

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Thursday, August 8, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Road Commission office.

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

Absent: None

Public Present: Maria Sandow, Larkin Township Supervisor; Laura Dawson, Lee Township Clerk; Doug Jackson, Larkin Township; Bruce Clark, Warren Township Supervisor.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said

Additions to Agenda:

None

Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2019 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Kloha, Hyatt

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

Bruce Clark inquired why the roads were not patched before they were chip sealed and requested shoulders be pulled in Warren Township. Sam stated the patching will be done with hot mix and the crews have been working on the shoulders in the area.

Doug Jackson thanked the Road Commission for getting the concrete removed from Swede Road right-of-way in Larkin Township and he is looking forward to getting a permit to cut the brush.

Approval of Open Accounts:

The pre-pay for August 8, 2019 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts for August 8, 2019 in the amount of \$1,095,633.33.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Kloha, Hyatt, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

Quad meeting will be held August 8 at the Porter Township Hall.

MCTOA meeting will be held September 5, 2019 at the Larkin Township Hall.

County Road Association has sent out a survey on the Commissioners' Seminar.

Permit listing was reviewed

Unfinished Business:

Terry stated the excavator has removed the blockage and opened up the Swede Road right-of-way. Russ stated three 6' sections of concrete pipe and 1 tree were removed. Douglas Jackson requested a permit to cut brush and trees to open up the right-of-way more. Russ denied permit and stated that the entire length of right-of-way can be traveled without needing to cut the brush or trees which are located along the back of the right-of-way and lead to someone's back yard. There is still a gate across right-of-way, and he would like to have it removed. Russ stated the gate will be allowed until Larkin Township requests work be done and that the right-of-way can be easily accessed from the end of Tupelo Drive.

Russ discussed the five safety grants for 2021:

1. Roundabout at Waldo and Monroe intersection.
2. Safety shoulders on Jefferson from Letts to Monroe Road
3. Bridge guardrail and approach rail replacement at 9 locations throughout County
4. New guardrail installation at the following locations:
 - Meridian Road at S. County Line Road over the county drain
 - Stark Road south of Bombay on the west side
 - 11 Mile Road south of Redstone on the west side
5. Centerline rumble strips at various location with head on or side swipe crashes

Total estimate is \$2,206,467.90 and funding would cover 80%, \$1,765,174.30. Terry stated Russ and Ashley did a great job submitting safety grants.

New Business:

A ballot was received from CRASIF for three candidates for the Board of Trustees. Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to cast a unanimous ballot for the three incumbent candidates.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Hyatt, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Miscellaneous:

None

Staff Reports:

Art gave project updates:

- Eastman Road is at a standstill but is scheduled to be paved Friday, August 16.
- Waldo Road from Monroe to Hubbard is being paved August 9 and 10.
- Poseyville Road will be paved late next week.
- 11 Mile/Odd/Porter Roads scheduled to start on Monday, August 19 along with Homer Road over Chippewa River.
- Saginaw Road from Waldo to County Line, Saginaw Road in Sanford and Letts Road are all complete.

He stated he is working with Dow on the plastic paving on County Line, Waskevich, and Julie Ann. Paving is scheduled for week of August 12 and Dow will have their media team on hand.

Russ stated he and Ashley are busy working on project boards for the County Fair next week. There will also be an informational board regarding the Waldo Road interchange at US10 and Ashley has set up system for online comments.

Ben stated the new semi-truck has been picked up and the mechanics are making minor modifications and setting it up with strobes and stickers.

Repairs are being made to the excavator.

The engine is being rebuilt on 617 dump truck by Shane.

The repairs were completed by Wieland's on the dump truck the tree fell on.

He stated the safety committee met this week and discussed additional strobe lights on a few pickups and patchers.

Ben stated all the items in the auction have been picked up except 1 truck. Payment should arrive next week from GovDeals.

He stated Solucient Security has been in all week updating the security system.

Sam stated the line stripping has started and he is hoping to be completed with round 1 next week.

He is waiting on Central Asphalt to come back and finish up the paving projects in a couple weeks.

He stated the crews have been pulling shoulders in Warren Township.

Mackinaw Administrators was in this week and acknowledged our extremely low work comp incident rate which will be reflected in our refund amount.

Terry stated someone has installed a large 13' tall cross on the shoulder of US-10 near Stark Road. Art has taken pictures and MDOT has been notified.

He discussed the legislative summit to be held at Tree Tops on August 26.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 9:50 a.m. until Wednesday, August 21, 2019.

Brenda Gordert, Finance Director

Mike Atton, Chairman