

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Thursday, May 25, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. at the Midland County Road Commission office.

Present: Mike Atton, Chair
Jim Hyatt, Vice Chair
Bill Cozat, Member, attended virtually
Russ Inman, Director of Engineering
Art Buck, Superintendent
Donna Lowe, Finance Director
Jon Myers, Managing Director
Jeff Brown, Construction Technician
Travis Havercamp, Design Engineer
Ashley Hiles, GIS Coordinator
Kody Simmons, Engineering Intern

Absent: Ben Mead, Facilities Manager

Public Present: Larry Schuelke, Homer Township; Dan Mieske, Hope Township; Robert Kelley, Hope Township; Jeanette Snyder, Midland County Board of Commissioners; Maria Sandow, 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 Atton to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2023 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

Dan Mieske asked a question about a depression that has appeared in front of the Hope Township Hall, and another question about a dip on Meridian Road before Saiko Road. Art Buck answered both of his questions.

Robert Kelley asked a question about a washout on Richmond Drive in Hope Township. Art stated he would go out and look at it to see what needs to be done.

Approval of Open Accounts and Payroll:

The payroll for May 25, 2023 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Atton to authorize payroll for May 25, 2023.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

The open accounts for May 25, 2023 were discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Atton to approve open accounts for May 25, 2023 in the amount of \$460,629.70.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

The permit listing was reviewed.

Unfinished Business:

Russ discussed our request for Primary Road reclassifications that had been sent to the State of Michigan. It has been approved by the State to reclassify Gordonville Road from M30 to Waldo Road from local to primary roads. Also in Greendale Township, a one mile section of Bradford Road from Coleman Road to the County line has been reclassified from primary to local, and Salt River Road from Dickinson Road to the County Line has been reclassified from local to primary, which connects our primary network to Isabella County's primary network. These changes did not result in any significant change in our primary/local road totals.

New Business:

Jon explained the change in the application process for the TEDF-D funds. This year they will be Direct Grants through a pilot program that MDOT contacted us about. These funds will be used to fund our Tittabawassee Road project.

A construction contract was received from the Michigan Department of Transportation regarding a project categorized as a D funded project and programmed with the Transportation Economic Development Fund, for implementation with the use of State Funds under the TED Program .

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

WHEREAS, Contract No. 23-5242, consists of hot mix asphalt cold milling and resurfacing along Tittabawassee Road from Sasse Road to Orr Road; and all together with necessary related work.

WHEREAS, the parties hereto have reached an understanding with each other regarding the performance of the project work and desire 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 23-5242.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioner Hyatt, Atton

Nays: None Resolution Adopted

Miscellaneous:

Donna noted that she had mailed out the check to pay for everyone's meals for the MCTOA meeting so they should be already paid for when they arrive.

Staff Reports:

Jeff met with EGLE about culvert replacements which need to be done, and is moving forward with the application process

He gave an update on the completion of the 4 flood repair locations. Redstone and Curtis Roads are complete, and Eastman Road pavement is scheduled for next week. The fourth one is not scheduled yet.

He has been working on surveys for internal projects.

Jeff and Travis attended a CISMA meeting in Gladwin last week. It was a good hands on experience.

Russ introduced Kody Simmons to the board. He is our newest Engineering Intern.

He also discussed the Larkin Township Open House that was held in regard to the Waldo Road roundabout. It was well attended and well received. The Midland Daily News provided excellent coverage of the meeting as well as an overview of the project.

Jeff and Russ met with Charter/Spectrum about internet expansion is being planned using ARPA funds.

Travis, Ashley and Russ volunteered last week with Habitat for Humanity with other Midland County employees.

Russ met with Ingersoll Township officials for a non-motorized planning meeting.

Jon and Russ attended a MATS steering committee meeting, which Jon will update on.

Donna stated that Tom Smith had finished up the audit this week and that he will be providing his report when it is complete.

Travis has been working on local design projects. He has also been helping Jeff with survey work.

Ashley has been training Kody on traffic counts and GIS information.

Art stated that 3 more summer help kids had started on Monday. Mowers are going in all four quadrants of the county. The last 2 summer helpers start next week.

The Dura Patcher is up and running, and one of the interns starting next week will be the helper for that.

Drainage projects are continuing.

Paving has begun and is going in full force.

Dust control is complete for the most part. Michigan Chloride has completed all of their routes and the stubs should be done by today.

Art also stated that mechanic interviews had been completed and an offer had been made and accepted. The new mechanic will start of June 5, 2023.

Jon discussed the MPO pilot program for the TAP program to conduct a study for non-motorized applications.

He further commented on the Larkin Township Open House. He was pleased with how the meeting went and also with the article from the Midland Daily News.

Jon and Ben attended a meeting with ProCom and received information about 800 MHz radios.

He will be applying a grant for these.

Jon and Donna have been meeting with representatives about changes to voluntary benefits. We may possibly change providers.

He gave an update about the bid letting for the Monroe/Waldo roundabout, which is scheduled for June 2. The sign safety project is due for July bid letting, and the Tittabawassee Road project will be out for bids soon, but so far there is no date.

Jon reported that we had received the closeout letter from the USDA for the NRCS flood projects. The 8 different locations totaled \$375,000 worth of construction; it was a lot of work and he is excited to have it done.

He announced that there will be a Midland County/Midland County Road Commission employee appreciation day on June 29th at the Dow Diamond. The Great Lakes Loons are hosting the Lansing Lugnuts and employees of Midland County are able to get discounted tickets. Jon had worked with Bridget Gransden to get it set up and the information is being distributed to all employees.

Maria expressed thanks for the open house and reported that good feedback had been received.

Jeanette had questions about attendance and reactions to the open house.

Mike reported that the MCRCSIP representative from Marquette had passed away on Monday. He is not sure if there will be ballots go out to vote for a replacement or if one will be appointed.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 9:45 a.m. until Thursday, June 8, 2023.

Donna Lowe, Finance Director

Mike Atton, Chair