

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Mike Atton on Thursday, July 16, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at the Midland County Road Commission office.

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

Public Present: Larry Schuelke, Midland County Board of Commissioners; Christian Valesano, Spicer Group; Norma Stuart, Midland County Drain Commission; Maria Sandow, Larkin Township, appeared virtually.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Additions/Changes to Agenda:

Bid Results – Coleman Rd Aluminum Box Culvert was added to New Business.

Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2026 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

None

Approval of Payroll and Open Accounts:

The payroll for July 2, 2026 AND July 16, 2026 were discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to authorize payroll for July 2 AND July 16, 2026.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Open accounts for July 2, 2026 were discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve open accounts for July 2, 2026, in the amount of \$ 399,080.81.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Open accounts for July 16, 2026 were discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve open accounts for July 16, 2026, in the amount of \$403,935.11.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton
Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

The board briefly discussed the Legislative Priorities packet that was sent by County Road Association.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

MDOT State Trunkline Maintenance Contract for 10/1/2026 – 9/30/2031

The new State Maintenance Contract has been received for approval from the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board approved Contract No. 2026-0210 for the period beginning October 1, 2026 and ending September 30, 2031, and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Road Commissioners, County of Midland, designates Jonathan Myers, P.E. as the Contract Administrator on State Trunkline Highways and bridges. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Jonathan Myers, P.E., Managing Director and Arthur Buck, Superintendent, are authorized to sign said Contract.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton
Nays: None

Resolution Adopted

MDOT Contract 218064 Prairie Road

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that Contract No. 26-5283, Control Section STUL 5600, Job Number 218064CON 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

AYES: Hyatt, Cozat, Atton
NAYES: None

Resolution Adopted

Drain Commission Discussion – Mt. Haley No. 11 & 12 Drain

Christian Valesano from Spicer Group presented the Board with information regarding the drainage project being planned by the Drain Commission on Mt. Haley No. 11 and 12 drains. Jon

questioned the time frame for the project and learned that there are no urgent plans to start it. No action needs to be taken by the Board of Road Commissioners at this time. The board requested more information regarding the Road Commission's expected budget commitments and will discuss it further at a future meeting.

Bid Results – Coleman Road Aluminum Box Culvert

Jon reviewed the bid from Contech Engineered Solutions for bid item 2026-14 that was opened on July 15, 2026 and discussion ensued.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to accept the bid from Contech Engineered Solutions as recommended, in the best interest of the Road Commission Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Miscellaneous:

None

Staff Reports:

Ashley attended a virtual meeting this morning with our IT service provider regarding VPN protection from cyber-attacks. She has been working on web site design and has been creating informational slides about the millage renewal for the website. Ashley also reported that she submitted an application for the TAMC Culvert Data Collection and Asset Management Excellence Award for the culvert data collection work that our summer engineering interns have completed over the past two summers.

Russ stated that he also attended the virtual meeting regarding VPN security with Ashley. He discussed a meeting he and Jon attended with Larkin Township to review multiple items including plans for the Walnut Ridge subdivision.

Steve reported the new hot patcher had been delivered in late June, and he announced that construction on the cold storage barn at the Sanford location will begin on August 1.

Travis stated he has been working on plans for a cold in place project at Waldo and 9 Mile Road.

Jon provided an update on union contract negotiations. He stated that MERS held a meeting with the crew in late June to review retirement benefits. Jon indicated he has been working on several utility issues for multiple projects. He reviewed an ongoing investigation of the storm sewer in the Tisland Subdivision and stated that it will require collaboration between multiple agencies to resolve. Jon announced that Maja retired from MATS recently and Alicia had been hired as the new director. He has been participating in the interview process for the Planner position that Alicia vacated. Jon provided updates on the bridge preventative maintenance projects and the Hope Rd over Dittmar Drain bridge rehab project. He stated that he will be attending the CRASIF/MCRCSIP annual meetings in Mount Pleasant next week. Jon also provided updates on paving projects and chipseals for Art.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 10:09 am until Thursday, July 30, 2026.

Donna Lowe, Finance Director

Mike Atton, Chairman