

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Thursday, November 7, 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  
Donna Lowe, Finance Director  
Steve Youngs, Fleet and Facilities Manager  
Ashley Hiles, GIS Coordinator  
Travis Havercamp, Design Engineer  
Absent: Russ Inman, Director of Engineering  
Jeff Brown, Construction Technician

Public Present: 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 Atton to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2024 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Public Comment**

Jeanette Snyder commented that she had heard compliments from the Parks and Recreation staff about how helpful the Road Commission has been with several projects, and she is thankful for the good relationship and willingness to help.

**Approval of Open Accounts and Payroll:**

The payroll for November 7, 2024 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to authorize payroll for November 7, 2024.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Open accounts for November 7, 2024 were discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to approve open accounts for November 7, 2024, in the amount of \$697,440.75.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Correspondence and Items of Information:**

***MDOT Night Patrol***

Jon reviewed the letter of agreement with MDOT for Winter Night Patrol. The position was posted and filled and patrol will start on November 17, 2024.

**Unfinished Business:**

None

**New Business:**

***Safety Luncheon and Meijer turkey gift cards***

Jon proposed the date for the safety luncheon to be December 6, 2024 at noon, and also requested that the Board approve the purchase of Meijer gift cards toward the purchase of a ham or turkey for all employees, as has been done every year.

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve the purchase of Meijer gift cards for all employees.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Miscellaneous:**

None

**Staff Reports:**

Ashley has been focused on processing and reviewing Highway Performance Monitoring System data samples, which will be sent to the MPO for review. She also attended the CRA Communications Workshop in Mount Pleasant last week.

Travis also attended the Communications Workshop last week. He is currently working on the Wackerly easement for a cul-de-sac.

Donna reported that the ACT 51 report was approved for 2023.

Steve stated that all the ditching projects are done, so the mechanics are ready to start installing the inserts for winter.

Art started with an update for Jeff who was not present because he is at an MDOT training course. He reported that the Brooks Rd pavement is being laid tomorrow and then guardrail will be installed. The final inspection for RTF paving will be done today.

For his update, Art stated that he is working on estimates for 2025 local construction projects. He will be attending a tabletop active shooter training being put on by the EDC tomorrow.

Jon reported that the bids were received for the Poseyville Emergency Repair project, and they came in 13% under estimate. Construction is tentatively scheduled for summer of 2025. He stated that Michelle Chesney from Arbury Insurance had come in to meet with the crew about our health insurance coverage. There are no changes happening, but she just came in to highlight what the plans offer and what the trends are in the industry. Jon attended the RTF Regional 7C meeting in Isabella County, as well as the RTF Program Advisory meeting yesterday. He stated that there are plans to begin allowing bid savings money to roll over for Construction Engineering and Preliminary Engineering costs for future projects. Jon also stated that he has begun 2025 primary project reviews. He also has several meetings to attend in the coming weeks, including the pilot testing for MDOT's disaster planning app, a Drain Commission meeting, and a non-motorized pilot program meeting with MATS stakeholders.

Commissioner Atton had some questions about the progress on the Bailey Bridge project, which Jon answered. The EGLE permit has been revised and they are looking at a February bid letting.

Commissioner Cozat commented about how pleased he is with the Shaffer Road project.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 9:26 a.m. until Thursday, November 21, 2024.

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Donna Lowe, Finance Director

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Mike Atton, Chair