

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Thursday, May 31, 2018 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
Ben Mead, Facilities Manager
Art Buck, Design Technician
Devin Campbell, Civil Technician
Ashley Rockefeller, GIS Technician
Absent: Russ Inman, Design Engineer

Public Present: Jeanette Snyder, County Board of Commissioners; Laura Dawson, Lee Township Clerk; Maria Sandow, Larkin Township Supervisor; Andy Kobisa, Hope Township Supervisor; Karen Laurenz, Larkin Township Deputy Clerk.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said

Additions to Agenda:

Miscellaneous – Weighmaster discussion

Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2018 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Kloha, Atton, Terwillegar

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

Andy Kobisa stated the stop sign at Baker & Sturgeon is blocked by brush and many sign posts in the area are leaning and need to be straightened.

Approval of Open Accounts:

The pre-pay for May 31, 2018 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts for May 31, 2018 in the amount of \$357,921.60.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Kloha, Terwillegar, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

Correspondence was received from the County Road Association regarding the state's FY 2018-2019 budget appropriation process. The state agreed upon an additional \$330 million supplement for roads. Discussion to possibly distribute 30% of the increase to the townships for local roads non-matching. Details will follow on when and how the money will be dispersed.

Terry would like to have township meetings this fall to discuss 2019 road projects. He would like to bid the paving portion in October or November.

A proposal was received from Earthmovers of Midland for asphalt patching for \$300.00 per ton and \$75.00 per sq. yd. for prep work. This proposal was significantly lower than the bid price we received in the spring. Earthmovers is currently working on a couple patch locations.

Permit listing was reviewed

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

A ballot was received from MCRCSIP for an At-Large position for a three-year term (2018-2021).

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to cast a unanimous vote for John Rogers of Kalkaska County Road Commission.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Terwillegar, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

A letter was received from MDOT regarding reimbursement of engineering costs in the amount of \$10,000 in accordance with Act 51, P.A. 1951.

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to request engineering reimbursement in the amount of \$10,000.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Terwillegar, Kloha, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence was received from the County Road Association regarding the implementation of the Oxcart Permit System. Several Road Commissions are already using the Oxcart System and it allows agencies to e-issue transportation permits and secure route notification information. The cost is paid for by the applicant.

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Terwillegar to approve Oxcart online permitting system.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Kloha, Atton, Terwillegar

Nays: None

Motion Carried

A performance resolution was received from MDOT for the Saginaw Road project with the Village of Sanford. We will be paving up to M30 with lane closures and the resolution allows work within the State Highway Right-of-Way.

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to adopt the Performance Resolution for Governmental Agencies from MDOT.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Terwillegar, Atton, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Miscellaneous:

Maps were presented showing the entire summer program. We have 103 miles of chip-seal, 27 miles of paving, 15 miles of gravel and 6 miles of drainage projects so far. Terry will be sharing the map with the Townships at the MCTOA meeting June 7th. Some federal aid paving projects may be moved to 2019 due to the timing of the bid process and we may add a couple miles of local paving on Laporte Road.

Terry received a survey from CRA asking for a time frame to bring our road system to 85% good or better condition. He would like to set a goal of having 90% of primary roads in good or better condition and local roads at 80% including our bridges. He would like to work with the Townships and the Township Road Committee and have a plan in place to reach this goal in the future. More discussions to follow.

Art attended the award banquet for the American Public Works Association (APWA) Michigan Chapter. Midland County Road Commission received the 2018 Project of the Year Award for Flood Emergency UAS/GIS Assessment. Award was submitted by OHM Advisors.

Discussion was held on a full-time weighmaster. Gladwin County and Isabella County are both interested in sharing a weighmaster. Midland County would hire the weighmaster full time and have an agreement with Isabella and Gladwin for services provided.

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Terwillegar to hire Bill VonMatt as full-time weighmaster after details are agreed upon with Isabella and Gladwin Counties.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Terwillegar, Kloha, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Staff Reports:

Art stated Airport Road has been paved, still have the line striping to complete.

Gordonville Road is progressing according to schedule in spite of the rain.

Our crews are working on the bank slide at Olson and Sandow Road.

He has been working on more DEQ permits.

Ben stated the Verizon Network GPS system is on the four mower tractors and can be accessed with the phones and the computers.

He finalized the purchase of the skid steer with Badgers. Delivery is expected mid July.

He traveled to Cannon Equipment to look at options for building the large sign truck.

Sam stated the traffic signal lunch and learn demonstration will be June 7th at 11:00 am., Sara will be making up a flyer to distribute.

The crews are working on the driveways and shoulder gravel on Bay-Mid Line Road.

We will start grading for brine on Monday, June 4th.

The graveling has started on the recon projects and the pulverizer will start in a couple weeks.

Sam stated Ashley has been going a great job working on the line striping maps.

He received a request from Porter Township for a map showing local and primary road projects, Ashley is working on the map.

Sam stated Devin has stepped up and is very busy since Russ has been on vacation.

Terry stated Mills Township has received reimbursement for the Section 19 flood damage remediation. We will send invoices to the remaining townships. We still have not received any federal funds to date.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 10:10 a.m. until Thursday, June 14, 2018.

Brenda Gordert, Finance Director

Mike Atton, Chairman