

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Thursday, June 4, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at the Midland County Road Commission office.

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

Public Present: Jeanette Snyder, Midland County Board of Commissioners; Larry Schuelke, Midland County Board of Commissioners; Ken Morin, Government Consultant Services, Inc. (GCSI); Maria Sandow appeared virtually

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Additions/Changes to Agenda:

MDOT Engineering Reimbursement Request was added to New Business.

Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2026 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Hyatt, Cozat

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

None

Approval of Payroll and Open Accounts:

The payroll for May 21, 2026 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to authorize payroll for May 21, 2026.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

The payroll for June 4, 2026 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to authorize payroll for June 4, 2026.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Open accounts for June 4, 2026 were discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve open accounts for June 4, 2026, in the amount of \$ 430,597.45.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton
Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

CRASIF Recommendation Letter

The board reviewed a letter from CRASIF Trustee Kenneth J. Hulka regarding his upcoming retirement and his recommendation to support Laurita Humphrey as the next trustee. No action was required by the board at this time.

Unfinished Business:

Rural Road Alliance of Michigan

Ken Morin from Government Consultant Services spoke to the board about the newly formed Rural Road Alliance of Michigan and gave an opportunity for the board and members of the audience to ask any questions they had about the Alliance.

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to join the Rural Road Alliance of Michigan and commit to 3 years of membership while it develops, after which time the board will re-evaluate continuation of the membership agreement.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Cozat, Hyatt and Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

New Business:

Engineering Reimbursement

RESOLUTION

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

We, the Board of County Road Commissioners of Midland County do hereby request reimbursement in the amount of \$10,000.00 for payments made during the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, to Jonathan Myers, a licensed professional engineer employed by this Commission in accordance with Sec. 12(2) of Act 51, as amended.

Supported by Commissioner Cozat

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Miscellaneous:

None

Staff Reports:

Jeff stated that he had conducted a final walk thru with the contractor at the Shaffer and Sturgeon Road Safety project on Monday, and that the job is complete. He also gave an update on construction projects throughout the county including 5 county drain crossings that have been completed in the last 3 weeks. He reported that a preliminary review took place for the Coleman Road bridge over Little Salt Creek which will be beginning soon.

Ashley presented the board with the completed primary road PASER rating map. She stated that she and Jeff had worked with Matt Hall yesterday to rate the Village of Sanford roads and she will be preparing a PASER rating map for the Village with those results. Ashley has also been taking advantage of the weather to experiment with the new drone that was purchased over the winter.

Art announced that Rieth -Riley has begun work on the scheduled paving projects, and that crews are working on gravel spreads for the reconstruction projects, with pulverizing starting on June 15. He reported that all 4 of our mower tractors are in service, and that we will begin mowing for MDOT next week. The plan is to have all the state roads mowed before increased traffic flows for the 4th of July holiday. Art stated that guardrail brush spray will begin on June 15. He announced that the interview team had conducted interviews with 6 candidates and had made an offer to the best candidate. That offer was accepted and the new crew member will begin work on June 22.

Jon stated they have been working with the City of Midland's Communications Coordinator to develop a postcard mailing for the millage renewal. He is scheduled to speak at 3 township meetings next week. Jon stated that next week union contract negotiations will continue, with a meeting on Wednesday.

Larry Schuelke stated that after our last meeting he reached out to City Council members to encourage them to include MCRC staff in meetings regarding plans for transfer of county roads into the City's road system.

Jeanette Snyder had some questions and concerns about a dip in the road on Curtis Road where MDOT had repaved it following its use as a detour for a state project last year. Art stated that there will be crews out working on that next week to resolve that problem.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 10:02 am until Thursday, June 18, 2026.

Donna Lowe, Finance Director

James Hyatt, Vice-Chairman