

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Wednesday, January 15, 2025, 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
Russ Inman, Director of Engineering
Donna Lowe, Finance Director
Ashley Hiles, GIS Coordinator
Jeff Brown, Construction Technician
Travis Havercamp, Design Engineer
Art Buck, Superintendent

Absent: Steve Youngs, Fleet and Facilities Manager

Public Present: Larry Schuelke, Midland County Board of Commissioners.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Additions to Agenda:

ADS 2025 Bid Extension was added to New Business.

Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2025 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

Larry Schuelke stated he was at the meeting on behalf of the Midland County Board of Commissioners as the Alternate delegate for Jeanette Snyder.

Approval of Open Accounts and Payroll:

The payroll for January 16, 2025 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to authorize payroll for January 16, 2025.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Open accounts for January 16, 2025 were discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Atton to approve open accounts for January 16, 2025, in the amount of \$280,668.31

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

None

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

ADS 2025 Bid Extension

Jeff presented the board with a proposal from ADS to extend the 2024 plastic culvert prices into 2025, except for a price decrease for 60' culverts.

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to extend the 2024 plastic culvert bid to ADS for 2025.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Weighmaster Annual update

Officer Bill vonMatt gave the board an update on his patrol activities for the last year. He stated that his tickets issued has remained comparable to the number of tickets issued in past years, however he has seen a big increase in what he categorizes as "other activities". These activities, including PR Weigh-ups; patrolling at road closures; handling the issuing of transportation permits in the Oxcart system; as well as training time such as the County Road Show and the Michigan Traffic Safety Summit, accounted for 528 of his activities for 2024. He reported that he has been busier in Isabella County, as Consumers Energy has started a solar panel project, and he does anticipate that there may be similar projects in Gladwin and Midland Counties in the future. Officer vonMatt has also been working on digitizing his paper daily activity records into a searchable Excel database, and that project is almost complete.

MDOT Agreement 24-5523 Salzburg Rd. Cat. F Grant

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

Be it resolved that
Contract No. 24-5523, Control Section EDF 56000, Job Number 220303CON 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
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

Miscellaneous:

None

Staff Reports:

Jeff stated that he has been working on bid advertisements for 2025. He is anticipating advertising 7 in the next few weeks and another 8 in February. He has also been working on MDOT project final closeouts, as well as a spreadsheet of costs to be billed to the City of Coleman for the 2024 RTF project.

Russ has been preparing for the server replacement to be installed. The new backup server is complete and NetSource One will be installing it soon.

Ashley has been entering private road agreement routes into our GIS maps with the help of Samsera, which will be able to use the truck GPS information to make it easier to charge time more accurately to those maintenance agreement job numbers. She has gotten seasonal job postings active for the summer intern positions, and she has submitted Impress award nominations as well.

Travis has continued to work on the culvert inventory in RoadSoft.

Art gave an update for Steve, who was not at the meeting, stating that all the equipment is up and running. Art's update for himself included information on the backup salt order. Art also stated that the job posting for the Road Maintenance Worker closed on January 3rd. There were 58 applicants total, and of those there are 12 interviews scheduled. Art updated the board that one of the crew members had been brought up to train with Joel as foreman, prior to Joel's retirement in the spring.

Jon stated that he and Russ had attended an MPO Meeting to discuss the 2026 – 2029 Transportation Improvement Program projects, which include West River Road from US-10 to Burns Road in 2027 and Sturgeon Road from Letts Road to Monroe Road in 2029. Jon also stated that he will be attending the Tri-County Contractor's Meeting today and reminded the Board about the East Central Council meeting tomorrow in West Branch. He attended the Edenville Township Board Meeting last night, where they discussed their 2025 local projects and had several questions for him regarding those. Jon is still working with the Michigan State Police to close out FEMA grant projects. Those projects have been done since last summer, but there have been some delays due to FEMA's computer software update and some staffing changes. He has been preparing RFPs for consulting services and anticipates they will be sent out later this week, with a deadline of late February. Jon informed the board that MDOT will be holding an Open House on February 10, 2025, at 4:00 pm at the Road Commission Sanford Garage. This meeting will be a public Pre-Construction Open House to distribute information about MDOT projects including M-30 over US-10 and M-20 Construction.

Chairman Atton had some questions regarding an accident that had occurred at the corner of M-20 and M-30 overnight, which Art was able to update him about. Chairman Atton also stated that he will be gone for possibly the last two weeks of February and might miss the last meeting.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 9:44 am until Monday, February 10, 2025.

Donna Lowe, Finance Director

Mike Atton, Chair