

Van Buren County Board of Road Commissioners

June 7, 2017
Regular Meeting - Administrative Office, Lawrence, Michigan

BE IT REMEMBERED: That on the 7th day of June, 2017 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 Clerk Linnea Rader
Highway Engineer Barry Anttila

GUESTS: County Commissioner Freestone
John Vargo

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

No additions/deletions to the Agenda.

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

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Kinney and seconded by Svilpe to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2017 meeting as presented by Board Secretary Rader.

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

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

The Board Secretary-Accountant Rader provided a review of the operating budgets and operating fund. MTF check is up 29% over last year. Closely tracking the adjustments approved at the last meeting. Final property tax disbursement has been received and is up slightly over last year. Approximately \$980,000 in bills before the Board this evening, which includes the new distributor truck, CM90 asphalt for sealcoat, Michigan Paving bills, etc.

Discussion held regarding the purchase of a used 2013 John Deere 672G Grader. The Board requested information on warranty, tires, etc., and authorized staff to further investigate the unit and, if satisfactory, negotiate a potential purchase agreement which would be subject to Board approval.

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

Voucher #1972	\$107,223.61
Voucher #1973	\$83,668.65
Voucher #1974	\$129,380.16
Voucher #1975	\$979,273.20

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

The following bids were received at 7:30 PM for heavy maintenance on 24th Avenue in Bloomingdale Township:

Rieth-Riley Construction	\$126,146.50
Michigan Paving & Materials	\$111,137.00

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

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

Engineer-Manager Hummel updated the Board on the award of the following bids:

- 22A Gravel Resurfacing
- 30th Street, Antwerp Township
- 64th Avenue, Antwerp Township
- Drape Road, Antwerp Township

Motion by Boze and seconded by Ray to adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING TAP GRANT APPLICATION
BLUE STAR HIGHWAY

Resolution No. 2017-18

WHEREAS, the Transportation Alternatives Program is a federally funded program administered in Michigan by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT); and,

WHEREAS, the Van Buren County Road Commission is applying for funds through MDOT from the Transportation Alternatives Program for the non-motorized shoulder widening project on Blue Star Highway; and,

WHEREAS, MDOT requires a formal commitment from the public agency that will be receiving these funds, and that will be implementing and maintaining this infrastructure project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Van Buren County Road Commission has authorized Engineer-Manager Lawrence B. Hummel, P.E. to request Transportation Alternatives Program funding, to act as the applicant's agent during the project development, and to sign a project agreement upon receipt of a funding award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Van Buren County Road Commission attests to the existence of, and commits to, the funds necessary to carry out the project, including engineering for design and construction, permit fees, administration costs, cost overruns, and the required matching funds for the overall project cost.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Van Buren County Road Commission commits to owning, operating, funding and implementing a maintenance program over the design life of the facilities constructed with Transportation Alternatives Program funding.

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Motion by Boze and seconded by Ray to adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING TAP GRANT APPLICATION
CR 687

Resolution No. 2017-19

WHEREAS, the Transportation Alternatives Program is a federally funded program administered in Michigan by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT); and,

WHEREAS, the Van Buren County Road Commission is applying for funds through MDOT from the Transportation Alternatives Program for the shoulder widening project, as a connector to the Van Buren Trail State Park on Prospect Street in the City of Hartford; and,

WHEREAS, MDOT requires a formal commitment from the public agency that will be receiving these funds, and that will be implementing and maintaining this infrastructure project.

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AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Motion by Svilpe, seconded by Boze to request reimbursement from the Michigan Department of Transportation in the amount of \$10,000.00 for Engineering Reimbursement.

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

After much discussion, the Board declined to take action on the requested Easements by the Village of Lawrence for a non-motorized trail, and recommended that the Village utilize the railroad corridor as its east/west connection. Hummel will notify the Village and its Engineer.

Road Commissioner's Township Meeting Attendance Report

From May 17, 2017 to present:

Askew: Request from the Never Miss Café owner about possibilities for improving ditching along Blue Star Highway. Staff will review the site as time allows for possible improvements.

Boze: Keeler Township, wondering about route coordination for the upcoming triathlon. 77th Avenue between 60th Street and 62nd Street, appears someone dumped or spilled tar; staff will investigate. Several compliments on chip seal operation.

Kinney: KATS Policy Committee Meeting.

Ray: Road tour in Columbia Township. Received several calls. CR388 and CR380 in Columbia Township need patching. CR653 from CR388 South to new pavement needs patching. Commissioner Ray specifically voiced concerns over why some potholes are not patched, when others right next to it are patched. Need to get this figured out to consistently patch the network. Hummel will discuss with supervisory staff so as to deal with this issue.

Svilpe: No report.

Construction Update

Highway Engineer Barry Anttila reported on the following:

- CR380, completed paving. Shoulder on late this week.
- Drape Road, Antwerp Township, paving complete. Restoration still to be completed.
- 64th Avenue, Antwerp Township, paving complete. Restoration still to be completed.
- 30th Street, Antwerp Township, paving tomorrow.

- Red Arrow Highway at 70th Street, Hartford Township, Kalin was low bidder. Preconstruction meeting yet to be scheduled. Gas main relocation to start this week.
- CR653 South of Baseline, Pine Grove Township, working on pipe sizing and MDEQ permit.
- 78th Avenue, Decatur Township, staking for layout and project preparation for grade project. Letting yet to be scheduled.
- Miscellaneous survey work for future projects underway.
- CR687 North of Hartford, still tentatively scheduled to start next Monday, June 12th.
- CR376, Bangor Township, tentatively next week the contractor will move in to begin grade work.

Engineer-Manager Update(s):

- Sealcoat update, 5th full day; just under 26 mi. total completed; averaging 3,400 gallons of tar per mile; averaging 17.5 lbs sq/yd of slag; just over 6 mi. completed today.
- Former Pullman Industries site, Hauling Agreement is now in place.

Legal update provided by Engineer-Manager.

- Donald Smith, Jr., Lawrence Township, request sent to Lawrence Township that the township proceed to add \$249.55 to the tax rolls for the property of Donald F. Smith, Jr. as a special assessment.
- McDonald's Towing, driveway to the south has been removed, the ditch has been installed, and the shoulder has been restored. Curb to be installed and contractor to clean out the rest of the ditch. The north driveway work will take place when the remainder of lot is paved.
- Kincaid, Court hearing scheduled for June 14 at 9:30 AM.

The Chairman recessed the regular meeting at 8:45 PM to move to open a Regular Meeting of the Board of Public Works. Motion by Boze, seconded by Kinney.

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

The regular Road Commission meeting was reconvened at 8:47 PM, with all members present. Motion by Svilpe, seconded by Boze.

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Svilpe, seconded by Boze to adjourn the the Call of the Chair at 8:48 PM.

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Secretary

Chairman