projects for 2018. Homer Township left meeting at 11:15 a.m.

At 11:15 a.m. Jerome Township board members Mike Wood, Supervisor, and Mark Green, Trustee, joined the meeting to discuss road projects for 2018. Jerome Township left meeting at 12:00 p.m.

At 12:00 p.m. Edenville Township board members Craig Gosen, Supervisor; Lydia Draves, Clerk; Karen Carey and Jim Sperling, Trustees; joined the meeting to discuss road projects for 2018. Edenville Township left meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 12:30 p.m. until Thursday, November 2, 2017.

Brenda Gordert, Finance Director

Mike Atton, Chairman