

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Thursday, October 29, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. via conference call due to COVID-19 restrictions.

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

Public Present: Jeanette Snyder, Midland County Board of Commissioners; Maria Sandow, Larkin Township Supervisor; Bruce Clark, Warren Township Supervisor.

**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 October 14, 2020 meeting.  
Roll Call.  
Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton  
Nays: None Motion Carried

**Public Comment:**  
Jeanette Snyder stated she is hearing good things about the Road Commission. She wanted to give Russ a shout out for all the help getting Saginaw Road in Sanford repaired and back open.

**Approval of Open Accounts:**  
The pre-pay for October 29, 2020 was discussed.  
Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Atton to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts for October 29, 2020 in the amount of \$639,206.29.  
Roll Call.  
Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Hyatt  
Nays: None Motion Carried

**Correspondence and Items of Information:**  
Presque Isle County Road Commission mailed results of MCRCSIP ballot on amended bylaws. It was approved to amend bylaws to allow counties that have taken over their Road Commissions to become associate members of the insurance pool.

**Permit listing was reviewed**

**Unfinished Business:**  
None

**New Business:**

A construction contract was received from the Michigan Department of Transportation programmed with the FHWA for implementation with the use of Federal Funds under the High Risk Rural Roads and the Highway Safety Improvement Program.

Moved by Commissioner Atton and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to offer the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Contract No. 20-5370 is for preliminary engineering activities for the roundabout construction work along Waldo Road at Monroe Road; and all together with necessary related work.

WHEREAS, the parties hereto have reached an understanding with each other regarding the performance of the work and desires to set forth this understanding in the form of a written contract.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Road Commissioners, County of Midland, authorizes Jonathan Myers, Managing Director and Brenda Gordert, Clerk, to sign Contract 20-5370.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton

Nays: None

Resolution Adopted.

A construction contract was received from the Michigan Department of Transportation programmed with the FHWA for implementation with the use of Federal Funds under the Highway Safety Improvement Program.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Atton to offer the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Contract No. 20-5399 is for permanent signing installation work along various federal-aid routes countywide; and all together with necessary related work.

WHEREAS, the parties hereto have reached an understanding with each other regarding the performance of the work and desires to set forth this understanding in the form of a written contract.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Road Commissioners, County of Midland, authorizes Jonathan Myers, Managing Director and Brenda Gordert, Clerk, to sign Contract 20-5399.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton

Nays: None

Resolution Adopted.

A General Loan contract was received from the Michigan Department of Transportation regarding a State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) loan in the amount of \$2,000,000.00.

Moved by Commissioner Atton and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to offer the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Contract No.2021-0056, for financing transportation infrastructure improvements through emergency bridge and road replacements due to a county wide flood disaster in May of 2020. Loan duration will be for five years, interest free. Annual payments will be \$400,000.00. Contract will be in effect from date of award through December 31, 2025.

WHEREAS, the parties hereto have reached an understanding with each other regarding the performance of the work and desires to set forth this understanding in the form of a written contract.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Road Commissioners, County of Midland, authorizes Jonathan Myers, Managing Director, to sign Contract 2021-0056.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Hyatt

Nays: None

Resolution Adopted.

A proposal was received from Frost Control Systems for three fixed Road Weather Information Systems (RWIS). Proposal is for a winter pilot program from November 1, 2020 thru June 1, 2021 for \$6,000 and will cover all expenses and maintenance.

Moved by Commissioner Atton and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve proposal.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Miscellaneous:**

None

**Staff Reports:**

Russ stated he has been pressing FHWA for confirmation on funding for the flood projects. We were recently notified Grey Road may not qualify for FHWA and we will need to apply to FEMA for funding. He is continuing to work on all the paperwork.

He is working on the easements for 11 Mile abandonment in Edenville Township.

Ashley stated she is working on updating the snow plow truck route maps for winter.

Ben stated he is working on facilities and grounds preparation for winter.

He stated 20 safety posts have been installed at the Ingersoll Garage around the doors and fuel station.

The new engine in truck 630 is almost complete. He is waiting on a few parts.

The change over to snow and ice equipment on the trucks is about 80% complete.

The 1 ton dump truck is complete except for the strobe lights that are on back order. He expects delivery in a couple weeks.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 9:30 a.m. until Thursday, November 12, 2020.

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Brenda Gordert, Finance Director

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Mike Atton, Chairman