

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Thursday, September 30, 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 attended virtually
Art Buck, Superintendent
Russ Inman, Design Engineer
Brenda Gordert, Finance Director/Clerk
Ben Mead, Facilities Manager

Absent: Jeff Brown, Construction Technician
Ashley Hiles, GIS Technician

Public Present: Jeanette Snyder, Midland County Board of Commissioners; Robert Kelley, Hope Township

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 September 1, 2021, meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Clark

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Clark Hyatt

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

Robert Kelley stated he enjoyed the ride-around with Art Buck to be able to see what roads need attention throughout Hope Township. He asked if the remaining roads scheduled to be paved this year were still on track. Art replied they will be completed mid October. He discussed a video he recently came across on a shoulder leveling machine. He will send link to Art for review. Jeanette Snyder stated the Townships are receiving extra money with stipulations on how it can be spent and it may be possible for them to participate in the costs of the machine.

Approval of Open Accounts:

The pre-pay for September 16, 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 16, 2021, in the amount of \$552,740.51.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Clark, Hyatt

Nays: None

Motion Carried

The pre-pay for September 30, 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 30, 2021, in the amount of \$750,159.58.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Clark, Hyatt

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

None

Permit listing was reviewed.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

A construction contract was received from the Michigan Department of Transportation regarding construction programmed with the FHWA, for implementation with the use of Emergency Relief Funds.

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

WHEREAS, Contract No. 21-5372, federal funds have been made available for the performance of preliminary engineering for permanent road repairs including road restoration, rehabilitation and resurfacing along Curtis Road from 11 Mile Road to ¼ mile east of 11 Mile Road, along Eastman Road from Hubbard Road to Hurley Road, along Gordonville Road from Saginaw Road to River Road, along Pine River Road from Hubert Road to Woodcock Road, along Redstone Road from Meridian Road to Seven Mile Road and along West River Road from Gilhaven Road to Mier Road; and all together with necessary related work.

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the project qualifies for such funding.

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 No. 21-5372.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Hyatt, Clark

Nays: None

Resolution Adopted.

A construction contract was received from the Michigan Department of Transportation regarding construction programmed with the FHWA, for implementation with the use of Emergency Relief Funds.

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

WHEREAS, Contract No. 21-5373, federal funds have been made available for the performance of preliminary engineering for permanent road repairs including road restoration, rehabilitation and resurfacing along Poseyville Road from Ashby Road to St. Charles Road; and all together with necessary related work.

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the project qualifies for such funding.

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 No. 21-5373.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Hyatt, Clark

Nays: None

Resolution Adopted.

Miscellaneous:

None

Staff Reports:

Russ stated he attended the Northern Association of Road Commission Conference a couple weeks ago and he attended the GIS Conference with Ashley and Jeff. He stated it was very informative and came away with several ideas on how to use the information.

He is working on uploading all the bridge plans and load ratings to MDOT. He is approximately 80% complete and consultants will help generate old documents that are no longer available so he can submit the rest.

He is also working on finalizing asset management plan to MDOT.

Ben stated Diamond Mower is taking full responsibility for the brush cutter build, they are redesigning the machine and are confident we will be happy with the new assembly.

The front gate installation is complete, waiting for the Solucient Security Company to hook up the security side with card reader and keypad.

He has put together bid packet for new windows for the office area.

He and Brian made a trip to Genesee County to finalize dimensions for the new stock room shelving and drawers for the bid specifications.

He will soon be starting the winter maintenance prep on the equipment.

J & D Plumbing installed two new tube heaters out in truck storage. There are a total of 8 heaters and he is replacing two per year.

He has been over at Delta College completing testing for his 19 ASE exams for certifications.

Art stated project wise we are in really good shape, crews are doing a great job and he expects all projects to be completed.

We have a couple paving projects left to complete on Lakeshore, Grace, Richmond and Bombay Roads.

We have 1 ½ miles of roads left to spread gravel next week.

He is completing some year end work for MDOT.

The county salt will be delivered Monday, we have 1,000 tons ordered.

He has been going on ride arounds with the townships to look at future projects and is about ¼ complete.

He will be attending the Superintendents Conference next week.

He is expecting the flex-a-mat material to be delivered next week to complete the flood repairs on Blackhurst Road, Alamando Road, and Lewis Road.

Jon stated he will be attending the Municipal Employees Retirement Conference next week.

He is wrapping up some of the year end paperwork for EGLE.

He will be requesting an extension on a couple of the NRCS projects that we will not be able to complete this year. We are still waiting on permits for a couple locations and will finish them up in the spring.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 9:40 a.m. until Thursday, October 14, 2021.

Brenda Gordert, Finance Director

Mike Atton, Chairman