

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Thursday, April 24, 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
Jeff Brown, Construction Technician

Public Present: Debra Reiber, Lee Township Trustee; 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 April 10, 2025 meeting were discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2025 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

Debra Reiber offered comments and questions about Private Road regulations for the township.

Approval of Open Accounts and Payroll:

The payroll for April 24, 2025 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to approve payroll for April 24, 2025.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

The open accounts for April 24, 2025 were discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve open accounts for April 24, 2025, in the amount of \$549,394.50.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

None

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:***Bridge Funding Policy Revision***

Jon reviewed his revisions to Policy 100.02, Primary and Local Road Bridge Construction Selection and Funding Policy

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve the revised Policy 100.02.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carries

Miscellaneous:

None

Staff Reports:

Travis stated that he has continued working on design for drainage projects and he also stated he has been working on with a property owner to purchase a right-of-way to create a cul-de-sac on Wackerly Road.

Ashley has been continuing to work on County Maps. It is very tedious, detailed and time consuming.

Jeff updated the board on the Kent Road Bridge project. He also attended a preconstruction meeting this week and has been working on surveys for construction projects and working with the foremen to make sure they have all the information they need.

Russ has purchased ten new computers as replacements for admin staff. This has been a line item in the budget for several years, and he feels the time is right to replace them. He has received a site plan review for a new condominium in Larkin Township and will be working on that to present to the Board at a future meeting. Russ and Jon met with the proposed developer of a gas station at the corner of Stark Road to discuss potential concerns.

Donna has been working on finishing up on the county audit and just got notification this week the State Maintenance audit has begun.

Steve attended a MiOSHA conference this week. He also updated the board on the installation of the backup generator. Cummins will be working on repairing the shipping damage at the end of the installation. Steve reported the old hot patcher that was replaced sold on GovDeals for a very good price. He also stated he took delivery of Jon's new truck yesterday. Steve reported that there is currently no equipment down.

Art discussed the grader training that was held last week. There were six employees who completed the training, and it was well received. He attended a preconstruction meeting with Central Asphalt regarding paving projects for this year. He stated the brine program for dust control will be starting in two weeks.

Jon will be giving a field presentation at the Bailey Bridge after this meeting. The Walkability Action Institute is holding a statewide conference there in conjunction with the MDOT TAP group, and they asked him to speak about the bridge project. He said there will be about 70 people in attendance. He has a meeting with EGLE next week regarding some new requirements they are introducing. The Poseyville over Fleming Drain bridge grant did not get approved. Jon stated there are still plans to work on the project next year, but he will have to look at other options.

Jeanette Snyder commented on a conversation she had with a constituent regarding weight restrictions and stated she had learned a lot about the process through the discussion.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 9:25 am until Thursday, May 8, 2025.

Donna Lowe, Finance Director

Mike Atton, Chairman