

Van Buren County Board of Road Commissioners

August 17, 2016

Regular Meeting - Administrative Office, Lawrence, Michigan

BE IT REMEMBERED: That on the 17th day of August, 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, Boze, Kinney, Ray, and Svilpe
Engineer-Manager Lawrence B. Hummel, P.E.
Accountant Gregory M. Pardike
Highway Engineer Barry Anttila

GUESTS: Kevin Kusmack, Decatur Township Supervisor
County Commissioner Richard Freestone
John Vargo
Geoff and Joyce Moffit
Chuck Auos

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

No additions/deletions to the Agenda.

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

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Kinney and seconded by Svilpe to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2016 meeting as presented by Board Secretary Pardike.

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

The Chairman opened the meeting to public comment. Kevin Kusmack, Decatur Township Supervisor, requested that something be done with CR352 East of Decatur this year; wedging, or patching and sealcoat. Also Cass-Decatur Road/CR668 should be added to future work. Also CR669 from Old Swamp Road Northeast needs to be added to the future plan.

Geoff Moffit, 27.50th Street, travels CR653 daily and needs work completed. Staff promised to be completed by August 27th. Feels that grade was not raised enough as this is currently under water. Staff indicated once the water has receded and aggregate has sufficiently dried out the contractor will get started.

The Board Secretary-Accountant provided a review of the operating budgets and operating fund year-to-date for August 2016. Largest bills before the Board tonight are for sealcoat emulsion, heavy maintenance contracts, etc.

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

Voucher #1926	\$111,141.94
Voucher #1927	\$962,133.79

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

Engineer-Manager updated the Board on the award of Underbody and Grader Scraper Blades bid to all bidders, with Michigan CAT as primary supplier, in the best interest of the Van Buren County Road Commission.

The Commissioners signed the Amended Non-Union Personnel Policy that was adopted on July 20, 2016.

Road Commissioner's Township Meeting Attendance Report

From August 3rd to present:

Askew: Southwest Council meeting. Covert Township, no real concerns. Did ask about Bangor-Covert Road. Geneva Township, asked about next section of CR380. Also at 10850 - 62nd Street, hanging tree needs trimming (Service Request was entered). Bangor Township, happy with work to date. South Haven Township, no issues.

Boze: Southwest Council meeting. Hamilton Township, no issues. Keeler Township, question on letter to residents for construction and the inclusion of mailbox relocation notice. Sign on South end apparently blocking orchard access.

Kinney: Southwest Council meeting. Decatur Township, questions on CR669, CR352 and CR668 future work.

Ray: No meetings.

Svilpe: No meetings.

Construction Update

Highway Engineer Barry Anttila reported on the following:

- 39th Street, Decatur Township, paving completed. Shoulder on. Restoration still to be completed.
- 60th Avenue, Paw Paw Township, Contractor begins work tomorrow: tree work, curb work, ditching.
- CR380, Geneva Township, contractor working. Cross pipes in. Structures in. Working on grade work and curb and gutter.
- Red Arrow Highway at Berrien County Line, meeting tomorrow.
- Reviewed scour critical bridges around county yesterday due to flooding.
- Met today with Kalamazoo County Drain office, Road Commission staff, Antwerp Township Supervisor and Powell Custom Homes regarding overflow of retention in Maplewood Farms into Long Grove Subdivision. Overflowed that retention pond, then flowed west down Red Arrow Highway shoulder. Washed out new shoulders and several drives.
- Bid opening September 7th for Sweet Lake Drive pipe replacement.
- 30th Street, Alma Township, right-of-way staking to start this week. Looking at possible early October bid. Cannot cut trees until November.

Chip Ray discussed several issues in Pine Grove Township as follows:

- CR388 westbound, west of Kendall, need the remainder hot patched.
- Shoulder washouts on CR653 south of 18th Avenue; and CR388 from CR653 S. to 23.50th Street.

Engineer-Manager Update(s):

- Storm damage update.
- Sealcoat/fog seal update.
- Snowplow Roadeo on Thursday, August 25th.

A motion was made by Svilpe and seconded by Boze to adjourn the Call of the Chair at 7:57 PM.

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

Secretary

Chairman