

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Thursday, October 23, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at the Midland County Road Commission office.

Present: Mike Atton, Chairman
Jim Hyatt, Vice Chair
Bill Cozat, Member
Art Buck, Superintendent
Donna Lowe, Finance Director
Steve Youngs, Fleet and Facilities Manager
Travis Haverkamp, Design Engineer
Ashley Hiles, GIS Coordinator
Jeff Brown, Construction Technician

Absent: Jon Myers, Managing Director
Russ Inman, Director of Engineering

Public Present: Jeanette Snyder, Midland County Board of Commissioners; Larry Schuelke, 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 October 9, 2025 meeting were discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to approve the minutes of the October 9, 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 23, 2025 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to approve payroll for October 23, 2025.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Cozat

Nays: None

Motion Carried

The open accounts for September 30, 2025 were discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve open accounts for September 30, 2025 in the amount of \$90,535.00.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Cozat

Nays: None

Motion Carried

The open accounts for October 23, 2025 were discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Atton and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to approve open accounts for October 23, 2025 in the amount of \$1,387,711.51.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Cozat

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

None

Unfinished Business

None

New Business:

2026 John Deere 245P Excavator

Steve presented the board with a quote from AIS for a 2026 John Deere 246P Excavator. Steve requested permission to pre-order this piece of equipment, which will be included in his 2026 Capital Outlay budget to save due to a John Deere promotional discount only available this year and the existing MiDeal discount, which is currently being negotiated, and the price is subject to change. This will not be delivered or paid for until 2026.

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve the pre-order of a 2026 John Deere 246P Excavator, as presented.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Cozat

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Michigan Chloride Price Extension

Art discussed the price extension letter from Michigan Chloride, which will continue the 2025 price into the 2026 season. He requested the board approve the extension as presented.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to approve the extension of Michigan Chloride's 2025 contract into 2026.

Roll call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Cozat, Hyatt

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Miscellaneous:

None

Staff Reports:

Jeff gave an update on the construction projects that are being completed.

Ashley announced that the new county maps have been delivered. She is working with other departments throughout the county to get them delivered.

Travis stated that drainage and ditching projects are completed for this year. He and Ashley are finishing up the traffic counts for the year. He is working on MS-4 permitting. Travis attended the MERS retirement conference in Traverse City last week. He thought the conference information was very helpful.

Art stated that early salt has been delivered for both the County and State, and the salt barn is full. He reported that all the new hires have started working. Yesterday Al Roden from CRASIF did safety training with all the new hires. Art shared that he has started township ride a longs for 2026 project planning.

Steve reported that all equipment is up and running. He shared that today Jack Doheny Company is here doing a vac truck training. He gave an update on the new truck build. Steve also stated that the mechanics are continuing with winter prep and getting mowing and construction equipment

put away for winter. He shared that the old brine trailer is listed on GovDeals and he will report on that after the auction ends.

Commissioner Cozat congratulated everyone on a great 2026 construction season.

Larry Schuelke brought a letter that had been sent to the County Board of Commissioners that he thought should be shared with the Road Commission.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 9:29 am until Thursday, November 6, 2025.

Donna Lowe, Finance Director

Mike Atton, Chairman