

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Thursday, September 11, 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
Steve Youngs, Fleet and Facilities Manager
Russ Inman, Director of Engineering
Travis Haverkamp, Design Engineer

Absent: Ashley Hiles, GIS Coordinator
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:

Request to pre-hire an extra crew position to backfill an expected vacant position due to retirement was added to New Business.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the August 28, 2025 meeting were discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to approve the minutes of the August 28, 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 September 11, 2025 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to approve payroll for September 11, 2025.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

The open accounts for September 11, 2025 were discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Atton to approve open accounts for September 11, 2025 in the amount of \$2,013,847.83.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

ACT 51 Certification

The Board reviewed the annual ACT 51 Mileage Certification letter from MDOT.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

Request to Pre-Hire an Extra Crew Position to Backfill an Expected Vacant Position Due to Retirement

Jon and Art discussed the retirement of a crew member at the end of the year, and the need to back fill that position. As they are currently in the process of interviewing candidates for an already open position and have several good candidates, they requested to hire two people from this pool of candidates in anticipation of the retirement at the end of the year.

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to hire two candidates out of the current pool of candidates to back fill the position that will be opened by retirement at the end of the year.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Miscellaneous:

None

Staff Reports:

Steve gave an update on the vac truck that is down, the blower unit seized and will be down for about 2-3 weeks while parts are on back order. He stated that the new Walk-N-Roll for the North District grader will be delivered either Friday or Monday. Steve discussed the MiOSHA Safety Grant that he will be applying to for funds for safety projects. The application period opens on October 1.

Art updated the board on the remaining construction projects that are being completed, as well as an update on the Baker Road over Bliss Drain #1 Culvert project.

Jon discussed the updates for the Poseyville, Monroe and Shaffer Road projects. He stated that the Eastman Road bid came in under estimate. Jon attended a MCRCSIP Manager's meeting in Lansing this week, as well as the MCTOA meeting where he gave a presentation on road millages and road funding. He discussed the Bailey Bridge project and provided the board with a picture of the crane used to remove the north truss from the bridge.

Russ stated that he and Jeff worked with the City of Coleman to rate their local roads with them. He has stated that he will be finishing up billings for the Culvert Inventory that the summer interns did as well as fall PASER ratings, to be sent to the MPO.

Travis stated that he has been helping Ashley with traffic counts, and that he helped Jon with the bid for the Salzburg Road project that is currently out of bid.

Commissioner Atton asked Art to contact Bay County about mowing and trees on the portion of Mid-Bay County Road that the Bay County Road Commission has jurisdiction of.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 9:36 am until Thursday, September 25, 2025.

Donna Lowe, Finance Director

Mike Atton, Chairman