

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Thursday, April 10, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at the Midland County Road Commission office.

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

Public Present: Jeanette Snyder, Midland County Board of Commissioners; Maria Sandow, Larkin Township appeared virtually.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Additions to Agenda:

None

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the March 24, 2025 meeting were discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2025 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

Jeanette Snyder asked questions about seasonal permitting that had been brought to her by constituents.

Approval of Open Accounts and Payroll:

The payroll for March 27, 2025 and April 10, 2025 were discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to approve payroll for March 27, 2025.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to authorize payroll for April 10, 2025.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

The open accounts for April 10, 2025 were discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve open accounts for April 10, 2025, in the amount of \$466,002.66.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:
East Central District Meeting April 17, 2025

The invitation to the East Central District Meeting to be held on April 17, 2025 was reviewed. RSVPs are due today. All three Commissioners stated they will be attending.

Unfinished Business:

Change of time for Board Meetings

Jon stated that after further discussion among staff regarding the possibility of scheduling Board Meetings earlier in the day, the recommendation was to leave the meeting time at 9:00 a.m.

New Business:

MDOT Agreement 24-5216

RESOLUTION

Commissioner Hyatt offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

Be it resolved that

Contract No. 24-5216, Control Section TAUL 56000, Job Number 212097CON by and between the
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

and the

Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Midland, Michigan
is hereby accepted.

The following Officials are authorized to sign the said contract:

Jon Myers, Managing Director

Art Buck, Superintendent

Supported by Commissioner Cozat

Adopted:	Ayes:	Hyatt, Cozat, Atton
	Nays:	None

2025 John Deere 85P Mini Excavator purchase

Steve presented the Board with a quote from AIS Construction Equipment for the purchase of a 2025 John Deere 85P Excavator. This will replace the 2016 Komatsu excavator that has been in use, which will be traded in on the new purchase. The amount budgeted for the purchase of a new excavator in 2025 was \$165,000; the MiDeal State Contract cost for the excavator is \$162,949.25 including optional equipment and warranty, less the \$35,000 trade in credit for the 2016 Komatsu excavator, bringing the total cost to \$127,949.25.

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve the purchase of a 2025 John Deere 85P Mini Excavator from AIS Construction Equipment.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Miscellaneous:

Commissioner Atton discussed the two Impress Awards that were awarded to the Road Commission at the CRA Highway Conference.

Jon presented the board with data he had collected regarding the possibility of implementing a light truck exchange program. After discussion of the pros and cons of such a program, it was decided that at this time it is not feasible.

Staff Reports:

Ashley stated she has been working on the updated County map. There were some missing private roads, which she is working on adding and it will be ready for edits soon.

Travis has been working on finalizing the mill and fill project which will be advertised for bid next week. He stated he reviewed and suggested updates for the soil erosion policy, and he is also preparing an application for a FY2027 safety grant.

Jon shared that he had attended a meeting with state legislators to talk about road funding. There were multiple road agencies at the meeting and a lot of information was shared but no definitive details were available about what would take place with road funding. Jon also stated that the Kent Road over Jo Drain project has started and is tentatively scheduled to be open by the end of June. He reported that the Rural Paving project was over budget, resulting in some changes to portions of the work to be done. Jon also shared that for the first time since last summer, the crew is fully staffed, with all open positions being filled.

Art shared that he had been in Grand Rapids for the American Public Works Association North American Snow Conference earlier this week. It was attended by Public Works employees from all 50 States as well as people from other countries and it was very interesting to be able to talk to people from other areas who have the same experiences that we have in Michigan. He also stated that weight restrictions had been lifted, and staff had started the 4 ten-hour day work schedule. He reported that there has been a lot of crew training in the down time while the weather transitions.

Jeff conducted survey training for the crew last week, MCRCSIP held a safety training meeting for the crew last Friday, and there will be a grader training three days next week.

Steve reported that there is one truck down currently, but it will be back up and running by Monday. He stated that the mechanics are continuing to work on the new truck builds, and the new generator install will be complete soon. Steve attended the APWA training in Grand Rapids but was only there on Sunday for the Fleet Management portion. He stated that he and 3 crew members were in West Branch for a load securement training this week. Next week Steve will be in Lansing for the MiOSHA Safety Conference.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 10:09 am until Thursday, April 24, 2025.

Donna Lowe, Finance Director

Mike Atton, Chairman