

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Thursday, August 14, 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
Donna Lowe, Finance Director
Travis Havercamp, Design Engineer
Ashley Hiles, GIS Coordinator

Absent: Steve Youngs, Fleet and Facilities Manager
Jeff Brown, Construction Technician

Public Present: Dawn Clark, Warren Township; 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 July 31, 2025 meeting were discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to approve the minutes of the July 31, 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 August 14, 2025 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to approve payroll for August 14, 2025.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None Motion Carried

The open accounts for August 14, 2025 were discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve open accounts for August 14, 2025 in the amount of \$629,728.27.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

Midland County Township Officials' Association September Meeting

The Board reviewed the invitation for the Midland County Township Officials' Association September meeting. Jon stated he would be doing a presentation at that meeting and would be attending. The Commissioners will check their schedules and give a head count at the August 28th meeting.

Unfinished Business:

2025 CRASIF Board of Trustees Election

The 2025 CRASIF Board of Trustees ballot was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to vote for all three incumbent candidates on the ballot.

Roll call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None Motion Carried

New Business:

CRA Monarch Butterfly Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (CCAA)

Jon reviewed the County Road Association's Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (CCAA) which was developed by CRA along with the US Fish and Wildlife Service to protect the

Monarch butterfly, which is a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act. The Road Commission can join the CCAA, with CRA as the administrator of the program to protect the Monarch habitat, while allowing the Road Commission to continue to perform work and maintenance in the rights-of-way. This collaborative effort requires a 3-year commitment, and Jon recommended that the Midland County Road Commission join the CCAA for the required 3 years. Moved by Commissioner Atton and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to authorize Jon to commit to participating in the Michigan Monarch CCAA for 3 years.

Roll call.

Yeas:	Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton	
Nays:	None	Motion Carried

Miscellaneous:

None

Staff Reports:

Ashley stated that she has been busy preparing for Fair Week at the Midland County Fair. The booth is set up with a video playing, as well as a kids’ coloring contest as has been in years past.

Russ complimented Ashley and Jeff on their work at the fair booth. He is preparing the request to MATS for the reimbursement for the work the summer interns did this summer. The culvert inventory is complete, and the interns have all gone back to college for the fall. Russ stated that PASER ratings are done for this year as well.

Travis stated that he had attended HEC-RAS Training in Lansing the week of July 28-31. This training is to assist him with bridge and culvert design.

Art provided an update on paving and crack seal projects. He reviewed the new on-site DOT exam program that began this week, which will make the renewal dates for the drivers’ exams easier for office staff to keep track of, as well as offer convenience to the crew by having the doctor come here to see them instead of them having to go to the Occupational Health clinic. Art reported that almost all of the part time summer help are finished working for the year.

Jon reported that he attended a Pre-Con meeting for the Monroe Road project, stating that Stage 1 closures will begin on Monday. He also gave updates on the Shaffer Road and Bailey Bridge projects as well as the Poseyville Road Recon. Jon attended a County Finance Committee meeting, where the Committee approved the levy of the 2026 Road Millage. He attended a RTF Advisory Board meeting where they discussed ways that bid savings could be spent.

Commissioner Atton discussed a continued need for crew safety. He stated he will be in Escanaba for a MCRCSIP meeting on August 28th, so he will not be present at the next board meeting, but he may attend virtually.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 9:30 am until Thursday, August 28, 2025.

<hr/> Donna Lowe, Finance Director	<hr/> Mike Atton, Chairman
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