

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Thursday, November 11, 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
Art Buck, Superintendent – attended virtually
Absent: Russ Inman, Design Engineer
Ashley Hiles, GIS Technician
Jeff Brown, Construction Technician

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 Clark to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2021, meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Clark

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

Commissioner Snyder inquired about COVID-19 and how the Road Commission is handling the recent federal mandates. Jon stated we are working off guidance from our lawyers at MCRCSIP. We have been going with their recommendation to hold off until further determinations have been made. Commissioner Snyder also thanked Jon for being a part of the broadband committee.

Approval of Open Accounts:

The pre-pay for November 11, 2021, was reviewed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts as presented for November 11, 2021, in the amount of \$1,010,265.74.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Clark, Hyatt

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

None

Permit listing was reviewed.

Unfinished Business:

Jon presented a proposed updated Title VI Plan for review and discussion was held. There were quite a few updates and they are based on the MDOT version to meet all the requirements.

Moved by Commission Clark and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve Title VI Plan as presented.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Clark, Hyatt, Atton,
Nays: None

Motion Carried

New Business:

Ben presented quotes for snow plow trucks for 2022 and 2023. They are the same truck with a slight increase in price for the 2023 model. It is a Western Star 4900 series and he would like to purchase two trucks each year. The order will be placed right away and trucks will be paid for upon delivery. The company is ending the 4900 series and coming out with a new model and they need to be ordered a year in advance. The trucks will be purchased through the MiDeal program from D & K Truck.

2022 Western Star 4900 - \$264,687

2023 Western Star 4900 - \$265,987

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Clark to purchase two trucks for 2022 and 2023 from D & K Truck.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Hyatt, Clark

Nays: None

Motion Carried

An application for a private road name permit was received from Gregg E. Johns in Mt. Haley Township, section 1 west off Badour Road. The road name Adventure Way was submitted by Mr. Johns and has been approved by Midland County GIS Department and Mt. Haley Township Board. Moved by Commissioner Clark and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approved private road name of Adventure Way.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Clark, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Jon presented revisions for the following policies and discussion ensued. During a recent meeting CRA recommended policies be reviewed and updates made to assure compliance with most recent mandates.

Title VI Non-Discrimination 300.13

Equal Employment Opportunity 200.03

Harassment 200.04

Unlawful Retaliation in the Workplace 200.05

Moved by Commissioner Clark and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve policy revisions.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Clark, Atton, Hyatt

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Miscellaneous:

A letter of understanding has been received from MDOT for winter night patrol 2021/2022 contract year and will run from November 14, 2021 – March 31, 2022.

Staff Reports:

Ben stated the Navistar Maxforce Engine lawsuit settlement resulted in payment of just under \$10,000 for the four trucks currently in our fleet with the effected engine.

The winter prep has been completed on all the snow plow trucks.

The new brush cutter framework has arrived at Hutson and they are going to start the build.

Jon stated he attended the Regional RTF meeting at Isabella County Road Commission and projects have been set for 2022 and 2023. Projects have been reviewed through 2026 and the illustrative list has been updated. MDOT has determined counties will be able to use the additional RTF COVID funds for lost revenue during the pandemic.

He attended a meeting with the Midland Area Community Foundation regarding grant application for the Bailey Bridge.

He has been driving all the primary roads with Art, Russ and Jeff to review projects for next year. Jon gave an update on the flood repair projects;

He stated he has been having issues with permits and plan approval on the NRCS flood repair projects from 2020. Meridian Road, Airway Drive, Anna Lane, Lake Sanford Road, and West River Road have all been extended for construction in the spring. The flex-a-mat projects on Blackhurst Road, Lewis Road and Alamando Road have been completed and went very well.

The contractor is continuing to work on 8 Mile Road repair and hopes to pave tomorrow and open to traffic by the end of next week.

He has submitted a contract extension for the FEMA flood projects on Grey Road, Stewart Road and Olson Road for completion next year.

All the third-party agreements for the FHWA flood projects have been submitted to MDOT but have not been approved yet.

Jon attended MI CIMS training for Midland County Emergency Management services last week.

He has been asked to be a part of the County-wide broadband committee that will start meeting in December.

Art stated the crews have done a great job this construction season. They had a very busy summer and got a ton of work done. It enabled the mechanics to get the plow trucks ready for winter ahead of schedule.

He has been working on five-year plans for the townships and will soon be meeting with them to plan local road construction projects for 2022.

He has been working on the EGLE reporting compliance requirements for permitting for our brush spray program.

We have been getting reclaimed sand from the windmill project at a very good price. We have quite a pile at the Ingersoll and Sanford garages.

Chairman Atton inquired about the merger with TCF and Huntington Bank. Brenda stated it has been a learning process and there are still issues with ACH payroll and checks clearing.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 9:50 a.m. until Wednesday, November 24, 2021.

Brenda Gordert, Finance Director

Mike Atton, Chairman