

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Thursday, September 20, 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
Devin Campbell, Civil Technician

Absent: Russ Inman, Design Engineer
Art Buck, Design Technician

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said

Additions to Agenda:

Old Business:
Review Abandonment of Roads and Public Right of Ways Policy

Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Terwillegar to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2018 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Terwillegar, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

Maria Sandow and Sam discussed the issues with the Eastman Road construction project. The contractor dug through AT&T lines that were not marked and the phones were out for 5 hours. Due to another construction accident the power and internet were also out. Crews were able to get everything patched back together.

Approval of Open Accounts:

The pre-pay for September 20, 2018 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Terwillegar to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts for September 20, 2018 in the amount of \$1,473,328.76.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Kloha, Terwillegar, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

None

Permit listing was reviewed

Unfinished Business:

Terry reviewed the "Abandonment of Roads and Public Right of Ways" policy 100.01.

PROCEDURES:

1. Petition of 7 or more freeholders from within the Township that the road is to be abandoned from.
2. Signatures of all land owners and occupants of land abutting roadway.
3. Follow State law excerpt 224.18 of Act 283 of 1909 as amended.

All steps must be followed according to the state law to properly abandon a road or public right of way.

New Business:

Ben presented a proposal from Cannon Truck Equipment through the MiDeal program to furnish and install all necessary equipment for the sign truck. MiDeal contract price is \$83,769.00. Ben recommends adding the jib prep package option for an additional \$1,722.00 and the increase in platform width from 96" to 102" option for an additional \$1,497.00. Discussion was held.

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to approve MiDeal contract price with both options.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Terwillegar, Atton, Kloha

Nays: None

Resolution Adopted.

Miscellaneous:

None

Staff Reports:

Ben reported the skid steer is in use.

The two new plow trucks are almost complete. The first truck will be done next week and the second needs final electrical and hydraulic work and will be completed in another month.

He has ordered supplies to start the winter prep on the snow plow equipment.

He stated he is looking for running gears for storing the plow truck inserts.

Sam stated the ultra thins will start up next week. The pavers pulled out to work on an MDOT project.

The sealcoat contractor has two more weeks of sealcoat and then they will start the fog seal. He stated our crews are very busy working on drainage projects.

Terry stated the Eastman and Shaffer Road project is going really well. The drainage is almost complete and it should be ready for paving the end of next week.

7 Mile Road bridge project is progressing. The first abutment will be done this week.

He has forms to apply for the Mackinac Bridge Authority Tower Tour. They give out twenty-five certificates per year to a non-profit organization for charitable purposes.

Devin stated Russ is closing out the TMAC culvert pilot.

Alamando/Miller/Magrudder Road project is designed and set to start on Monday.

Brenda stated the CRASIF annual meeting was held last week in Battle Creek and we received a safety award for having one of the lowest employee injury rates in the state.

The annual Northern/Southern conference was held at the same time with informational sessions on automated cars and working in the public right-of-way. Sam participated in a session on the flood related issues from last year and it was very well received.

AIS donated a yeti cooler and cups for the Ferris State scholarship auction on behalf of the road commission.

Commissioner Terwillegar inquired about Entact Safety Day. Sam will find out dates.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 9:50 a.m. until Wednesday, October 17, 2018.

Brenda Gordert, Finance Director

Mike Atton, Chairman