

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the Road Commission office.

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

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said

Additions to Agenda:

New Business – State \$175 Million Additional Funds
Unfinished Business – Trees on Saiko Road

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Terwillegar to approve additions to agenda.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Terwillegar, Atton, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Atton to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2018 meeting as amended.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Kloha, Atton, Terwillegar

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

None

Approval of Open Accounts:

The pre-pay for May 3, 2018 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Terwillegar to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts for May 3, 2018 in the amount of \$255,895.27.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Kloha, Terwillegar, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

Quad meeting will be held at the Greendale Township Hall on May 10th.

MCTOA meeting will be held at the Homer Township Public Safety Building on June 7th.

Permit listing was reviewed

Unfinished Business:

Russ stated a notice of intent was submitted to the state for three hazard mitigation assistance grant applications:

- Two new drainage outlets in Tisland Subdivision
- Storm sewer application on Tupelo Drive in Whispering Pines Subdivision
- Generator for Road Commission facility

Ashley attending trainings and was crucial in the submittal process with the cost analysis. If approval is received grants will be submitted in June.

Ben discussed upcoming equipment purchases.

He has been looking for a used skid steer and is not able to find a quality one that meets our requirements. He is proposing to rent one for immediate need until a new one can be purchased off the governmental MiDeal program.

Both sign trucks need replacing. He is looking into purchasing a new large sign truck and have it built. Delivery of the new truck is approximately 6 months.

The small sign truck has 300,000 miles on it, is 14 years old and the engine is bad. Ben is getting quotes for a used truck to install the sign equipment on for approximately \$30,000.00. Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to approve purchase up to \$30,000.00 for used truck with submittal of quotes at the next meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Terwillegar, Kloha, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

A request was received to cut trees along guard rail on Saiko Road in Mills Township. Staff reviewed location and determined the majority of the trees were not within the right-of-way.

The trees in the right-of-way are not a safety issue at this point.

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to cut only the trees within the right-of-way determined to be a safety hazard.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Kloha, Atton, Terwillegar

Nays: None

Motion Carried

New Business:

Sam presented a spreadsheet showing the utilization of the additional \$12,500 of matching funds allocated to each township out of the \$642,000 the Road Commission received from the State of Michigan. With the collaboration of the townships over 10 miles of additional local road improvements will be completed this year.

Miscellaneous:

Discussion on Category B Funding which provides state trunkline service that would take over county service. The Road Commission will pursue the possibility of funding for transferring Meridian Road back to MDOT from M20 south to County Line.

Staff Reports:

Art reported we submitted three emergency flood repair projects to MDOT:

Homer Road over Chippewa River

Letts Road over Waldo Drain

Coleman Road near School

He is hoping to hear back soon on approval to move forward. We have currently not received any funding from the three bridge projects completed last year.

The Gordonville Road and Airport Road projects have started. Airport Road could be ready for paving next week.

Russ stated he has been working with Bernard Kruger on the Bradford Road McNitt ROW abandonment. They are waiting on a signature from one property owner and then an official request for abandonment will be submitted to the Road Commission. A parcel of property along the ROW is currently for sale and they are anxious to move forward.

The millage renewal has been approved by the County Board of Commissioners and the Road Commission will work with the City of Midland to update the informational brochure.

Sam stated he is working with Bullock Creek Schools and the City of Midland to remove the blinkers on Poseyville Road in front of the elementary school. They continue to have problems with the lights and the school would like to have them removed and have signs installed in their place.

He has been approached by Gladwin County and Isabella County regarding a full-time shared weighmaster.

Summer help will start May 7th.

Nielsen Road sinkhole has been repaired and road is back open.

The crews are working on the gabion baskets for Olson Road bank slide.

Ben stated the single axle truck to pull the dura patcher will be ready for pickup on Monday.

The crackseal machine will be ready to go Monday.

The mechanics are going over the mower tractors to get them ready.

The foreman's new pickups should be in next week and the engineering vehicle at the end of the month.

He was able to take advantage of the warranty for some expensive repairs on #725 motor grader and #627 tandem truck. Thankful the warranty was purchased.

Ben is working on more LED upgrades in the stockroom, lunchroom and lean-to building.

Servinski Landscapping is coming in to do the work around the sign out front.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 10:35 a.m. until Thursday, May 17, 2018.

Brenda Gordert, Finance Director

Mike Atton, Chairman