

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Thursday, May 8, 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
Russ Inman, Director of Engineering
Steve Youngs, Fleet and Facilities Manager
Travis Haverkamp, Design Engineer
Donna Lowe, Finance Director
Jeff Brown, Construction Technician
Absent: Ashley Hiles, GIS Coordinator

Public Present: Maria Sandow, Larkin Township appeared virtually.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Additions to Agenda:

None

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the April 24, 2025 meeting were discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to approve the minutes of the April 24, 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 May 8, 2025 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to approve payroll for May 8, 2025.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

The open accounts for May 8, 2025 were discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve open accounts for May 8, 2025, in the amount of \$344,798.17.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

The board reviewed the invitation for the June 5, 2025 Midland County Township Officials' Association meeting. Commissioner Hyatt and Commissioner Atton stated they will attend, Commissioner Cozat will decide by the May 22, 2025 meeting.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

FY2027 Safety Project Application Resolution

The Managing Director reviewed the need to apply for a FY2027 Federal Local Safety Program Safety Grant for the intersection of Saginaw Road and Stark Road in Homer Township.

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, under the current transportation bill, Local Safety Program Funds are available under a competitive based consideration; and

WHEREAS, projects are funded at 90% federal funds, up to an amount not to exceed \$750,000, with a minimum 10% local match; and

WHEREAS, the Midland County Road Commission has selected the intersection of Saginaw Road and Stark Road, in Sections 1 and 2 of Homer Township, for the addition of an offset right turn lane on Saginaw Road, realignment of the Stark Road intersection approach, Stark Road turn lane improvements, extension of the Saginaw Road center turn lane, driveway access management improvements, lane taper length corrections, and the upgrade of pavement markings and signing.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Road Commissioners, County of Midland, authorizes Jonathan Myers, Managing Director, to apply for these funds.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat and Atton.

Nays: None

Resolution Adopted.

2025-16 Mill and Fill Project Bid Results

Jon reviewed the bids for the Mill and Fill project for Saginaw Road from Geneva Road to Barden Road and Coleman Road from the Coleman City Limit to Baker Road. All bids were under the estimate. Jon recommends awarding the bid to the lowest bidder, Ace-Saginaw Paving Co..

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to award the bid for 2025 Mill and Fill project to the lowest bidder in the best interest of the Road Commission.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Cozat, Hyatt and Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Miscellaneous:

None

Staff Reports:

Travis announced that he took his PE exam last week and passed. He also has been out with Nick looking at drainage projects and helping to answer crew questions.

Steve reported that the equipment is all up right now. Several new trucks have been delivered and are waiting to be worked into the build schedule. The only new equipment ordered for this year left to be delivered is one more truck from D&K later this summer.

Art reported they did a demo on a brush mower last week. He stated that the brine program has started this week and will continue as weather permits. Drainage projects are underway, and the crews have been working on hydroseeding those projects. Paving projects have started as well.

Jon has had several meetings regarding the start of The Bailey Bridge project. He attended the RTF Program Advisory Board meeting in Lansing last week. Jon also sat down for an interview with the Midland Area Community Foundation regarding the grant we received for the backup generator. Jon discussed the tour of the Bailey Bridge that he attended two weeks ago. There were about 45 people in attendance, and he said it was a very good opportunity for the public to hear about what is planned for the project.

Jeff updated the board about the Kent Road over Jo Drain bridge project. He also stated that seasonal engineering interns have started for the summer and are getting settled in.

Russ has been working on installing the new computers for admin staff. He got Weighmaster vonMatt set back up in the admin office with a new workstation. The new fiber line for the Ingersoll garage was installed. Russ stated he will be in Italy for the next three board meetings, and he is looking forward to the break.

Donna shared that she attended a Zoom board meeting for the Northern Association on April 30th. There are plans being made for the Northern Conference which is taking place in December this year, and the board is looking for ideas for speakers if anyone has any ideas for topics they would like to have covered. She also stated that the Road Commission received reimbursement from the State of Michigan for the Safety Summit Conference that Weighmaster vonMatt attended in March, due to a grant she applied for through the Michigan State Police.

Commissioner Atton addressed an issue on Eastman Road. There is a dip in the road in the northbound lane that he would like staff to investigate and see if there is anything that can be done.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 9:30 am until Thursday, May 22, 2025.

Donna Lowe, Finance Director

Mike Atton, Chairman