

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Thursday, December 13, 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
Russ Inman, Design Engineer
Art Buck, Design Technician
Devin Campbell, Civil Technician
Ashley Rockefeller, GIS Technician

Absent: None

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said

Additions to Agenda:

None

Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Terwillegar to approve the minutes of the November 29, 2018 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Kloha, Terwillegar

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

None

Approval of Open Accounts:

The pre-pay for December 13, 2018 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Terwillegar to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts for December 13, 2018 in the amount of \$457,243.37

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Kloha, Terwillegar, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

None

Permit listing was reviewed

Unfinished Business:

A \$500 deposit was received from Consumers Energy for the property purchase at the northeast corner of Section 13 in Lee Township. The remaining \$4,500 will be paid at the closing in March of 2019.

Senate 396 logging bill passed the Senate and was sent to the House for a vote. The House committee did not vote and the bill is considered dead at this time.

New Business:

Russ attended a meeting with the Midland Area Community Foundation and the Great Lakes Regional Trail Alliance Group to discuss options for Smith Crossing Bridge in Ingersoll Township, section 1. The bridge has been closed to traffic since 1989 and removed from inventory in 2002. They are asking the Road Commission to apply for TAP grants for the structure restoration. Bridge would be restored for non-motorized use and ownership would be transferred. Discussion was held on funding for future maintenance. Road Commission funds would not be used.

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Terwillegar to offer the following:

- Recognize that the structure was built in 1907
- Structure is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places
- Structure was closed to all travel in 1989
- Structure was removed from bridge inventory on February 27, 2002
- Commitment to seek and apply for TAP grant funding for structure restoration
- Support for working in partnership with the Midland Area Community Foundation, the Great Lakes Bay Regional Trail Alliance, Midland County Parks and Recreation and potentially other groups to pursue the expansion of non-motorized travel across the restored structure
- All the local matching funds required by TAP funding will be provided by other partnership members
- A maintenance endowment will be created and funded by other partnership members
- Commitment to work out a formal agreement that will allow for non-motorized use of the restored structure for perpetuity
- Commitment to complete this project should TAP funding be secured and all other provisions listed above come to fruition

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Terwillegar, Atton, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Russ discussed the annual ESRI GIS international conference to be held in San Diego. Chris Cantrell from Midland County GIS has attended the last couple years. He stated it is a great conference and discussed the benefits to the Road Commission. Cost was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Terwillegar to send Russ Inman and Ashley Rockefeller to the 2019 ERSI GIS conference.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Kloha, Terwillegar, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Terry discussed the purchase of State D funds from Gladwin County Road Commission. Funds would be purchased at .80c on the dollar and used for matching funds on 2019 federal aid projects.

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to approve purchase of Gladwin County State D funds for 2019.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Terwillegar, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Discussion was held on the new OPEB reporting requirements with the passage of GASB 75. Our current auditor, Tom Smith of Smith and Klaczkiewicz, is no longer able to complete the reporting requirements and proposals were taken:

CBIZ Retirement Plan Services - \$5,000 for year one and \$750 for year two

Watkins Ross - \$4,100 for year one and \$1,300 for year two

Monroe & Associates – did not submit proposal

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Terwillegar to accept proposal from Watkins Ross.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Kloha, Atton, Terwillegar

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Miscellaneous:

Terry presented new updated versions of “Welcome to Midland” signs designed by Russ, Sam and Ashley. Discussion was held to also get public and townships involved in selection process through facebook and twitter. Approximately 36 signs will be replaced around the county.

Moved by Commissioner Atton and seconded by Commissioner Terwillegar to move forward with new signage proposal.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Terwillegar, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Staff Reports:

Art attended 2 day DEQ Conference in Mt. Pleasant.

He attended a materials acceptance process class in Roscommon.

The DEQ permit application for 11 Mile over Prairie Creek has been submitted.

We have received a rejection letter for DEQ permit for Meridian over Bullock Creek.

He has a meeting with EOC for 2019 planning exercises.

Russ stated he attended an asset management meeting this week. Public Act 325 of 2018 requires each county to have 3-year asset management plan by October of 2020.

Terry state he attended the DEQ meeting with Art in Mt. Pleasant.

He attended the Engineer Conference and he presented at a session.

One topic was on working with FEMA.

He discussed RFP for consultants using qualification based selection.

We do not have the actual figure yet on the State D fund amount for 2019.

MDOT has put together pre-designed bridges on their website but no GRS IBS bridges.

Warranty paving applies to any paving contract over 2 million dollars. May have to separate out contracts to stay under the 2 million.

Conference attendees were presented with a crisis response notebook.

Sam stated Gladwin County would like to piggyback off our sealcoat bids for 2019. They have approximately 15 miles and hope to get better contractor pricing.

Porter Township and Wheeler Township are working on a joint project sealcoating 4 miles of Tittabawassee Road and Gratiot County will do the work with their crews and equipment.

A request has been received for a mill and fill on Sturgeon Woods in Larkin Township.

Sturgeon Woods is a private subdivision and more discussion will follow.

We will be hosting the local superintendents meeting in February. MCRCSIP will be working with the group on new employee training.

Ben stated per the request of the City of Coleman we decorated a plow truck and one of the employees drove it in the Christmas parade. It was very well received.

The 2018 truck builds are complete.

The storage brine tanks are set up and Michigan Chloride is very grateful for the safety improvements.

New 2019 truck builds will start in January.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 10:30 a.m. until Thursday, December 27, 2018.

Brenda Gordert, Finance Director

Mike Atton, Chairman