

Van Buren County Board of Road Commissioners
Wednesday, September 19, 2018
Regular Meeting - Administrative Office, Lawrence, Michigan

BE IT REMEMBERED: That on the 19th day of September, 2018 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, Burleson, Kinney, and Svilpe
Engineer-Manager Lawrence B. Hummel, P.E.
Highway Engineer Barry Anttila
Operations Director Greg Brucks
Administrative Assistant Jill Brien

GUESTS: County Commissioners Doroh and Freestone
Diane Wilberding, Evergreen Bluff
Phil Page, Evergreen Bluff
Paul Kiry, Evergreen Bluff
Tom Wilberding, Evergreen Bluff
Stuart Comiskey, Kassian Court
Dan Rush, Evergreen Bluff
Peg McCain, Evergreen Bluff

ABSENT: Road Commissioner Askew

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: 4
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1
MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Kinney and seconded by Boze to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2018 meeting as presented by Engineer-Manager Hummel.

AYES: 4
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1
MOTION CARRIED.

The Chairman opened the meeting to public comment. Diane Welberding, 76212 Evergreen Bluff Drive, Evergreen Bluff Special Assessment District 1 addressed the Board and those present. She indicated that they were concerned as a neighborhood when they were told by the South Haven Township Supervisor that they were paying for an over-run on the bluff project. She stated that the neighborhood wanted it on public record that they will not pay for the over-run as a special assessment district. Hummel provided answers to the questions posed by the Residents of Evergreen Bluff Drive, Allen Court, Kassian Court in their letter dated September 17, 2018 which was hand delivered to the Road Commission on that date. Hummel also provided a review of the process of the bluff revetment project. He stated that the figures given to the Township by the Road Commission for the special assessment district have always included estimates for the road and other materials not covered by the grant for the bluff revetment project.

The following bids were received for Cold Patching Mix at 7:30 PM:

Company	Material Type	Delivered to Lawrence Yard	Picked up by Road Commission	Alternate bid and/or on-site mixing	
A-1 Asphalt, Inc.	13A HMA	\$175.00	\$125.00	Del & Installed	\$350.00
Unique Paving	UPM	\$113.00	\$98.00		
Lakeland Asphalt	CP6	\$93.00	\$89.75		

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

AYES: 4
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1
MOTION CARRIED.

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

Voucher #2052	\$113,068.85
Voucher #2053	\$685,824.01

AYES: 4
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1
MOTION CARRIED.

Engineer-Manager updated the Board on the award of HMA base crushing and shaping CR380, CR376 and CR374 to Krohn Excavating, the as-read low bidder, in the best interest of the Van Buren County Road Commission.

Hummel reviewed CR352 in Keeler Township from 59204 to 60th Street. This particular section of CR352 is closed three or more months of the year off and on due to flooding. An on-site meeting was held with John Falkner, John Rosevelt, and Road Commission engineering staff to review an estimate prepared by the Road Commission for tree removals, and road and drainage improvements; not for re-paving. Falkner and Rosevelt have offered to remove trees and haul and supply the sand, and haul the gravel at their own cost which is estimated at \$185,000.00 as this would also alleviate the flooding that occurs in their field off the right of way. Motion by Boze, seconded by Burleson to approve the offer by Falkner and Rosevelt.

AYES: 4
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1
MOTION CARRIED.

Hummel will also take this information to Keeler Township for possible township participation.

Hummel and Anttila updated the Board on the Silver Oaks Condominium subdivision in Antwerp Township. A meeting was held today with representatives of both Almena Township, Antwerp Township, and Powell Custom Homes. The majority of the work accomplished by Powell to date in the subdivision is located in Antwerp Township as Almena Township has not yet approved the plat. Powell requested that base paving begin only in Antwerp Township; however, the Road Commission does not consider the subdivision to be two site plans, but one subdivision site plan. Further, if the Townships would like to require that the Road Commission accept the plat with paving conditions, they must provide that in a Resolution, i.e., provide base paving only, with top course installed only after 50% of the homes have been installed. Hummel advised that he believes that Antwerp Township will be providing a Resolution to the Road Commission very soon; however, if Almena Township does not follow suit the Road Commission cannot act.

Road Commissioner's Township Meeting Attendance Report

From September 5th to present:

Boze: Attended Hamilton Township. The Soil Conservation District had \$125,000 in grant money to award, with two grant submittals so far. Also attended Lawrence and Hartford Townships.

Burleson: Met with Columbia Township Supervisor. Also met with Bloomingdale Township Supervisor.

Kinney: Attended meetings in Waverly Township, and Decatur Township. Also attended the Northern Southern Road Commission Joint Conference on Thursday.

Svilpe: Attended meetings in Antwerp Township, and Porter Township.

County Commissioner Doroh reported that Geneva Township was very happy with roadside mowing.

Operations Director Greg Brucks reported on the following:

- Caught up on fog seal to seal coat; two to three days left.
- Primary and local roadside mowing is complete.
- Started invasive species herbicide spray program. Guardrail and brush spray program may begin as early as tomorrow.
- Tree crews are busy with storm clean up; Keeler Township in particular as hit very hard.

Highway Engineer Barry Anttila reported on the following:

- CR376, Bangor Township, is paved, and shoulders have been installed.
- 24th Street, Alma Township, is paved and pavement marking is completed.
- 22nd Avenue, Geneva Township, trenching, widened, and gravel has been placed.
- CR380, Geneva Township from CR681 West to 60th, trenching done and gravel in trench. Will be pulverized next week. Base and top course yet to come.
- 75th Street North of 30th, Covert Township, met with contractor, Fire Chief and two residents on dead-end stub.
- 34th Avenue, Covert Township, two culvert replacement locations, contractor expects to have materials delivered the first part of October.
- 63rd Avenue, Antwerp Township, two failed tubes, got two pricing options; one for a multi-plate box culvert is best option. Talked to Supervisor Ruzick. Will now submit to DEQ for approval.
- Next meeting will open bids for 26th Avenue, Bangor Township.
- 56th Street south of CR360, Hamilton Township, twin 36" pipes failed, survey work is complete. Will submit to DEQ for approval.
- 47 ½ Street, Columbia Township, contractor expects materials to be delivered by beginning of November.

Engineer-Manager's Update:

- Next meeting is THURSDAY, October 4th at 7PM.
- Compliments from Supervisor Mike Sullins and Supervisor Dickie Stone regarding roadside mowing operations.
- Ranger Bid auction update.
- Public Relations seminar on Friday, October 26th, Mt. Pleasant.
- Reviewed Kinney's Service Request regarding bridge weight restrictions, horizontal alignment sign, and Entering Van Buren County sign.
- Reviewed plan to prepare regular news releases to answer some common road millage questions prior to the upcoming general election.

Kinney discussed that he would like to see the townships receive some incentive from the road millage. Discussion by Board was that the premise of the 12-year 3 mill request was to get the Primary roads in good shape.

Legal Issues:

Two Freedom of Information Act requests have been received from Roger Flammang.

A motion was made by Boze and seconded by Svilpe to adjourn the Call of the Chair at 9:13 PM.

AYES: 4
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1
MOTION CARRIED.