

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at the Midland County Road Commission office.

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

Absent: None

Public Present: Larry Schuelke, Midland County Board of Commissioners

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Additions/Changes to Agenda:

Next Board Meeting is incorrect on Agenda. It should be Tuesday, May 19, 2026.

Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2026 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Hyatt, Cozat

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

Larry Schuelke reported that the County Board voted to include the millage renewal on this year's primary ballot, including language to adjust the millage for Headlee Rollback.

Approval of Payroll and Open Accounts:

The payroll for May 6, 2026 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to authorize payroll for May 7, 2026.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Open accounts for May 6, 2026 were discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve open accounts for May 6, 2026, in the amount of \$327,247.99.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

None

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:**Rural Road Alliance of Michigan**

Jon presented the board with information about the Rural Road Alliance of Michigan and offered to have someone come speak and present information about it if the board is interested in joining. The board requested Jon reach out to Ken Morin from GCSI to come speak at a future board meeting.

Miscellaneous:

None

Staff Reports:

Ashley has completed the certification maps. She stated the construction dashboard is close to complete. She announced that summer engineering interns are starting next week.

Travis has a Bridge Asset Management training scheduled for next week. He has been working on getting designs for large culverts to the Drain Commission.

Steve stated that all equipment is running. The chipper is back from refurbishment and looks incredible. Mower tractors are ready to go for the season. He gave an update on equipment that is still on order.

Art discussed the dust control program that has begun. It should be completed before Memorial Day. Summer help has started this week, with more scheduled to start within the next 2 weeks. MIOSHA was here last week for safety training with the whole crew. Art reviewed the culvert sleeve project at the 2nd fill on Lake Sanford Road. It was completed in a very timely manner.

Jon reviewed the meetings he has attended in the last several weeks. He discussed the millage renewal and the language used to explain to the public what it entails. He stated he attended a jurisdictional transfer meeting that was conducted with the City of Midland on Monday of this week. Jon reviewed some possible changes to the primary and local road certifications. He stated that we are currently advertising for a Road Maintenance Worker to fill one open position. He will be attending the CRA Manager's Workshop this week and is looking forward to the topics being discussed.

Jeff gave an update on the Shaffer and Sturgeon Road intersection project. It is expected to be open in two weeks. He discussed the county drain crossing projects that are starting soon. He reports that he has been doing a lot of surveying for various upcoming and potential projects.

Russ and Jon met with the MPO Administrative Subcommittee Meeting and stated that Maja announced she is retiring June 30th. He discussed the plans for the future of the organization. He has been working on new computers and network upgrades that need to be finished. Russ also discussed questions that have been coming in about road right of ways with the return of the lake. He stated that PASER ratings will begin in the next couple weeks.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 9:50 am until Tuesday, May 19, 2026.

Donna Lowe, Finance Director

Mike Atton, Chairman