

Van Buren County Board of Road Commissioners

Thursday, January 16, 2014
Regular Meeting - Administrative Office, Lawrence, Michigan

BE IT REMEMBERED: That on the 16th day of January, 2014 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: Attorney Kelly Page
County Commissioner Hammond

Chairman Kinney called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

No additions/deletions to the Agenda.

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

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

Chairman Kinney relinquished the Chair to Board Secretary, Greg Pardike, for the purpose of reorganizing the Board.

The Board Secretary called for nominations for the office of Chairman. Ray nominated Kinney for the office of Chairman. Askew nominated Boze for the office of Chairman. There being no further nominations, Secretary Pardike closed the nominations and a majority ballot was cast for Kinney.

Board Secretary Pardike called for nominations for the office of Vice-Chairman. Ray nominated Boze as Vice-Chairman. Svilpe moved that nominations be closed, and a unanimous ballot was cast for Boze.

Board Secretary relinquished the Chair to Commissioner Kinney.

Motion made by Askew and seconded by Boze to appoint Lawrence B. Hummel, P.E., as Engineer-Manager and Chief Fiscal Office of the Van Buren County Road Commission.

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Svilpe and seconded by Askew to appoint Gregory M. Pardike as Board Secretary.

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

Motion made and seconded by appoint Kelly L. Page as Board Attorney.

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Svilpe and seconded by Boze to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2013 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. He answered several questions from the Board on year-end closeouts. Noted to Board maintenance expenditures for snow and ice control for December. The primary expense was \$685,764.27 as compared to \$370,801.00 from 2012. Pardike requested that the Board recognize the 2013 budget and approve the expenditure as presented. Motion by Svilpe, seconded by Ray.

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

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

Voucher #1774	\$97,780.02
Voucher #1775	\$116,583.99
Voucher #1776	\$96,655.96
Voucher #1777	\$100,984.91
Voucher #1778	\$189,918.35

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution regarding equipment rental rate was brought for consideration. Commissioner Ray brought discussion on the possibility of increasing the rental rates from 110% to something more to cover potential for fully depreciated equipment. Motion by Svilpe, seconded by Boze to adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: The provisions of the rules and regulations of the Michigan Department of Treasury requires that the Van Buren County Board of Road Commissioners and the Michigan Department of Transportation annually determine uniform equipment rental rates, referred to as "Schedule C", representing charges to be made by the Road Commission for the use of County Road Commission equipment against force account construction and maintenance projects; and,

WHEREAS: The Michigan Department of Treasury has provided that individual County Road Commissions may adjust the published rates in "Schedule C" to reflect either the increase or decrease in equipment costs in their particular county; and,

WHEREAS: In the opinion of the Van Buren County Board of Road Commissioners, the rental rates as set forth in "Schedule C" are insufficient to meet actual equipment expense.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the equipment rental rate charged by the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Van Buren, Michigan, for the equipment owned by said Road Commission shall be set at 110% of the published rates as shown on "Schedule C" for the year 2014.

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Motion by Ray, seconded by Svilpe to adopt the following resolution certifying roads under the jurisdiction of the Van Buren County Road Commission:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: Public Act 51 of 1951, as amended, provides that the Michigan Department of Transportation shall jointly, with the Board of County Road Commissioners, ascertain and fix the total mileage of County Primary Roads and the total mileage of County Local

Roads in each county of the state which have been taken over as County Primary and County Local Roads; and,

WHEREAS: In complying with the provisions of said Act, the Michigan Department of Transportation has requested that this Board certify the mileage and location of such roads required by said Act to be fixed and ascertained.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Van Buren, Michigan, does hereby certify that all of the roads on which lengths have been entered along the road bands of the attached township and enlarged section maps are normally open to automobile traffic during the months of May through October, and are under the jurisdiction of the Van Buren County Road Commission as follows:

