

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Wednesday, September 1, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. at the Midland County Road Commission office.

Present: Mike Atton, Chairman
Jim Hyatt, Vice Chairman
Bruce Clark, 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

Absent: None

Public Present: Jeanette Snyder, Midland County Board of Commissioners; Rita Goul, Hope Township Supervisor; Maria Sandow, Larkin Township Supervisor, attended remotely.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Additions to Agenda:

None

Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2021, meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Clark

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

None

Approval of Open Accounts:

The pre-pay for September 2, 2021, was reviewed.

Moved by Commissioner Clark and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts as presented for September 2, 2021, in the amount of \$1,054,655.21.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Clark, Hyatt

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

The MCTOA meeting will be held on Thursday, September 16 at the Larkin Township Hall and Jeff and Ashley will be attending.

Permit listing was reviewed.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

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 Clark to submit annual certification and authorize Jon Myers and Brenda Gordert to sign.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Hyatt, Clark
Nays: None

Motion Carried

Miscellaneous:

Jon stated Sara Iverson's last day was August 26th and discussion was held with staff on how to fill the position. It was decided to hire the Finance/HR Director replacement first and to hire a new payroll clerk at a later date. Jon is finalizing job descriptions and an advertisement will go out early next week.

Discussion was held on the board meeting scheduled for September 13, 2021. Payroll and AP listings will not be ready in time for a Monday board meeting and there is another meeting on September 30th.

Moved by Commissioner Clark and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to cancel board meeting scheduled for September 13, 2021.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Clark, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Staff Reports:

Jeff stated the contractor poured the south back wall and diaphragms on the Coleman Road Bridge yesterday and will be moving to the north wall tomorrow.

Poseyville Road has been milled between Stewart and Ashby Road and the contractor will pave top course on Friday and finish up on Tuesday. Contractor will move to the next section between Stewart and Gordonville Road and continue the reconstruction project.

Jon stated the MDOT maintenance contract for 2021-2026 has been signed and submitted. He is working with METC and Attorney William Henn on the condemnation process for an electric transmission line going in on Coleman Road.

Art stated a new full-time employee started this week and he is working out well along with the two employees hired at the beginning of June.

He attended a SAM executive board meeting for the conference in October. The conference center has reinstated a mask mandate.

The paving is continuing in Larkin Township and then the contractor will move up to Hope Township after the holiday.

We have two summer mower students that will continue working through September 15, the rest have gone back to school. Art stated we had a really good group this year.

The crews started on the Star Road drainage project last week and will move to Brooks Road next. He met with the Flatts Campground and Terry Hall, Edenville Supervisor, to discuss an easement for drainage issues on Flint Street and Campbell Court. They campground is very willing to work with us on an easement.

There will be some concrete patching on westbound US10 at Eastman Road next week and some drainage improvements on the eastbound ramp at US10 and Wackerly Road ramp before the end of the month.

Ben stated not a lot has changed on the brush cutter. He has told Hutson he will not accept the brush cutter as it is. He is still trying to work with them and hoping they send the machine out to be properly fitted.

He stated the swap loader is working good and has been used mainly for chipping so far.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 9:35 a.m. until Thursday, September 30, 2021.

Brenda Gordert, Finance Director

Mike Atton, Chairman