

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Thursday, August 28, 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
Donna Lowe, Finance Director
Travis Haverkamp, Design Engineer
Steve Youngs, Fleet and Facilities Manager
Absent: Ashley Hiles, GIS Coordinator
Russ Inman, Director of Engineering
Jeff Brown, Construction Technician

Public Present: Jeanette Snyder, Midland County Board of Commissioners; Maria Sandow, Larkin Township appeared virtually

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Additions to Agenda:

MERS Ball Park estimate for surplus funds to items of information.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the August 14, 2025 meeting were discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2025 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

Jeanette Snyder offered public comment about the new Parks and Recreation Director.

Approval of Open Accounts and Payroll:

The payroll for August 28, 2025 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to approve payroll for August 28, 2025.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

The open accounts for August 28, 2025 were discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve open accounts for August 28, 2025 in the amount of \$917,124.37.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

CRA Commissioners Seminar September 21-22, 2025 – Bay City

Jon discussed the dates and location of the CRA Commissioners Seminar so the Board can check their schedules and RSVP by the September 11th meeting.

ACT 51 Report

Donna provided the Board with a copy of the approved ACT 51 report for review and stated she would answer any questions the board had.

MERS Ball Park Estimate for Surplus Funds

Jon and Donna discussed the transfer of surplus funds into two division plans and the effect that it would have on the Road Commission's required annual contribution. Donna will be authorizing MERS to transfer the funds as soon as practicable.

Unfinished Business:**Midland County Township Officials' Association September meeting**

Donna reviewed the agenda for the Midland County Township Officials' Association September meeting and asked for RSVPs. Commissioner Hyatt will be attending, and Donna will submit the RSVP today.

New Business:***Unauthorized Work in the Right-of-Way******Proposed Policy: Telecommunication and Video Service Provider Policy, Fees, and Civil Fines***

Jon discussed guidance provided by MCRCSIP regarding imposing civil fines for unauthorized work in the right-of-way, as provided for in MCL 224.19b. The creation and adoption of a new policy is recommended.

Jon introduced a proposed policy titled: Telecommunication and Video Service Provider Policy, Fees, and Civil Fines. Jon stated that a public hearing will need to take place before a resolution can be passed approving the proposed policy. He recommended a public hearing be set for September 25, 2025 at 9:15 am.

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to advertise a public hearing for the proposed Telecommunication and Video Service Provider Policy, Fees, and Civil Fines, on September 25, 2025 at 9:15 am.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Miscellaneous:

None

Staff Reports:

Travis has been finishing drainage project design. A few more culverts will be able to be completed this year due to how ahead the crew are for the season.

Steve gave an update on equipment and the delivery of the new brine trailer. He stated that the new build swap loader is now in service. He complimented mechanics Neil Sharpe and Dan Nevill on the high-quality work they did on this build, and wanted to recognize their skill

Art updated the board on seasonal and construction line striping. He also provided paving updates, stating that there are four paving projects left to complete all the scheduled projects for this year. He stated the box culvert is being delivered to Baker Road for the Bliss Drain project. Art met with Jason Potts from MDOT, and reported they have maintenance money left over in their budget, so they will be doing some patching on US 10. He reviewed our agreement with Covenant

Health to maintain our FMCSA drug testing schedule and records. This relieves a lot of the Road Commission's responsibility for the quarterly testing and reporting.

Jon discussed the ongoing construction projects and gave updates for them. He discussed some issues that have occurred at the Bailey Bridge project that have delayed the removal of the north truss. Jon attended a Great Lakes Bay Regional Trail meeting last week. They committed to providing funding for the construction engineering on the Bailey Bridge project. The EGLE MS-4 permit agreement will be finalized this week.

Commissioner Atton discussed the Drain Commission project on Sturgeon Road north of Blackhurst, and Art provided an update. He asked Art to look into some patching that needs to be done in Larkin Township.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 9:37 am until Thursday, September 11, 2025.

Donna Lowe, Finance Director

Mike Atton, Chairman