

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Thursday, April 14, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. at the Midland County Road Commission office.

Present: Mike Atton, Chair
Jim Hyatt, Vice Chair
Bruce Clark, Commission Member
Jon Myers, Managing Director
Russ Inman, Design Engineer
Art Buck, Superintendent
Brenda Gordert, Finance Director/Clerk
Jeff Brown, Construction Technician
Ben Mead, Facilities Manager
Absent: Ashley Hiles, GIS Technician
Donna Lowe, Finance Director

Public Present: Jeanette Snyder, Midland County Board of Commissioners; Dan Mieske, Hope Township; Heidi Pitt, Lee Township; Robert McManus.

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 March 31, 2022, meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Clark, Hyatt

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

Robert McManus attended meeting to discuss options for maintenance of his private road, Sundown Trail, in Edenville Township. Art informed him we are no longer accepting private road maintenance agreements.

Approval of Open Accounts:

The pre-pay for April 14, 2022, was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts for April 14, 2022, in the amount of \$606,365.28.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Clark, Hyatt, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

East Central Council meeting will be held on April 25th at the Isabella County Road Commission.

Permit listing was reviewed

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Misc: None

Staff Reports:

Jeff stated he has been able to get some surveying done when the weather allows. He has been staking for the large culvert replacements to start on April 25th.

Russ stated the certification maps have been submitted.

He stated carbon reduction funds through the MPO are available for 2023 thru 2026 and projects were submitted. The project selection committee selected the Bailey Road Bridge for 2023 and approved \$129,000 toward the project and in 2025 \$134,000 to go towards a path along Gordonville Road and River Road to connect Midland Township Trail to the Bailey Bridge Project. He stated for the Waldo-Monroe roundabout he has secured one of the three parcels needed and is continuing to work on the other two.

He is also working on the easements for the Flint Street drainage outlet for the Flatts Campground.

Ben stated the winter equipment has been taken off the trucks.

He was able to complete the change in the specifications on one of the 2023 plow trucks and get a semi-truck instead.

He has been working with Art and Jeff on the parking lot upgrades and the crew is changing out catchbasins.

The brush cutter is complete, but the rear rims were not acceptable. Hutson is going to do recon on the rims and remount them and they are also replacing the joystick.

One of the foreman's pickups has been delivered and still waiting on the other one.

He is hoping to take delivery of the new weighmaster vehicle in about a month.

Art stated he will be making a decision on removal of the frost laws this afternoon.

He placed the salt order with MDOT for next winter.

He had two days of safety training from MIOSHA and CRASIF with the crew.

Consumer Concrete conducted alaan block training and it went very well. They will come back this summer when the build starts for more training and the crew will be certified.

He attended a pavement preservation seminar with Jon at the H Hotel last week.

He attended a meeting with Spicer and NRCS on Meridian Road culvert replacement project and met with Spicer and the Drain Commissioner on two upcoming drainage projects.

He has interviews set up next week for summer help.

He is sending five employees along with Kevin Mudd to training next week.

He will be sending two of our newer employees to training next week and a couple more employees to motor grader training the third week of May

Jon stated he finished his road review for the DTE wind project routes and there are a couple minor things they are working out.

There is a second interview today with one of the candidates for the payroll clerk position. We had some very good candidates and hope to make a decision today.

He met with MERS representatives and the union a couple times to discuss some possible contract changes.

He had a meeting with the DNR to discuss various topics and the timber sales on Turner Parkway was discussed. More discussion will be held to come to an agreement.

He stated the summer 4-10 schedule will start April 25.

He has sent a letter to the County finance committee requesting the mileage renewal be placed on the August ballot.

MDOT will start paving M30 from US10 to M20 on June 6.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 9:40 a.m. until Thursday, April 28, 2022.

Brenda Gordert, Finance Director

Mike Atton, Chair