

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Vice-Chairman Hyatt on Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at the Midland County Road Commission office.

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

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:**

None.

**Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes of the February 27, 2025 meeting were discussed. There was one correction to be made, which was a typo on the date of birth of Travis's daughter Josephine. Corrected minutes reflect February 20<sup>th</sup>, not February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2025 meeting, with the mentioned correction.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Cozat, Hyatt

Nays: None

Absent: Atton

Motion Carried

**Public Comment:**

None.

**Approval of Open Accounts and Payroll:**

The payroll for March 13, 2025 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to authorize payroll for March 13, 2025.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Cozat, Hyatt

Nays: None

Absent: Atton

Motion Carried

Open accounts for March 13, 2025 were discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve open accounts for March 13, 2025, in the amount of \$444,755.67.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Cozat, Hyatt

Nays: None

Absent: Atton

Motion Carried

## **Correspondence and Items of Information:**

### ***Legislative Priorities***

Jon briefly discussed the County Road Association Legislative Priorities and stated that they will be approved at the CRA Annual Meeting at the upcoming Highway Conference.

### ***Election Memo for Candidates to MCRCSIP Board***

Donna reviewed the open positions and how to apply for candidacy if anyone was interested.

### **Unfinished Business:**

None

### **New Business:**

#### ***Second Round Material Bids***

Jeff reviewed the tabulations for the second round of 2025 material bids opened on March 7, 2025, which included Chip Seal, Crack Seal and HMA Crack Treatment.

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to accept the staff recommendations for bid awards, in the best interest of the Road Commission.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Cozat, Hyatt

Nays: None

Absent: Atton

Motion Carried

#### ***Consultant Selections for 2025 Professional Services***

Russ reviewed the tabulations for the 2025 Requests for Proposals responses February 20, 2025, which included As-Needed Bridge Design, As-Needed Inspection/Testing/Survey, As-Needed Road Design Services and Bridge Safety Inspections.

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to accept the staff recommendations for consultant services, in the best interest of the Road Commission.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Cozat, Hyatt

Nays: None

Absent: Atton

Motion Carried

#### ***Purchase of John Deere CP24G Cold Planer***

Steve presented the Board with a quote from AIS Construction Equipment for the purchase of a John Deere Cold Planer attachment to our skidsteer. This is used for multiple applications, including making smooth transitions at driveways, bridges and crossroads.

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve the purchase of a John Deere CP24G Cold Planer from AIS Construction Equipment for \$29,590.00.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Cozat, Hyatt

Nays: None

Absent: Atton

Motion Carried

#### ***Purchase of 2025 Chevrolet Half Ton Pickup for Managing Director***

Steve presented the Board with a quote from Garber Chevrolet for the purchase of a 2025 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Crew Cab truck to replace Jon's truck. This is approximately \$1,000 more than the MiDeal pricing, but it has the Z71 package that we normally get on our light trucks. It will also hold its value better and is in stock and available from the local dealership located in Midland.

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve the purchase of a Chevrolet Silverado 1500 from Garber Chevrolet for \$52,947.90.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Cozat, Hyatt  
Nays: None  
Absent: Atton

Motion Carried

***Poseyville Road over Flemming Drain Bridge Rehab Grant Application***

An opportunity from HiPer Fiber to submit a grant application to the Michigan Mobility Funding Platform for the Poseyville Road over Flemming Drain Bridge Rehab project was discussed. The ultra-high performance concrete modular bridge deck panels will make the repairs that are necessary more affordable to the Road Commission by allowing this project to be handled in-house instead of bidding it out to a contractor, as well as reducing up-front costs to the Road Commission.

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt, that the Midland County Road Commission commit to contributing matching funds and labor services toward the project in addition to the grant funds provided.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Cozat, Hyatt  
Nays: None  
Absent: Atton

Motion Carried.

**Miscellaneous:**

None

**Staff Reports:**

Jeff stated that the third round of material bids is due on March 20th and will be presented at the next board meeting. He has been working with the foremen preparing for upcoming large culvert projects. Jeff also will be attending a Density Certification class at Ferris State University between Monday and Thursday of next week.

Russ updated the Board about the 2025 Monroe Road Rehabilitation Open House being held at the Larkin Township Hall tonight from 4-6 pm. He also announced there will be a retirement party for Joel Noyes on Friday, March 21st and that staff will reach out with time and details.

Steve reported that truck 637 is down currently. Mechanics had located a bad wiring harness and averted what could potentially have been a catastrophic fire if not discovered. The harness is being replaced, and the truck will be back up and running by the end of the day. Steve also stated that there are 3 mechanics going to a welding class in Alpena next week. He updated the board on the delivery of the generator and the brine storage tank deliveries, both of which were delivered this week.

Ashley stated that she has been assisting Russ with making information boards for the Open House. She also reported that interviews for Engineering and GIS summer interns are complete, and that all positions are filled.

Jon discussed the annual meeting with the DNR that was held last week. He has been busy reviewing the submitted responses to our 2025 Consultant Services RFP (Request for Proposals), and he also attended a Grade Inspection Review for the Monroe Road project this week. Next week he signed up for the Michigan Bridge Conference. It is being held in Ann Arbor, so he registered for it virtually and will have it in the conference room so that anyone from the engineering department can view it as they have time. Jon reported that the bids for the Shaffer Road over Bluff Creek project came in 18% overestimate, but due to the fact that it is part of the local bridge program, and it was originally programmed differently, the overage is able to be covered. The Bailey Bridge project bid came in 21% overestimate, but the TAP Grant contributions will be increased to cover the cost of the increase, so after 10 years, this project will finally begin soon.

Larry Schulke has some questions regarding the chip seal bids, which Jeff stated he could provide additional information after the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Hyatt at 9:44 am until Monday, March 24, 2025.

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Donna Lowe, Finance Director

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Mike Atton, Chairman