

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Thursday, October 10, 2024, at 9:04 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
Donna Lowe, Finance Director
Steve Youngs, Fleet and Facilities Manager
Travis Haverkamp, Design Engineer

Absent: Russ Inman, Director of Engineering
Ashley Hiles, GIS Coordinator
Jeff Brown, Construction Technician

Public Present: Rita Goul, Hope Township; Alan Wendt, Mills Township; Larry Schuelke, Homer Township; Dan Mieske, Hope Township; Jeanette Snyder, Midland County Board of Commissioners

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 September 26, 2024 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Hearing For Proposed Township Local Road Allocation Changes

Commissioner Atton opened the Public Hearing for the Proposed Township Local Road Allocation Changes at 9:06 am. Jon discussed the background of how Township Local Road Allocations had been calculated in the past, as well as the work that the Midland County Transportation Officials' Road Committee had done to more fairly distribute the funds. Jon also presented a summary of Paser rating results by Township. There were questions asked regarding what the Paser Ratings mean, how Paser Ratings are collected and calculated, how long a new allocation formula would be followed for and how the old formula was weighted. The Board took the matter under advisement and will call for a motion at a later meeting. Commissioner Atton Closed the public hearing at 9:27 am.

Public Comment:

Jeanette Snyder commented about how she appreciated being able to learn about how millage funds were distributed.

Approval of Open Accounts and Payroll:

The payroll for October 10, 2024 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to authorize payroll for October 10, 2024.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Open accounts for October 10, 2024 were discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Atton and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to approve open accounts for October 10, 2024, in the amount of \$2,121,276.74.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

Jon announced the next East Central Council meeting invitation had been received. The meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2024 in West Branch and RSVP's are due by this afternoon.

Commissioners Atton and Hyatt stated they will be in attendance, and Commissioner Cozat stated he has to check his schedule and will let Donna know.

The Board reviewed the Public Meeting Notice for the Rural Task Force 7C Meeting being held on October 15, 2024 at 9:00 am at the Midland County Road Commission Sanford Building.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

MDOT Agreement 24-5406

A construction contract was received from the Michigan Department of Transportation regarding a project programmed with the Federal Highway Administration, for implementation with the use of Federal Funds under the Emergency Relief Program.

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

WHEREAS, Contract No.24-5406, consists of hot mix asphalt reconstruction along Poseyville Road from Ashby Road northerly to the Midland City limits, including earthwork, subbase and aggregate base, concrete curb and gutter, curb ramps, storm sewer, steel strain poles, traffic signals, controller and cabinet, wireless vehicle detection, backplates, permanent signing and pavement markings; 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 24-5406.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Cozat

Nays: None

Resolution Adopted

Miscellaneous:

None

Staff Reports:

Donna stated that she has been busy working on finishing up a few final billings for the end of MDOT's fiscal year which were due by today.

Travis reported that he has been working on primary drainage projects, especially the Laporte Road culvert that is being installed next week. He has also been working with Tobe explaining the process of how the engineering department designs jobs.

Steve stated that he had attended the Superintendent Association of Michigan conference in Traverse City last week and that he was able to make some new contacts and learn useful

information. He also discussed the replacement of our 2014 Motor Grader in the 2025 budget, and that he may be requesting approval soon to pre-order it prior to the 2025 budget meeting because pre-ordering will save several thousand dollars. There is currently only one piece of equipment down, and the new truck build will be in service within 1-2 weeks. Steve also reported that there are two pieces of equipment open on GovDeals auction site, but that there has not been much interest in them.

Art discussed the SAM meeting last week; he stated that it was the 50th anniversary of the conference and the turnout was great. He announced that Tobe Gauthier has accepted the Road Foreman position that will be open when Kevin retires in December. Art stated that he has begun township ride-alongs to plan for 2025 projects. He also reported that all gravel and crack seal jobs are completed and that we have received all but 100 tons of our first state salt delivery.

Jon reported that M-30 is open, but that work is still being done, resulting in some lane closures. MDOT will be paving Curtis Road next week, following the end of the traffic detour. Jon also stated that he had received word back on the Local Bridge Program applications, and that we will be receiving Preventative Maintenance funds for 2027. He discussed an RTF Outreach meeting that he will be attending in Saginaw next week.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 9:50 a.m. until Thursday, October 24, 2024.

Donna Lowe, Finance Director

Mike Atton, Chair