

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the Midland County Road Commission office.

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

Absent: Bill Cozat, Member
Jon Myers, Managing Director

Public Present: 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 August 29, 2024 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton

Nays: None

Absent: Cozat

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

None

Approval of Open Accounts and Payroll:

The payroll for September 12, 2024 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Atton to authorize payroll for September 12, 2024.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton

Nays: None

Absent: Cozat

Motion Carried

Open accounts for September 10, 2024 were discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Atton to approve open accounts for September 10, 2024, in the amount of \$429,659.88.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton

Nays: None

Absent: Cozat

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

Donna discussed an email she received from the County Road Association regarding check-in at the Highlands for the Northern Conference. She provided instructions for where check in was located on the property.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

None

Miscellaneous:

None

Staff Reports:

Ashley reported that she was out of state last week, and this week she has been preparing for the MiCamp GIS conference, which is September 18 – 20. She has also been completing training for MiBridge, which is regarding the changing standards for national bridges.

Jeff attended a pre-con meeting for the 2024 RTF paving in Coleman last week. That project is expected to begin on September 23. He stated that the Eastman Road project is finishing up next week. There is one field driveway that needs to be redesigned but other than that, the project will be complete. Jeff also reported that the work on the new culvert on Steward Road was complete and the road was open as of Monday.

Russ has been working on submitting everything for the Poseyville Road project to get it obligated. He and Jon attended a MATS admin subcommittee meeting last week, which involved an annual review of the two employees there.

Donna stated that she is preparing to head to the Northern Conference this week and she also reported that as of last week she had completed all of the data restoration from the server crash and is glad to have all that behind her.

Travis has been working on an easement on Ashby Road. He has also been working on the MiBridge training that Ashley has been doing. Travis stated he is attending the MiCamp conference as well.

Art stated that the chipseal projects were completed last week and they will be finishing up with the fog seal next week. He also reports that the paving projects are continuing and are ahead of schedule. He also has been working with MDOT for some end-of-year drainage projects on M-30. The crews have started work on the bridge at Brooks Road over Jo Drain. Art also stated that there are 6 townships that are having passer ratings done for local roads this year.

Steve reported that he was able to pre-order the trucks that were approved at the last board meeting. He stated that all of the equipment is currently up and running and that the mechanics are moving forward with the new truck builds. He also reported that we took delivery of a new pickup truck from Garber which is being upfitted and will be a replacement for Art's truck, which will transition to the engineering department.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 9:20 a.m. until Thursday, September 26, 2024.

Donna Lowe, Finance Director

Mike Atton, Chair