

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Thursday, October 9, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at the Midland County Road Commission office.

Present: Mike Atton, Chairman  
Jim Hyatt, Vice Chair  
Bill Cozat, Member, appeared virtually  
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  
Ashley Hiles, GIS Coordinator  
Jeff Brown, Construction Technician

Absent: None

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 September 25, 2025 meeting were discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2025 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Cozat

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Public Comment:**

None

**Approval of Open Accounts and Payroll:**

The payroll for October 9, 2025 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to approve payroll for October 9, 2025.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Cozat

Nays: None

Motion Carried

The open accounts for October 9, 2025 were discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve open accounts for September 25, 2025 in the amount of \$943,919.43.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Cozat

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Correspondence and Items of Information:**

**MDOT Local Agency National Bridge Inspection Standards Program**

Jon explained the new program MDOT has designed for bridge inspections, which will shift responsibility for bridge inspections from road agencies to MDOT. This program is set to run for 3 years, with a possible extension for another 2 years.

**Letter from Smith & Klaczekiewicz, PC**

Donna reviewed a letter from Tom Smith, our auditor. He is semi-retiring and will be eliminating many of his clients. He gave Donna several recommendations for a new auditing firm, and she will be investigating them.

**East Central District Meeting**

Jon reviewed the invitation to the East Central District meeting that will be in West Branch on October 16. All 3 commissioners stated they will attend.

**Notice of Claim**

Jon shared with the commissioners an official notice of claim received from an attorney regarding a crash near a Smith Crossing Road construction site this past August. Jon passed all the information on to MCRCSIP, and they will be handling it.

**Letter from CJ Montana**

Jon discussed a letter received from resident CJ Montana. No action was required to be taken by the board. Jon will respond to the letter for the Board.

**Unfinished Business**

None

**New Business:**

None

**Miscellaneous:**

None

**Staff Reports:**

Donna stated that she has been busy starting on invoices for local township projects and has begun preparing for year end and budget season.

Jeff attended the SAM Conference last week. He gave an update on construction projects, stating they are wrapping things up for the end of the construction season.

Russ stated he is dealing with multiple right-of-way issues, which usually arise during hunting season, although this year has been more contentious than usual.

Ashley has been working on the design of the new website. She shared that County maps are being printed and should be available soon.

Travis stated he ran his first pre-construction meeting this week. He has been working with foremen to finish drainage projects for the year.

Steve shared that all equipment is up and running. He also attended the SAM Conference last week and stated he took a lot of information away from it. He applied for the MiOSHA Safety grant, but received notification that his application is delayed because we were awarded a grant last year, and they are looking to award to a different agency this year. He had a walk around with Tom Kramer yesterday to survey the facility for safety issues and it was very positive.

Art stated that gravel spreads are finishing up today. He shared there are only two paving projects left to complete this year. He stated there were two new hires that started this week and one starting next week, and he shared that these new employees as well as the four new hires from earlier this year will be going to attend a truck rodeo obstacle course in Clinton County to train for winter maintenance. He attended the SAM Conference last week and will be attending the MERS

Conference next week. Early County salt delivery has been received, but we are still expecting 1000 tons of MDOT salt.

Jon gave an update on the Bailey Bridge project. He discussed the Bay Region Bridge Council meeting that Russ attended at the Saginaw County Road Commission last week. There may be more money allocated to the local bridge program next year. He stated he has permit visits with EGLE next week for bridge design for next year. Jon also gave a brief update on the new Road Funding Package in the State budget for 2026.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 9:43 am until Thursday, October 23, 2025.

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Donna Lowe, Finance Director

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Mike Atton, Chairman