

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Thursday, August 6, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. via conference call due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Present: Mike Atton, Chairman  
Al Kloha, Vice Chairman  
Jim Hyatt, Commission Member  
Jon Myers, Managing Director  
Brenda Gordert, Finance Director  
Art Buck, Superintendent  
Russ Inman, Design Engineer  
Ben Mead, Facilities Manager  
Jeff Brown, Construction Technician

Absent: Ashley Rockefeller, GIS Technician

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

**The Pledge of Allegiance was said**

**Additions to Agenda:**

**New Business:** Abandonment Petition 11 Mile Road in Edenville Township

**Approval of Minutes:**

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2020 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Public Comment:**

Jon Chambers commented about the cars running off the dead end of Hurley Road north of Jefferson. He stated the dead end sign is crooked and leaning and he would also like to get the speed limit lowered to 35 MPH. Art stated he will look at updating the signs and see if anything else can be done. Jon Myers stated we follow the speed limit requirements set by the Michigan Vehicle Code and he will look to see if it qualifies for reduced speed.

Maria Sandow thanked the Road Commission for the extra signing near the intersection of Waldo and Monroe Roads in Larkin Township.

**Approval of Open Accounts:**

The pre-pay for August 6, 2020 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts for August 6, 2020 in the amount of \$356,494.42.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Kloha, Hyatt

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Flood Update:**

Jon stated he is working with Federal Highway on funding. He met with them to review Curtis Road Bridge and Saginaw Road in Sanford. He is working with the Spicer Group on the DDIR's. Poseyville Road will next on priority list to be completed. Our FEMA process has started and projects have been submitted.

**Correspondence and Items of Information:**

Road millage election results were presented and the millage passed with 84% approval rating. The Board and staff thanked everyone for their support.

**Permit listing was reviewed**

**Unfinished Business:**

None

**New Business:**

A ballot was received from the County Road Association Self-Insurance Fund (CRASIF) for the Board of Trustees Election and discussion ensued.

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to cast a unanimous ballot for all four candidates.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioner Atton, Hyatt, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Bids were received for micro-surfacing treatment on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street (Coleman):

Pavement Maintenance Systems LLC - \$35,853.70

American Pavements, Inc. - \$58,900.00

Pavement fabric was removed from the remainder of the project and will offset the cost of micro-surfacing.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to accept low bid of Pavement Maintenance Systems, LLC in the amount of \$35,853.70.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Kloha, Hyatt Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Bids are due this afternoon at 2:00 pm for the purchase and removal of excess reclaimed asphalt. The Road Commission is the recycle center for asphalt and we have accumulated a surplus and it is beginning to impede into our yard. Discussion ensued.

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve bids for purchase and removal of excess reclaimed asphalt and authorize staff to award bid in the best interest of the Road Commission.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Jon presented a final draft of the DTE User Agreement for Road Use, Repair and Improvements for the Meridian Wind Park Phase I. Discussion ensued.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to approve DTE User Agreement.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Hyatt, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

An abandonment request has been received for 11 Mile Road between Curtis and Shearer Road in Edenville Township, section 7/8. 11 Mile is currently classified as a seasonal road.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Atton to accept petition and proceed with public hearing on September 17, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Kloha, Hyatt Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

The Northern Association Annual Conference scheduled for September 15-17 has been canceled. Moved by Commissioner Atton and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to change the Monday, September 14, 2020 board meeting to Thursday, September 17, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Miscellaneous:**

None

**Staff Reports:**

Jon stated he has had numerous meeting with FHWA, FEMA, and DTE.

He is giving a virtual presentation this afternoon on the emergency response to the flooding disaster.

Art stated the Meridian Road Bridge south of Kent Road is progressing nicely. The layers of large block have been completed and beams are scheduled for installation next week. Paving and guard rail are scheduled for the last week of August.

He stated we have been working on drainage projects throughout the county.

He has started to add a couple chip seals, gravels, and paving projects back into the construction program.

He is assisting Jen Boyer, Emergency Services Director, with the use of our forklift to unload shelving units and cots that were donated during the flood.

Russ stated he is going to be starting passer road ratings next week to rate local roads.

He stated the Four Lakes Task Force is holding a series of meeting that are very informational.

He is working on numerous reports and paperwork.

Russ commented on the extra hours Jon has been putting in by working late and coming in on Fridays to help keep all the flood disaster projects and paperwork moving forward.

Jeff stated the rural paving projects are completed and he is working on the close out documents.

The Eastman Road contractor is working on the northbound half and installing storm sewers on the east side. They will be starting to shape the road and build grade at the south end next week.

The 13 flood location projects from the 2017 flood are moving forward on 9 Mile south of Saginaw Road. The culvert has been installed 15 feet deep and paving and guardrail is scheduled for August. 17.

He stated he met with DTE yesterday and will start processing approximately 65 driveway permits.

Ben stated the new truck build on 638 will be complete in the next couple weeks. The rest of the equipment has arrived for 639 and they will get started on that one right away.

The mechanics have been catching up on some welding on the v-box salt spreaders.

The two 2015 John Deere mower tractors are nearing the end of the warranty period and they noticed a vibration. Both mowers will be going in for repair and it will be covered under the warranty.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 9:55 a.m. until Wednesday, August 19, 2020.

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Brenda Gordert, Finance Director

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Mike Atton, Chairman