

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Wednesday, August 19, 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  
Ashley Rockefeller, GIS Technician  
Absent: Ben Mead, Facilities Manager  
Jeff Brown, Construction Technician

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

**The Pledge of Allegiance was said**

**Additions to Agenda:**

None

**Approval of Minutes:**

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Atton to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2020 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Public Comment:**

Laura Dawson commented on the traffic fatality on Gordonville Road. She requested staff to look at signing notifying driver's pavement ends and road turns to gravel. Staff will follow-up.

**Approval of Open Accounts:**

The pre-pay for August 20, 2020 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Atton to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts for August 20, 2020 in the amount of \$262,056.97.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Hyatt

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Correspondence and Items of Information:**

Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-165 extends emergency declaration arising out of the COVID-19 pandemic through September 4, 2020. This extension continues to allow remote meetings through October 2, 2020.

The East Central Council will hold a joint meeting with the Paul Bunyan Council via Zoom on Thursday, August 20 at 9:30 am.

**Permit listing was reviewed**

**Unfinished Business:**

None

**Commissioner Kloha joined meeting.**

**New Business:**

Clerk submitted ACT 51 was to the Board. The annual financial report was submitted by county auditor, Tom Smith, in May.

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to accept the ACT 51 financial report as presented.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioner Atton, Hyatt, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

The annual certification of Employee-related conditions per Public Act 51, section 18j was presented. The Road Commission is certifying that medical benefits are offered to its employees in compliance with the publicly funded health insurance contribution act, 2011 PA 152.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to submit annual certification.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Hyatt, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Miscellaneous:**

None

**Staff Reports:**

Jon stated he continues to have numerous meetings on flood funding with MDOT, FHWA and FEMA. The DDIR's have been submitted to MDOT and FHWA. We had a site review on Curtis Road with FHWA and so far we have not received any feedback.

He attended a kick-off recovery scope meeting with FEMA and information is being submitted electronically.

The USDA has submitted paperwork for funding to Lansing and was approved and has now gone on to the next approval step.

He has met with Representative Moolenaar on funding through rural development branch of USDA but not sure if we will qualify.

He is meeting with DTE personnel for permit work on the driveways for the windmills.

He is meeting with EGLE for processing permits for flood projects.

He has a subcontract with Michigan Tech that is part of the recycled bridge project for Alamando Road over Salt River. They will be starting the preliminary work this fall with design next year.

Art stated he purchased a utility line locator and training is being held today.

CRASIF and MCRCSIP were both in last week for site visits and work zone safety inspection.

He has added some chip seal projects back into the construction program for this year and the contractor will start next week.

He is working with Fisher to confirm a date to start the graveling projects.

Art stated the contractor on the Eastman Road project is almost complete with the drainage on the east side and will be able to pave soon, then move to the west side.

The 13 flood location projects are continuing. 9 Mile Road has been paved and we are waiting for the guardrail to be installed before the road can be opened to traffic. The contractor will be moving to Coleman Road south of M20 next.

The crews set the beams on Monday on the Meridian Road bridge over the Bullock Creek. Paving and guardrail are scheduled for next week.

Russ stated he is continuing to work on flood related paperwork and has been very busy with meetings.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 9:30 a.m. until Wednesday, September 3, 2020.

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Brenda Gordert, Finance Director

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Mike Atton, Chairman