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**DATE:** May 29, 2020  
**FROM:** Jonathan Myers, Managing Director  
**SUBJECT:** Midland County Road Commission Status Following Flood Events

The Midland County Road Commission would like to provide a summary of our work for the last two weeks, and as well as the status of our system of roads and bridges throughout the county. After the flooding on May 18, 2020 and the subsequent dam failures on May 19, 2020, there was significant damage which has made traveling throughout the county difficult. We understand the inconvenience these closures create and appreciate your patience as we work with the state and federal governments to secure funding to aid in the repairs.

In the previous two weeks we have had 138 different segments of roadways closed at some point. Fortunately, many roads were able to be reopened shortly after the flood waters began to recede with little to no damage. Some road segments saw moderate damage that our crews worked tirelessly to repair and have reopened as soon as possible.

Repair work will continue for quite some time. There are still eight road segments that remain closed and eight other segments that are restricted. In many areas damage assessment and documentation is still on-going. The Road Commission will be seeking state and federal financial assistance for repairs on many of these roads and bridges. Permanent repairs are not allowed to begin until funding from these sources has been approved.

In order to continue performing regular maintenance activities the Road Commission must be very conscientious about making repairs and the costs associated with them. We have temporarily suspended all construction projects that were scheduled to begin later this year, until the full scale of the financial impacts of this disaster are known. Projects that were currently underway and projects that have already been awarded to contractors will proceed. All other non-critical Road Commission expenses have also been put on hold.

Restoring all roadways and bridges to full operation is our top priority. We ask for your understanding and patience as we work through the rebuilding process in this unprecedented time.

Please check our website and social media pages where we continuously supply updated information.

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