

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Thursday, October 14, 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: Ashley Hiles, GIS Technician

Public Present: Jeanette Snyder, Midland County Board of Commissioners; Robert Kelley, Hope Township, 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 Clark to approve the minutes of the September 30, 2021, meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Clark

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

Maria Sandow asked if timing could be looked into for the traffic light at Eastman and Monroe.

Cars traveling on Monroe wanting to turn onto Eastman have to set through a couple cycles.

Mike Atton suggested a longer yellow on Eastman Road for trucks. Russ and Jon stated they will look at traffic counts and talk with the City of Midland to see if adjustments are warranted.

Robert Kelley asked if a turn lane could be looked into on M30 near the curve.

Approval of Open Accounts:

The pre-pay for October 14, 2021, was reviewed.

Moved by Commissioner Clark and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts as presented for October 14, 2021, in the amount of \$749,571.44.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Clark, Hyatt

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

East Central Council meeting will be held October 21st in Harrison.

Permit listing was reviewed.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

Bids were taken for replacement of 16 office windows and discussion ensued.

Sugar Construction was the only bidder with a cost of \$29,210.00.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Clark to accept bid of Sugar Construction and move ahead with replacement of windows.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Hyatt, Clark

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Discussion was held on 8 Mile Road flood repair project. Construction time frame is getting really tight for completion this year. The project has been advertised for bids due October 18, 2021. The engineers' estimate is \$300,857.00 to be funded by NRCS, FEMA and the Road Commission.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Clark to authorize Jon Myers and Art Buck to award bid on October 18th in the best interest of the county.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Hyatt, Clark

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Miscellaneous:

None

Staff Reports:

Jeff stated Poseyville Road was paved on Wednesday and the contractor is working on the shoulder gravel & topsoil. Guardrail will be placed the end of next week before the official opening to traffic.

He stated the RTF projects are almost complete. Gordonville and Curtis Road have been paved. They are working on paving Coleman Road today if weather cooperates.

He stated all the concrete has been poured on the Coleman Road bridge except curb & gutter. Central will be paving the south side next week and then the guardrail will be installed and open to traffic.

He has been working on surveys for our local road projects.

Russ stated the bridge files have been updated in the MDOT system and there is a meeting next week with Spicer and Great Lakes Engineering to review.

Russ and Jon met with MATS this week for future task force projects through FY 2045 and it was a really good meeting.

He is working on invoices for reimbursements from MATS for traffic counts and passer ratings.

Jon and Russ met with the group on the Bailey Bridge project. Jon is working on submitting a grant to Midland Community Foundation to serve as match money for the project. Grant request is for \$125,000.00.

He stated we received a FY 2023 safety grant from MDOT to replace and upgrade stop and stop ahead signs at primary intersections throughout the county.

He attended the MERS conference last week and found it very informative. He would like to find a way to get more of the employees involved in attending.

Art stated he attended the Superintendents conference last week and it went really well and was very well attended.

He stated with all the rain the crews have been working on many slope repairs.

He stated the three drainage projects with the flex-a-mat materials will start next week.

Next Thursday our four new employees will attend training in Roscommon County with a focus on winter maintenance.

He stated the paving projects are finishing up with Grace, Richmond, and Lakeshore. Bombay Road is scheduled for paving the week of October 25th.

The early fill salt has been delivered and the salt barn is full.

Ben stated the front gate has been connected into the security system with the card readers. He is still waiting on programming for the keypads.

The mechanics are starting to work on winter prep for the snowplow trucks.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 9:35 a.m. until Thursday, October 28, 2021.

Brenda Gordert, Finance Director

Mike Atton, Chairman