

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Thursday, May 9, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. at the Midland County Road Commission office.

Present: Mike Atton, Chair
Jim Hyatt, Vice Chair
Bill Cozat, Member
Art Buck, Superintendent
Steve Youngs, Fleet and Facilities Manager
Donna Lowe, Finance Director
Russ Inman, Director of Engineering
Travis Havercamp, Design Engineer
Jeff Brown, Construction Technician

Absent: Jon Myers, Managing Director
Ashley Hiles, GIS Coordinator

Public Present: Larry Schuelke, Homer Township; Maria Sandow, Larkin Township, attended remotely.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Additions to Agenda:

None

Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2024 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Cozat

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

Larry Schuelke commented on how well run he feels the Road Commission is.

Approval of Open Accounts and Payroll:

The payroll for May 9, 2024 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to authorize payroll for May 9, 2024.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Cozat

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Open accounts for May 9, 2024 were discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve open accounts for May 9, 2024, in the amount of \$1,087,438.33.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Cozat

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

Donna reviewed the invitation for the Midland County Township Officials' Association Meeting on June 6, 2024. RSVP's are due by May 29th.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business***Proposed Policy: Public Access to and Video Recording on Road Commission Property***

Art introduced a proposed policy titled: Policy Number 200.26 - Public Access to and Video Recording on Road Commission Property, which Jon had developed. It will be further discussed and voted on at a future meeting.

Exterior Stucco Repair to the Sanford Facility

Steve presented the board with a quote from Metal Arts Construction to patch and repair the stucco on the exterior of the Sanford facility. The repairs have been needed for quite some time, but it has been difficult to find any contractors willing to do stucco repair. Metal Arts Construction was the only contractor to bid on this project.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to approve the bid proposal from Metal Arts Construction in the amount of \$33,750.00 to perform repairs to the stucco on the exterior of the Sanford facility.

Miscellaneous:

None

Staff Reports:

Steve stated that the crew have been busy in the shop, and that the mower tractors are all ready to begin mowing season, the hydroseeder has been completely prepped and crews were trained on how to operate it, and it has been being used in the field. Steve also reported that the brine tank upgrade is almost complete. Two mechanics are registered at Ferris State University to attend training. He also reported that the Samsara GPS units are in and will begin to be installed on the fleet as quickly as possible. Steve has listed the 1997 950G CAT loader on the Govdeals.com auction site and hopes to get a good price for it. He and Art attended two demonstrations for Energreen brushcutters. They were able to try out the Aspen and Alpha brushcutters and were impressed with the Alpha specifically. Steve will be doing more research on these models and how the Road Commission could benefit from their use.

Art attended an emergency management meeting last week which focused on flood emergencies. He also provided updates on the paving projects and pulverizing for reconstruction projects. Some of the 2024 seasonal employees have started, with the rest to begin between May 20th and June 3rd. Art also stated that the Road Commission has posted a road maintenance worker position to hire a replacement for one crew member who resigned recently.

Travis stated that he has been working on the remaining drainage project designs, and that he had made updates to the Asset Management Plan.

Jeff gave updates on the MDOT projects that are ongoing, as well as updates on the 4 location bridge rehab projects. He has started surveying for the job on Coleman Road.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 9:27 a.m. until Tuesday, May 21, 2024.

Donna Lowe, Finance Director

Mike Atton, Chair