

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Thursday, December 4, 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
Russ Inman, Director of Engineering
Art Buck, Superintendent
Donna Lowe, Finance Director
Steve Youngs, Fleet and Facilities Manager
Travis Haverkamp, Design Engineer
Ashley Hiles, GIS Coordinator
Jeff Brown, Construction Technician

Absent: None

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Additions to Agenda:

Removed New Business Item: 2026 Amin Wages

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the November 20, 2025 meeting were discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2025 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

None

Approval of Open Accounts and Payroll:

The payroll for December 4, 2025 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to approve payroll for December 4, 2025.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

The open accounts for December 4, 2025 were discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve open accounts for December 4, 2025 in the amount of \$318,096.32.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

None

Unfinished Business

Proposed 2026 Regular Board Meeting Schedule

The board discussed the proposed schedule and did not have any conflicts with setting it as proposed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to approve the proposed 2026 Regular Board Meeting Schedule.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

New Business:

11 Mile Road Certification

Discussion was held regarding the abandonment of 11 Mile Road, between Curtis Road and W. Shearer Road, that was approved at the regular board meeting of the Midland County Road Commission held on Wednesday, October 14, 2020. The resolution to approve the abandonment was conditional upon retaining a 66' wide easement for public utilities and parcel owners. The easements were to be drafted, signed by all parcel owners, and recorded with the Midland County Register of Deeds. The required easements were not obtained, and maintenance of 11 Mile Road has continued in the subsequent years.

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and supported by Commissioner Hyatt, to adopt the following resolution for the 1.01 mile segment of 11 Mile Road, from Curtis Road to W. Shearer Road, between sections 7 and 8 in Edenville Township:

WHEREAS, the conditions upon which the October 14, 2020 resolution to abandon 11 Mile Road was approved have been reviewed, and

WHEREAS, the required easement documents have not been obtained or recorded with the Midland County Register of Deeds, and

WHEREAS, the required abandonment conditions have not been met, and

WHEREAS, the request to remove 11 Mile Road from certification was premature and done so in error,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Road Commissioners, County of Midland, declares the October 14, 2020 abandonment of 11 Mile Road is invalid and the roadway shall be returned to certification.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Cozat, Hyatt

Nays: None

Resolution Adopted

Ace Saginaw Cold Patch Bid Extension

The Board discussed the letter from Ace Saginaw regarding a bid extension of 2025 pricing into 2026.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to accept the bid extension from Ace Saginaw.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Action Traffic 2025-2026 Bid Extension

The Board discussed the letter from Action Traffic regarding a bid extension of 2025 pricing into 2026.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to accept the bid extension from Action Traffic.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioner Cozat, Hyatt, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

2026 Budget Public Hearing December 18, 2025 @ 9:30 am

The board discussed the need to set a date for the 2026 Budget Public Hearing. Administrative staff are working on a proposed budget and will be ready to submit it for Board approval on December 18, 2025.

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to set the date for the 2026 Budget Public Hearing for December 18, 2025, at 9:30 a.m., and to publish the meeting in the Midland Daily News.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioner Cozat, Hyatt, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

2026 Admin Wages

Agenda item removed.

2026 Capital Outlay Budget – Projects, Equipment, Engineering

Jon, Russ and Steve presented their proposed 2026 Capital Outlay Budgets and answered any questions pertaining to them. They will be included in the final budget that is presented on December 18, 2025, for approval at the Budget Public Hearing.

Miscellaneous:

None

Staff Reports:

Ashley has been working on data samples for the MPO. She is also working on easement maps.

Travis finished up the 4-way stop sign study in Lincoln Twp. He has been working on traffic signal inventory. Travis met with EGLE last week regarding bridge projects.

Art discussed how the first winter storm went with so many new employees and he was happy with how everyone handled it. He attended a Superintendent's Executive Board meeting on Tuesday in Lansing. Art is finishing up township road reviews with Homer Township tomorrow.

Steve is finishing up year-end inventory and budget and has been making sure everything is working well with the winter maintenance program.

Jeff stated that the Saiko Road bridge is complete. He has been working on getting 2026 material bids ready. He is also finishing up the MDOT local agency closeouts.

Russ has been investigating options for internet at the Sanford facility. He is tracking developments on the Saginaw/Stark Road gas station. Larkin Township planning commission contacted him about a proposed gas station at Eastman Rd and Monroe Road. Russ and Jon attended a Rural Task Force meeting at the Isabella County Road Commission this week. He has been working with the Village of Sanford to understand the funding they received for their bridge project. Russ, Ashley and Travis will be attending an open house information meeting this

afternoon at Ingersoll Township regarding the proposed non-motorized trail segment connecting the Midland Township Pathway to the Bailey Bridge at Smiths Crossing

Donna stated that she is finishing up this year's budget and preparing next year's budget as well as prepping for the audit in early 2026.

Jon discussed the MDOT winter budget meeting that was held at our office yesterday. He has a meeting with the Drain Commission today regarding upcoming drain projects in Larkin Township. The Bay Region Local Bridge Committee notified him informally that they selected the Stewart Road over Little Salt Creek Bridge for additional State funding due to the increased funding that will be provided by the new road funding package. He plans for this to be a 2027 project. Jon stated there is a Grade Inspection meeting for the 2026 bridge preventative maintenance project on December 8, 2025.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 10:22 am until Thursday, December 18, 2025.

Donna Lowe, Finance Director

Mike Atton, Chairman