

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Thursday, June 6, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the Midland County Road Commission office.

Present: Mike Atton, Chair
Jim Hyatt, Vice Chair
Bill Cozat, Member
Jon Myers, Managing Director
Art Buck, Superintendent
Steve Youngs, Fleet and Facilities Manager
Ashley Hiles, GIS Coordinator
Donna Lowe, Finance Director
Travis Havercamp, Design Engineer
Jeff Brown, Construction Technician
Brett Rutkowski, Office Intern
Absent: Russ Inman, Director of Engineering

Public Present: Jeanette Snyder, Midland County Board of Commissioners; Dan Mieske, Hope Township; Tom Corbat, Porter Township; 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 Cozat to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2024 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Cozat

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

None

Approval of Open Accounts and Payroll:

The payroll for May 23, 2024 and June 6, 2024 were discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to authorize payroll for May 23, 2024 and June 6, 2024.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Cozat

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Open accounts for June 6, 2024 were discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to approve open accounts for June 6, 2024, in the amount of \$1,422,425.61.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Cozat

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

The Board reviewed a letter from the County Road Association Self-Insurance Fund regarding the annual call for Board of Trustee Candidates. Letters of interest are due by Friday, June 28, 2024.

Unfinished Business:

MDOT Agreement# 24-5216 Bailey Bridge

Jon presented the board with an updated spreadsheet of funds that are held by stakeholders to fund the additional construction costs for the Bailey Bridge at Smith's Crossing that will not be paid with federal funds.

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve MDOT agreement# 24-5216 and allow Jon and Art to sign.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Cozat

Nays: None

Motion Carried

New Business:

MDOT Engineering Reimbursement

Donna presented the Board with the Engineering Reimbursement request form from MDOT for signature.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to approve and sign the Engineering Reimbursement request in the amount of \$10,000 and allow Donna to submit it.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Cozat

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Miscellaneous:

None

Staff Reports:

Steve reported that the new radio install is being wrapped up, and that the Samsara GPS unit install will begin next week. He also stated that the new excavator was delivered and is in service. Two of the mechanics had attended a welding training at Lansing Community College last week and Steve said the feedback on the training from them was good. Steve also announced that BDL Driving School will be hosting an ice cream truck on site Monday June 10th at noon to thank our staff for sharing the parking lot with them for their testing site.

Art gave an update on the paving projects, stating 13 of the 19 overlays are already complete. Gravel spreads have begun on reconstruction projects, and Bunting Sand and Gravel has been delivering gravel to the NE quadrant for those projects. Art also reported that the interview team will be finishing up with the interviews for the open crew position. There was a very good response to the job posting, and they have 9 well-qualified prospective employees that they are interviewing.

Jon stated he will be attending the Midland County Transportation Official's Association meeting at Homer Township. He also reported that bids are out for the Kent Road over Jo Drain project, and they are due June 25th. The RTF paving project has been turned in. It will be the last of the federal aid projects for this year. MDOT hopes to have bid letting in August, with work being done in September. Jon was recently invited to participate in an MDOT pilot program for Emergency Repair after a disaster. They will be conducting testing at a simulated disaster event in our area and our Road Commission will be offering feedback.

Donna attended the Finance and HR Conference two weeks ago. She took Brett to one of the days, which was a great experience for him. She learned a lot and was able to network with other Finance Directors from around the state.

Travis has been helping Jeff prep big culvert projects and helped Jon with the Kent Road bid.

Jeff gave an update on the MDOT Local Agency projects. There was a delay due to a death in the family of the contractor so it is now scheduled for June 10th. The 4-bridge rehab project has begun with the 9 Mile Bridge. The epoxy overlay will be done on the 4 ¾ Mile Road Bridge at Gordonville and Freeland at M-30 on June 25th. He also stated that M-30 at Miller Road will be closed beginning June 17th.

Ashley has been working on brush spray maps and updating the website for the brush spray. She has also been incorporating the 2023 sign projects into the maps.

Art also indicated that mowing for MDOT will begin on Monday.

Tom Corbat had questions for staff about mowing in Porter Township, as well as how long the 9 Mile Road bridge will be closed. He also indicated that there is a 4-way stop sign at 9 Mile and Redstone Road, and there are pine trees blocking the intersection when you approach the intersection heading south bound.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 9:30 a.m. until Thursday, June 20, 2024.

Donna Lowe, Finance Director

Mike Atton, Chair