

Van Buren County Board of Road Commissioners

July 6, 2016

Regular Meeting - Administrative Office, Lawrence, Michigan

BE IT REMEMBERED: That on the 6th day of July, 2016 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, Kinney, Ray, and Svilpe
Road Commissioner Boze (arrived 7:12 PM)
Engineer-Manager Lawrence B. Hummel, P.E.
Accountant Gregory M. Pardike
Highway Engineer Barry Anttila

GUESTS: John Vargo
Dan Ruzick, Antwerp Township Supervisor

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

No additions/deletions to the Agenda.

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

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

Moved by Kinney and seconded by Svilpe to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2016 meeting as presented by Board Secretary Pardike.

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

The Chairman opened the meeting to public comment. Dan Ruzick, Antwerp Township Supervisor presented all in attendance with Antwerp Township Resolution 2016-0614 regarding the Van Buren County Road Commission's millage renewal. He asked the Board if the current allocation is what they plan to stay with? Commissioner Ray responded that since he has joined the Board the allocation has been reviewed many times with several adjustments having been made. Ray also stated he feels comfortable with allocations as being fair and equitable to the entire county. Ruzick feels "fair and equitable" is that an equal percentage is given back in return. Feels current allocation is not fair. Commissioner Svilpe and Kinney also responded accordingly as to the distribution and referenced the Township Partners Booklet. Pardike provided more detail on the allocation formula. Supervisor Ruzick's position is that Antwerp Township is "subsidizing" the rest of the county and he states that this won't continue. Ruzick asked about how charter township status would change the collection and distribution for road funding. Promise is "simply" bring the money back to where it belongs - Antwerp Township roads. Commissioner Ray finished with, Dan is serving Antwerp Township and the Van Buren County Road Commission Board has a duty to serve the best interest of the entire county road network. Pardike did remind Supervisor Ruzick that Antwerp Township has received over double the allocation of some of the other townships, such as Columbia and Hamilton. Ruzick feels that where population exists is why they should receive more of the contribution back. Equity for Antwerp Township would be 50% of revenues they generate each year and he would be elated.

Budget review was provided by Board Secretary-Accountant Pardike. Lots of work underway. Final property tax installment has been received. Lots of Federal/State Aid project bookings. Township contributions coming in from preliminary billings. Spent approximately \$2M to date on primary heavy maintenance to date (approximately 42%). Not much routine maintenance due to sealcoat operations being underway.

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

Voucher #1918	\$113,524.90
Voucher #1919	\$19,370.78
Voucher #1920	\$682,243.75

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

The following bids were received at 7:30 PM:

CR376 from 60th Street to 42nd Avenue, Bangor Township:

Brad Thomas Excavating	\$222,019.20
Krohn Excavating	\$155,432.00

Sand Pines Circle off 56th Avenue, Antwerp Township:

Wyoming Asphalt Paving	\$35,924.00
Reith-Riley Construction	\$81,500.00
Michigan Paving & Materials	\$50,185.00

CR380 from M43 East to 67th Street, Geneva Township:

Brad Thomas Excavating	\$280,046.75
Krohn Excavating, LLC	\$266,883.00
Michigan Paving & Materials	\$304,947.91
Compton, Inc.	\$282,939.00

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

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

Road Commissioner's Township Meeting Attendance Report

From June 16, 2016 to present:

Askew: None.

Boze: Keeler Township, CR687 at 94th Avenue, double arrow sign has been run over. Needs to be replaced. CR687 at M51, report of a tree that is obstructing vision. CR687 at 90th Avenue, property owner asks to move detour signage away from his driveway so they can access orchard. Connie Canfield asked about an answer to funding for CR352.

Kinney: Attended KATS, no July meeting. July 11th is proposed start date on M51 from I94 to Decatur.

Ray: No meetings.

Svilpe: No meetings. Won't be at July and August township meetings. Arlen Winther is mounting a write-in independent candidacy for county commission.

Construction Update

Highway Engineer Barry Anttila reported on the following:

- CR681 from 71st to 77th, complete.
- CR681 from 77th to CR352, top course paved, shoulders are on, should be seeding tomorrow.
- CR687 at Burnette Foods, should start next week.
- Three culverts, 48th Avenue, Arlington, complete; 51st Avenue, Lawrence, is half complete; 56th Street, Hamilton Township, yet to start.

- CR653, pipe delivered. Waiting on cost and schedule from pipe guys.
- Eight bridges, CR687, joint work done, needs 28 days to cure before sealing; 66th Avenue, concrete repairs, channel stabilization and guardrail completed; CR681 underway, supposed to pave joints tomorrow; 64th Avenue, guardrail Tuesday, grading today, hope to pave end of this week; 44th Avenue, 35 ½ Street, CR668, and CR380 all yet to be sealed.
- Pine Grove, CR388 at Township Hall, work started today, pave tomorrow afternoon, if weather allows.
- Columbia Township, received estimate for ditch with clay tile.

Engineer-Manager update:

- 4th Annual Joint Conference, September 14-16, 2016, Boyne Falls.
- Southwestern Council Meeting, August 8, 2016 at 12 noon, Road Commission of Kalamazoo County.
- Disposal of vehicles.
- County Fair sign-up at receptionist's desk.

Frontier Communications, update on collections lawsuit by Engineer-Manager.

Motion by Svilpe, seconded by Kinney to adjourn the Call of the Chair at 8:27 PM.

AYES: 5
 NAYS: 0
 MOTION CARRIED.

Secretary

Chairman