

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Thursday, April 23, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at the Midland County Road Commission office.

Present: Mike Atton, Chair
Jim Hyatt, Vice Chair
Bill Cozat, Member
Art Buck, Superintendent
Donna Lowe, Finance Director
Jeff Brown, Construction Technician
Ashley Hiles, GIS Coordinator
Steve Youngs, Fleet and Facilities Manager
Travis Havercamp, Design Engineer
Absent: Russ Inman, Director of Engineering
Jon Myers, Managing Director

Public Present: Jim Peck, Mt. Haley Township; Debra Reiber, Lee Township; Larry Schuelke, Midland County Board of Commissioners; Jeanette Snyder, Midland County Board of Commissioners; Maria Sandow, Larkin Township, appeared virtually.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Additions/Changes to Agenda:

None

Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2026 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Hyatt, Cozat

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

Larry Schuelke asked several questions regarding debris blocking water flow at bridges due to recent flooding.

Approval of Payroll and Open Accounts:

The payroll for March 26, April 9 AND April 23, 2026 were discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to authorize payroll for March 26, April 9 AND April 23, 2026.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Open accounts for April 9, 2026 were discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve open accounts for April 9, 2026, in the amount of \$244,565.01.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Open accounts for April 23, 2026 were discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve open accounts for April 23, 2026, in the amount of \$525,137.38.

Correspondence and Items of Information:

Board Compensation from County Board of Commissioners

Staff, along with Jeanette Snyder, reviewed a recommendation from the Midland County Board of Commissioners Finance Committee regarding Midland County Road Commission Board members' compensation. Effective May 1, 2026, the annual salary shall increase from \$5,500 to \$6,500 and the per diem rate shall increase from \$40 to \$60. No action was required by the Board.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

MDOT Local Bridge Contract 56-5084

RESOLUTION

Commissioner Hyatt offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

Be it resolved that

Contract No. 26-5084, Control Section BFPO 56000; BHT 56000, Job Number 220514CON; 220516CON; 223992CON by and between the

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
and the

Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Midland, Michigan
is hereby accepted.

The following Officials are authorized to sign the said contract:

Jon Myers, Managing Director

Art Buck, Superintendent

Supported by Commissioner Cozat

Adopted: Ayes: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton
 Nayes: None

Miscellaneous:

None

Staff Reports:

Jeff stated that he conducted his annual survey training for the crew last week. He has been surveying county drains and drainage projects since the weather warmed up. Jeff gave an update on the Shaffer/Sturgeon safety improvement project. He also stated that the 6 bridge maintenance project was bid in early April and the award will be coming soon.

Ashley has been finishing up the final details of certification maps. She is also working on an interactive construction map dashboard. She has also been working on display materials for Weighmaster vonMatt when he does presentations in the community.

Donna gave an update on the annual audit and Act 51 preparation.

Travis shared that the Local Bridge proposal has been submitted. He has been working on large culvert design, and plans for soil borings for a cold-in-place project.

Art stated that lots of time has been spent on drainage issues due to flooding from the large amount of rain we have had recently. He was able to attend the Highway Maintenance Conference in Mount Pleasant on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Art shared that the first group of summer help will begin on May 11, with the rest starting shortly thereafter depending on when their colleges let out for summer. The dust control program will begin the first week of May. Art stated he had attended a pre-con meeting with Rieth Riley regarding the county wide paving program. He also shared that the crew has been working on a culvert repair on Lake Sanford

Road yesterday and today. There will be a contractor on site tomorrow to finish up the repair and the road should be open to the public sometime tomorrow.

Steve reported that all equipment is up and running. Our new John Deere excavator was delivered and was on the job within an hour of delivery to help crews combat the drainage issues around the county. He stated that the chipper should be back from being refurbished early next week. Steve also shared that the AED's from the safety grant he applied for had been delivered and are installed at both out garages and the sign shop.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 9:34 am until Wednesday, May 6, 2026.

Donna Lowe, Finance Director

Mike Atton, Chairman