

Van Buren County Board of Road Commissioners

Wednesday, September 4, 2013
Regular Meeting - Administrative Office, Lawrence, Michigan

BE IT REMEMBERED: That on the 4th day of September, 2013 at 7:00 PM, E.D.T., the Board of County Road Commissioners for the County of Van Buren met in regular session in the offices in Lawrence, Michigan.

PRESENT: Road Commissioners Askew, Boze, Kinney, Ray, and Svilpe
Engineer-Manager Lawrence B. Hummel, P.E.
Accountant Gregory M. Pardike
Highway Engineer Barry Anttila

GUESTS: County Commissioner Hammond
Alan Smaka

Chairman Kinney called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

No additions/deletions to the Agenda.

Motion by Svilpe, seconded by Ray to approve the Agenda.

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Ray and seconded by Boze to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2013 meeting as presented by Board Secretary Pardike.

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

The Chairman opened the meeting to public comment. County Commissioner Susan Hammond presented a letter from Lawrence Cochran regarding mailbox issues. He feels the Board and staff lied to him and all present at the April meeting he attended. Hummel responded to Commissioner Hammond. Board Secretary Pardike re-read the minutes of the April 4, 2013 meeting which are quite clear as to the responses provided to Mr. Cochran at that time. No misinformation was provided, nor implied.

The Board Secretary-Accountant provided a review of the operating budgets and operating fund representing through the end of August with all bills current as of that time. No new Federal Aid since last meeting. September MTF funds of about \$489,000, compared to 2012 of approximately \$430,000. Year-to-date increase of approximately 1.89% up over last year's revenues. Pardike noted that Local Road Special Maintenance expenditures at approximately 83% of budget as chipseal, dust control, etc. is wrapping up for the season.

Moved by Ray, seconded by Boze to approve the following Road Commission Vouchers:

Voucher #1756	\$94,227.30
Voucher #1757	\$532,276.99

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

The following proposals were received at 7:30 PM to PM for MDOT 2NS Ice Control Sand:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Lawrence Garage</u>	<u>Bloomington Garage</u>	<u>Western Garage</u>
*SS&B Holdings	\$6.30/ton	\$6.50/ton	\$6.30/ton
Aggregate Resources	\$6.47/ton	\$5.95/ton	\$6.47/ton
**Aggregate Industries			

Motion by Ray, seconded by Svilpe to authorize the Engineer-Manager to award, in the best interest of the Van Buren County Road Commission, upon tabulation, review and recommendation by staff.

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

*All bids are alternative to the MDOT 2NS specification.

**The Board chose not to open/accept this bid as it arrived at 6:55 PM, well after the 4:00 PM deadline set forth in the bid documents. This is consistent with past practice.

Update by Hummel regarding the Bloomingdale Garage roof replacement bid review.

Motion by Ray, seconded by Svilpe to adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: William Colgren served as Arlington Township's liaison to the Van Buren County Road Commission for 37 years, during which time he worked cooperatively with Road Commission staff to improve and construct the road and bridge network throughout the Township; and,

WHEREAS: We were shocked and saddened by his untimely death on August 18, 2013; and,

WHEREAS: William Colgren's many contributions to the Township and the County will remain as a memorial to him.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Road Commissioners of Van Buren County expresses its profound sorrow and extends to the Colgren family its sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Road Commissioner's Township Meeting Attendance Report

From August 21, 2013 to present:

Askew: No meetings.

Boze:

- Attended Keeler Township.
 - Board requested that VBCRC staff inspect 95th Avenue between Crooked Lake and Little Crooked Lake.
 - 92536 Center Street resident has complained regarding drainage issues. New owner will contact VBCRC staff.
- A resident asked when the pavement markings will be completed in the Township with sealcoat projects.

Kinney: No report.

Ray: No report.

Svilpe: No report.

Road Commissioner's special request for per diem. None.

Construction Update

Highway Engineer Barry Anttila reported on the following:

- CR689, South Haven Township, paving complete and road re-opened.
- 48th Avenue, Bangor Township, project is underway now.

- CR657, Antwerp Township, contractor has removed trees and trenching is underway.
- CR652, Antwerp/Porter Townships, started Tuesday with tree work.
- 46th Street Bridge, Decatur Township, Should be underway within two weeks.
- CR388, Pine Grove Township, tree removal began this week.
- Decatur Township, projects still waiting for contractor to provide a start date. Once staff knows they will let the Township know.
- Silver Oaks Subdivision, Antwerp Township, paving is complete. Restoration and shoulders still to be completed.
- 25th Street, Antwerp Township, paving complete. Restoration and shoulders still to be completed.
- 32nd Street, Porter Township, road work/gravel complete. Working on restorations.
- CR380, Geneva Township, tree work to begin this week and cross-pipe to follow shortly thereafter.

Engineer-Manager Update(s):

- Reviewed multiple projects and driveway access issues with the Board.

Legal Issues:

Hummel updated the Board on 14th Avenue at Lake Michigan issue, and the Covert New Generating issue.

Motion by Ray, seconded by Svilpe to recess to open a Regular Meeting of the Board of Public Works at 8:07 PM.

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Boze, seconded by Askew to reconvene the Regular Meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners at 8:13 PM.

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Svilpe, seconded by Askew to adjourn the Call of the Chair at 8:14 PM.

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

Secretary

Chairman