

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Thursday, October 28, 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
Brenda Gordert, Finance Director/Clerk
Ben Mead, Facilities Manager
Jeff Brown, Construction Technician

Absent: Art Buck, Superintendent
Russ Inman, Design Engineer
Ashley Hiles, GIS Technician

Public Present: Robert Kelley, Hope Township; Lawrence Bartos, Larkin Township, attended virtually.

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 October 14, 2021, meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Clark

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

Lawrence Bartos discussed a drainage issue on Eastman Road just south of Monroe Road. Jon will meet with him on site after the board meeting this morning to discuss further.

Robert Kelley requested the Hope Township Supervisor be notified when Meridian Road drainage work north of M30 is expected to begin so residents can be alerted.

Approval of Open Accounts:

The pre-pay for October 28, 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 28, 2021, in the amount of \$1,103,034.31.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Clark, Hyatt

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

Jon presented a proposed updated Title VI plan for review.

Permit listing was reviewed.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

The actuarial was presented for the MERS Benefit E program, a 2% increase to all retirees.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Clark to adopt the following resolution for the Municipal Employees Retirement System for all retirees:

WHEREAS, as authorized by Section 20 of the Municipal Employees Retirement System Plan document, the Midland County Road Commission adopts Benefit "E" for all retirees and beneficiaries.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, approval of a flat two percent (2%) increase of the amount of each retirement allowance since the last date Benefit E was adopted.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Hyatt, Clark

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Ben presented pricing for purchase of a 2022 Chevrolet Silverado 3500HD 1-ton dump truck and discussion was held. Crew members will need to drive to Westland to pick up the truck from Todd Wenzel, Garber is local and will deliver at no charge. Todd Wenzel could not give delivery date but it would be after the first of the year, Garber could deliver in late December.

Garber Chevrolet, Midland - \$37,894.94

MiDeal Todd Wenzel Buick, Westland - \$36,891.93

Moved by Commissioner Clark and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve purchase from local dealer Garber Chevrolet.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Hyatt, Clark

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Ben presented pricing for purchase of two 2022 Chevrolet Silverados 2500HD double cab pickup trucks and discussion was held. Garber Chevrolet is \$1,700 higher but has wheelhouse liners, skid plates, and LED fog lamps.

Garber Chevrolet, Midland - \$39,068.35

MiDeal Todd Wenzel Buick, Westland - \$37,343.25

Moved by Commissioner Clark and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve purchase from local dealer Garber Chevrolet.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Hyatt, Clark

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Ben presented pricing for security system upgrades with eight more access modules for doors in the office, shop, and sign shop. Total price of \$21,148.00 includes eight access modules, electric door strikes, cards readers and one disconnect cord well under budget estimate of \$40,000. Discussion was held.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve security system upgrades.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Clark, Atton, Hyatt

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Miscellaneous:

None

Staff Reports:

Jeff stated the Coleman, Gordonville and Curtis Road RTF paving projects have been completed. The Coleman Road bridge is open to traffic. A small amount of painting still needs to be done and contractor will have a one lane closure within the next couple of days.

Construction has started on the 8 Mile Road over Teed Drain flood repair drainage project. The contractor is removing the old culvert today and will begin installing the new one within the next couple of days.

He stated the guard rail has been installed on the Poseyville Road construction project. The signs are being installed and we are waiting on pavement marking before road is officially open to traffic. They may put down temporary markings to open road and will return to do permanent markings.

Ben stated the winter prep on the snowplow trucks is 85% complete. The security company is working on the keypad for the front gate.

Jon stated the bids for 8 Mile Road drainage project came in around \$240,000, well under estimate. He stated the Blackhurst Road flex-a-mat project that is part of the NRCS repairs is complete. The crews started on Lewis Road yesterday and will move to Alamando Road next. He stated there is one more NRCS drainage project on Meridian Road north of M30 near the Hess Drain that he would like to complete this year. The crews will replace the culvert and place rip rap as time and weather allows. There are a few other NRCS projects that he has filed an extension to complete next year.

Local road paser ratings are being done as time and weather permits.

He attended a meeting with MDOT and the bridge inspector consultant.

He attended a virtual asset management conference yesterday.

He has a regional RTF meeting next Wednesday in Isabella County.

On Thursday he will be attending training through Midland County Emergency Management with Jenifier Boyer.

There will be a group safety meeting on Friday, November 5th with Mike Phillips of MCRCSIP.

Art met with a representative from MIOSHA this week for training on compliance requirements.

Russ has submitted the reimbursement invoices for MATS for data collection.

The third-party agreements are in place with the consultants to do the preliminary engineering for the FHWA design projects for the flood repairs.

Interviews have been completed for a new finance director. A candidate has been agreed upon and he will be contacting them with an offer of employment this week.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 9:50 a.m. until Thursday, November 11, 2021.

Brenda Gordert, Finance Director

Mike Atton, Chairman