

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Thursday, April 29, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. via conference call due to COVID-19.

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

Absent: None

Public Present: Jeanette Snyder, Midland County Board of Commissioners; Maria Sandow, Larkin 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 April 14, 2021 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Clark, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Public Comment:**

None

**Approval of Open Accounts:**

The pre-pay for April 29, 2021 was reviewed.

Moved by Commissioner Clark and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts as presented for April 29, 2021 in the amount of \$275,319.75.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Hyatt, Clark

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Correspondence and Items of Information:**

ACT 51 was presented to the board for review.

A letter was sent to the County Controller regarding the Road Commission MTF shortfall due to the pandemic. It was suggested by Senator Gary Peters to contact the County regarding the relief funds they were expected to receive from the American Rescue Plan. Counties and townships received relief funds through the plan.

**Permit listing was reviewed.**

**Unfinished Business:**

None

**New Business:**

A quote was received from Canfield Equipment Service for the upfitting of the weighmaster vehicle with the necessary equipment and discussion ensued.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve Canfield Equipment upfitting charges for weighmaster vehicle.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Clark, Hyatt

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

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

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

WHEREAS, Contract No.21-5040, consists of hot mix asphalt removal and roundabout construction with decorative concrete pavement and curb and gutter, guardrail, centerline corrugations and drainage improvements along Freeland Road at Sasse Road, including lighting, permanent signing and pavement markings; 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 Jon Myers, Managing Director, and Art Buck, Superintendent, to sign Contract 21-5040.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Clark

Nays: None

Resolution Adopted.

**Miscellaneous:**

Bids are being taken for the removal and replacement of the front gate as the next step in security upgrades.

Applications are being taken for a laborer position to replace one of the crew that has left the road commission for other employment.

Following the expiration of the COVID-19 state of emergency for Midland County on May 4<sup>th</sup> Road Commission meetings will be held in person.

**Staff Reports:**

Jon stated FEMA has approved funding for the third flood project from 2020 and he was able to get the funding increased. The fourth and final project is in the final review phase.

The NCRS project on Orr Road will be starting soon.

He has talked with DTE regarding the damages to our roads with all the heavy loads. The Road Commission will complete repairs as needed and invoice DTE.

Art stated Fahrner Asphalt has completed the crack seal on the roads that are receiving additional treatment. The rest of the crack seal projects will be completed in the fall. Fahrner is planning to start the sealcoat projects on May 17 and completion is June 4.

Central Asphalt is paving this week and next.

Michigan Chloride is scheduled to start brining May 4.

Art stated he is scheduling the recon projects with Fisher and Pavement Recycling for the end of May.

Five of the summer help students will be starting on Monday, May 3.

Russ stated he attended the CRA Impress Awards ceremony last Friday in Lansing to accept our awards. Jon is going to send out one of the press releases today.

Interviews are going on for the summer CAD intern and engineering intern.

He stated the permit fee exemptions are being reviewed by the staff for clarification and discussion at the next board meeting.

Jeff stated he has been issuing permits for Barton Malow and DTE for the windmills.

The Coleman Road bridge south abutment has been removed. The contractor is trying to install permanent sheet piling but having issues with the hard pan. They have broken two hammers.

He is having a progress meeting to keep everyone on the same page.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 9:32 a.m. until Thursday, May 13, 2021.

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Brenda Gordert, Finance Director

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Mike Atton, Chairman