

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Thursday, August 9, 2018 at 9:05 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  
Art Buck, Design Technician  
Absent: Ben Mead, Facilities Manager

Public Present: Jeanette Snyder, Midland County Board of Commissioners; Laura Dawson, Lee Township Clerk; Mike Wood, Jerome Township Supervisor; Maria Sandow, Larkin Township Supervisor; Roger Beagle.

**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 July 26, 2018 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Terwillegar, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Public Comment:**

None

**Approval of Open Accounts:**

The pre-pay for August 9, 2018 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Terwillegar to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts for August 9, 2018 in the amount of \$884,845.23.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Kloha, Terwillegar, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Correspondence and Items of Information:**

The election results for the countywide road millage renewal were presented.

The road millage passed with 80.29% yes votes and 19.71% no votes.

Porter Township road millage renewal passed 84.62% yes and 15.38% no.

Geneva Township road millage proposal passed 69.10% yes and 30.90% no.

The Road Commission is very grateful for the continued support of the voters.

Correspondence was received from MCTOA announcing the general membership dinner meeting to be held on Thursday, September 6, 2018. RSVP must be sent in by August 24, 2018.

**Permit listing was reviewed**

Sam stated the weighmaster is working with a couple residents on driveways that have collapsed.

**Unfinished Business:**

Discussion was held on the township meetings scheduled for August 22, 2018 at 10:00 am and 5:00 pm to discuss projects for 2019. Sam has been working with a few of the Townships already on projects for next year. Andy Kobisa has also contacted the townships regarding the meetings.

A **draft** policy for "Pavement, Bridge and Safety Goal" was presented and discussed:

**POLICY:** Midland County Road Commission shall have an open goal for pavement, bridge and public safety. Residents may track road and bridge status thru the TAMC (Transportation Asset Management Council) at [www.michigan.gov/tamc](http://www.michigan.gov/tamc)

Pavement Goal: 85% good or fair

Bridge Goal: 85% good or fair\*

\*This includes weight restricted bridges, listing is available on MCRC website.

Safety Goal: Towards Zero Deaths and safest county in our region.

Internally goals will be further refined –

- Primary road and bridge goal 90% good or fair
- Local road and bridge goal 80% good or fair

Funding should be shifted as allowed by law to meet goals and sustain them.

**New Business:**

Bids were received for construction of 7 Mile Road Bridge over Bullock Creek and discussion was held:

Earthmovers of Midland, LLC - \$341,657.91

Grand River Construction, Inc. - \$418,247.60

Gerace Construction Company, Inc. - \$436,298.24

Terry went over bid results. All bids came in higher than engineer's estimate. After discussion it was recommended to accept low bid from Earthmovers of Midland, LLC. Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to accept bid from Earthmovers of Midland, LLC.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Kloha, Terwillegar, Atton,

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Terry presented MiDeal quote for a Western Star 4700SB from D & K Truck Company to replace the sign truck. List price is \$162,100.00 and MiDeal price is \$94,525.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Terwillegar to purchase Western Star 4700SB from D & K Truck Company through the MiDeal Program.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Terwillegar, Kloha, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

A ballot was received from the County Road Association Self Insurance Fund for their Board of Trustees. With three open positions and three candidates on the ballot it was moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to cast a vote for each candidate.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Terwillegar, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

The Managing Director reviewed the need to apply for a safety grant for a center lane left turn on Freeland Road at the intersection of Sasse in Ingersoll Township. Discussion was held.

Moved by Commissioners Terwillegar and Kloha to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, under the transportation bill SAFETEA-LU, the Local Safety Program Funds are available under a competitive based consideration, and

WHEREAS, projects are funded at 80% up to an amount not to exceed \$600,000, with a minimum 20% local match, and

WHEREAS, the Midland County Road Commission has selected Freeland Road at the intersection of Sasse Road for a center lane left turn in Ingersoll Township.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Road Commissioners, County of Midland, authorizes Terence Palmer, Managing Director, to apply for these funds.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Terwillegar, Kloha

Nays: None

Resolution Adopted.

The Managing Director reviewed the need to apply for a County Wide safety grant for horizontal curve delineation sign project.

Moved by Commissioners Terwillegar and Kloha to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, under the transportation bill SAFETEA-LU, the Local Safety Program Funds are available under a competitive based consideration, and

WHEREAS, projects are funded at 90% up to an amount not to exceed \$250,000, with a minimum 10% local match, and

WHEREAS, the Midland County Road Commission has selected a County Wide horizontal curve delineation sign project.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Road Commissioners, County of Midland, authorizes Terence Palmer, Managing Director, to apply for these funds.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Terwillegar, Kloha

Nays: None

Resolution Adopted.

**Miscellaneous:**

A quad meeting will be held tonight at Jasper Township Hall. Meeting to begin at 7:00 p.m.

**Staff Reports:**

Sam stated SSI will start doing density testing on some of the roads next week.

The chipseal contractor will be back in next week.

Some of the crew are working tomorrow to clean up brush and trees from the storm last week.

Sam talked with DEQ on the brush spray program. DEQ wanted to use our county as test pilot program and apologized for going through the contractor instead of contacting the Road Commission directly. Sam is trying to work with DEQ to determine why Midland County is required to have certifications and testing when surrounding counties are not. A press release went to the newspaper today to inform residents the brush spray program has been cancelled.

Terry stated he has contacted Bob Sweeny about the Mackinaw Bridge tour and is waiting for a call back.

He stated Art completed the testing of Meridian Road Bridge over Prairie Creek with the bridge sensors and the weight limit signs have been removed. The next two bridges to have the sensor testing will be Coleman Road over Little Salt and Smith Crossing over Jo Drain.

Brenda stated the booth at the Midland County Fair has been reserved for next week. She attended the MCRCSIP annual meeting in Mt. Pleasant last month and they are encouraging all Road Commission's to update Harassment Policies and Unlawful Retaliation in the Workplace Policies. Copies of policies were given to Commissioners for review at a future meeting.

Russ stated he is working on boards for the fair.

The deadline for submitting safety grants is Monday.

He stated the primary road passer ratings have been completed and the local road ratings are about 50% complete.

Art stated he attended a pre-construction meeting yesterday for Shaffer & Eastman Road intersection improvement which should start after Labor Day and a meeting for Saginaw and Waldo Road paving projects which will start in the spring.

Water Road slope restoration is complete except for the paving.

Gordonville Road safety project at 4 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Mile is complete. Some pavement marking for a parking area at the bridge needs to be completed.

Commissioner Kloha stated the line stripping on Dague Road is very professional. The contractor is going a great job.

He has been contacted by Dow and they would like to discuss the possibility of demonstrating a couple more of their products.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 10:10 a.m. until Wednesday, August 22, 2018.

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Brenda Gordert, Finance Director

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Mike Atton, Chairman