

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Wednesday, August 22, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the Road Commission office.

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

Public Present: Jeanette Snyder, Midland County Board of Commissioners; Laura Dawson, Lee Township Clerk; Mike Wood, Jerome Township Supervisor; Maria Sandow, Larkin Township Supervisor; Annette Glenn; Dan Bloom, Mills Township Supervisor; Bruce Clark, Warren Township Supervisor; Tom Corbat, Porter Township Supervisor; Andy Kobisa, Hope Township Supervisor; Jenifier Boyer, Midland County Emergency Services; Russ Varner, Homer Township Supervisor.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said

Additions to Agenda:

None

Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Commissioner Atton and seconded by Commissioner Terwillegar to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2018 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Terwillegar

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

Laura Dawson questioned the cancellation of the brush spray program and Sam explained the contractor decided to pull out due to changes in the chemicals the DEQ wanted them to use.

Approval of Open Accounts:

The pre-pay for August 23, 2018 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Atton to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts for August 23, 2018 in the amount of \$492,462.45.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Terwillegar, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

Correspondence was received from MCTOA announcing the general membership dinner meeting to be held on Thursday, September 6, 2018. Terry and Sam will be attending.

County Road Association Self-Insurance Fund annual meeting will be held on September 12, 2018 in Battle Creek. Brenda will attend meeting.

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

Permit listing was reviewed

Unfinished Business:

The Harassment Policy and Unlawful Retaliation in the Workplace Policy will be reassessed during a policy review meeting in the fall.

New Business:

A private road name request was submitted by Joe King for Firefly Trail in Jerome Township east off N. 8 Mile Road. Approval has been granted by Midland County GIS and Jerome Township.

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Atton to accept private road name Firefly Trail.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Terwillegar, Atton,

Nays: None

Motion Carried

The annual Northern/Southern meeting will be held on September 13-14 in Battle Creek. Brenda and Sam will attend.

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Atton to appoint Brenda Gordert voting delegate and Sam SanMiguel as alternate voting delegate.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Terwillegar, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Discussion was held regarding Public Act 202 of 2017 Pension Report Form 202 and the Protecting Local Government Retirement and Benefits Act Application for Waiver and Plan.

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and second by Commissioner Atton to offer the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Midland County Road Commission has made changes to the Municipal Employees Defined Benefit Plan effective December 1, 2014 adopting a lower benefit plan.

WHEREAS, the Midland County Road Commission has been making additional contributions annually to the Municipal Employees Retirement System since 2011.

WHEREAS, the Midland County Road Commission is determinedly working on a 5-year plan to become 100% funded.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Road Commissioners, County of Midland, approve the Protecting Local Government Retirement and Benefits Act Application for Waiver and Plan.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Terwillegar, Atton

Nays: None

Resolution Adopted.

Miscellaneous:

Terry sent our brush cutter out to Coleman Road and Redstone Road in Jasper Township. A farmer had planted corn well into the right-of-way causing a vision problem. An attempt to

contact the farmer was unsuccessful, for the safety of traveling public the corn stalks in the right-of-way were cut down.

Staff Reports:

Sam stated Central Asphalt is in paving the Hurley Road and Ashby Road projects. The chip seal contractor was rained out this week but is scheduled to return next week. Bryon Newcomb found a company to perform chainsaw and chipper training. Cost is \$55 per person and Sam received approval to send 8 employees. Jim deSpelder from CRASIF is featuring our safety program in a future newsletter.

Ben stated he sent the single axle dura patch truck to Wieland for engine repair. They agreed to repair engine under warranty, but offered the option of overhauling the engine and sharing the cost. Ben chose to have the engine overhauled while it was torn apart and share in the cost.

He stated the skid steer should be delivered today.

Terry stated we have been working with Dow Chemical on a product for joint repairs and a short video was previewed.

He stated replacement of 7 Mile Road Bridge over Bullock Creek has begun.

He and Sam are working on the county 5-year plan and we will host a local meeting this fall.

Repair of the large culvert on Bay-Mid Line Road between Levely and Townline 16 is scheduled for this fall and the work will be done by Bay County Road Commission.

Terry and Russ had a meeting with Joe Wisniewski from Saginaw County Road Commission to discuss making Tittabawasse Road a primary road and make Laporte Road a local road.

They discussed turning Meridian Road back over to MDOT.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 10:00 a.m. until Thursday, September 6, 2018.

Brenda Gordert, Finance Director

Mike Atton, Chairman