

Van Buren County Board of Road Commissioners

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Regular Meeting - Administrative Office, Lawrence, Michigan

BE IT REMEMBERED: That on the 20th day of June, 2012 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 Boze, Kinney, Ray, Stein and Svilpe
Engineer-Manager Lawrence B. Hummel, P.E.
Accountant Gregory M. Pardike
Highway Engineer Barry Anttila

GUESTS: County Commissioner Freestone

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

No additions/deletions to the Agenda.

Motion by Boze, seconded by Kinney to approve the Agenda.

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Ray and seconded by Boze to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2012 meeting as presented by Board Secretary Pardike.

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

The Chairman opened the meeting to public comment. None was received.

The Board Secretary-Accountant provided a review of the operating budgets and operating fund.

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

Voucher #1686	\$86,855.47
Voucher #1687	\$380,135.86

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

Engineer-Manager updated the Board regarding the award of the following bids:

- Burgess Road, Decatur Township awarded to the as-read low bidder, Michigan Paving & Materials at \$150,775.30, in the best interest of the Van Buren County Road Commission and the Township;
- 34th Avenue, Bangor Township awarded to the as-read low bidder, Rieth-Riley Construction at \$224,997.84, in the best interest of the Van Buren County Road Commission and the Township;
- 34th Avenue, Almena Township awarded to Southwestern MI Dust Control at the direction of the Almena Township Board and in the best interest of the Van Buren County Road Commission and Almena Township;
- 47th Avenue, Waverly Township, project canceled by Waverly Township Board.

On motion by Stein, seconded by Boze, Engineer-Manager Hummel was authorized to execute the contractual agreement between the State of Michigan, Department of Treasury and the Van Buren County Road Commission for the audit of the year ending December 31, 2012.

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Boze, seconded by Stein to authorize Engineer-Manager and Board Secretary-Accountant were authorized to execute the Development Agreement with South Haven Charter Township and Good Will Co., Inc. (Meijer). Discussion was held on the status of the issue of Wilson Road. Commissioner Stein informed the Board of the City of South Haven hiring Abon Marche to perform study on Wilson and make recommendations.

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

Road Commissioner's Township Meeting Attendance Report

From June 6 to present:

Boze: Attended Hamilton Township, township asked about dust control. Hummel attended meeting. Attended Lawrence Township, 56th Street South of CR365, property owner complained about drainage from roadway to his yard and property. Roadway is "out" about 12" below shoulders. Hummel attended meeting. Attended Hartford Township, all appears good.

Kinney: Attended Decatur Township, asked about dust control, washboarding of gravel road prior to application, and gravel resurfacing selections. Hummel also attended meeting.

Ray: Spent about two hours on a road tour with Bloomingdale Township. They supplied Commissioner Ray with a written list of "issues" in the township that they feel needs to be addressed. Spoke with Pine Grove Township and they felt no need for him to attend meeting.

Stein: No meetings at this time.

Svilpe: Attended Antwerp Township, Almena Township and Porter Township. No issues to address. Hummel attended all, as well.

Commissioner Ray requested a per diem for three meetings with Bloomingdale Township at several hours for each meeting. Motion by Stein, seconded by Boze.

AYES: 4
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 1 (Ray)
MOTION CARRIED.

Construction Update

Highway Engineer Barry Anttila reported on the following:

- CR388 at 71.50/CR689, project paving is underway. Completion expected next week pending weather.
- CR388 at 68th Street, project started. Trenching and tree work completed.
- Coordinating with pavers to start Burgess, 34th, etc. as approved.
- 29.50 Street, Birmingham Meadows, and Ewing Road, Antwerp Township approved paving.
- 23.50 Street, Pine Grove Township, approved moving forward with preparing a project to overlay this stretch.
- Consultants working on 8th Avenue bridge, Geneva Township, and on 46th Street bridge, Decatur Township.
- Working on Finalizing several projects and estimates.

Engineer-Manager Update(s):

- Southern Association Annual Conference, updated Board on meeting.
- Recommended purchasing wireless portable lift system, 4 units together, from the

Wexford County Road Commission for \$20,100. Motion by Boze, seconded by Ray.

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

- CAT 972 Loader, Federal Property Program, approximately \$30,000 estimated cost.
- Permissive Use Agreement, Walter and Katherine Garrett, Pine Grove Township, Kendall Store.

Legal Issues:

Jacobs v. Van Buren County Road Commission, dismissed without prejudice. MCRCSIP attorneys provided Hummel with this notice late last week.

A motion was made by Boze and seconded by Stein to adjourn the Call of the Chair at 8:42 PM.

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

Secretary

Chairman