Township	Sheet Numbers	Township	Sheet Numbers
Pine Grove	80-1, 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E, 1F, 1G	Antwerp	80-11, 11B, 11C, 11D, 11E, 11F, 11G, 11H, 11J, 11K, 11L, 11M, 11N, 11P, 11Q, 11R, 11S, 11T, 11U, 11V, 11W, 11X, 11Y, 11Z, 11AA, 11BB, 11CC, 11DD, 11EE, 11FF, 11GG, 11HH, 11JJ, 11KK, 11LL, 11MM, 11NN, 11PP, 11QQ, 11RR, 11SS, 11TT, 11UU, 11VV
Bloomingtondale	80-2, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 2E, 2F	Paw Paw	80-12, 12A, 12B, 12C, 12D, 12E, 12F, 12G, 12H, 12J, 12K, 12L, 12M, 12N, 12P
Columbia	80-3, 3B, 3C, 3D, 3E, 3F, 3G, 3H	Lawrence	80-13, 13A, 13B, 13C, 13D
Geneva	80-4, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4E, 4F	Hartford	80-14, 14A, 14B, 14C
South Haven	80-5, 5A, 5B, 5C	Porter	80-15, 15A(1-7), 15B(1-2), 15C(1-4), 15D, 15E, 15F
Almena	80-6, 6A, 6B, 6C, 6D, 6E, 6F, 6G, 6H, 6J, 6K, 6L, 6M, 6N	Decatur	80-16, 16A, 16B
Waverly	80-7, 7A, 7B, 7C, 7D, 7E, 7F, 7G	Hamilton	80-17, 17A
Arlington	80-8, 8A, 8B, 8C, 8D, 8E	Keeler	80-18, 18A, 18B(1-11), 18C(1-5), 18D, 18E
Bangor	80-9, 9A, 9B, 9C	Urban	South Haven, Almena, Waverly, Antwerp, Paw Paw, Hartford
Covert	80-10, 10A, 10B		

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Commissioners reviewed and updated the CRAM 2014 Directory Questionnaire.

Road Commissioner's Township Meeting Attendance Report

From December 19, 2013 to present:

Askew: Attended the Traffic Safety for Elected Officials training. Attended the South Haven Township board meeting. Asked about status of 14th Avenue Lake ending lawsuit. 13th Avenue bridge signage, possibly need to clear for vision of “one lane bridge”. Happy with crews maintenance through recent storm. Covert Township and Bangor Township were both happy with crews snow and ice maintenance.

Boze: Hamilton Township, CR681 South of CR352, soft shoulders. Hartford Township and Lawrence Township both commented on the great job staff did through the winter storm. Asked that staff review 40th Street near School Section Lake. No “water over the road” signs.

Kinney: Arlington Township, question on what happened on 48th Avenue in Bangor Township. That route was crushed and shaped and is now a gravel road. Decatur Township, pleased with winter service by crews.

Ray: None.

Svilpe: None.

Askew requested per diem for attendance at Traffic Safety training. Motion by Ray, seconded by Boze.

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

Highway Engineer Barry Anttila reported on the following:

- Working on assigned chapters for APWA certification.
- Working to prepare requested estimates for township local road work.

Engineer-Manager Update:

- Southwestern Road Commission Council meeting on February 10, 2014 in Cass County beginning at 10:00 AM. Stay tuned for details on where and cost of lunch.
- Legislators' meeting on January 23, 2014 at 9:00 AM, Aric Nesbitt's office, regarding MDOT/FHWA.
- Meeting on January 27, 2014 at 2:00 PM at Senator Carl Levin's office regarding MDOT/FHWA.
- Review of letter received from the Michigan Department of Transportation regarding MDOT/FHWA issues.

Legal Issues:

Attorney Page reminded all present that there is still a proposal for Boersen Ag regarding funding road improvements to Class A (all-season). Staff is still working on overlay maps with right-of-way.

A motion was made by Svilpe and seconded by Ray to adjourn the Call of the Chair at 8:35 PM.

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

Secretary

Chairman