

Van Buren County Board of Road Commissioners

Thursday, October 18, 2012
Regular Meeting - Administrative Office, Lawrence, Michigan

BE IT REMEMBERED: That on the 18th day of October, 2012 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, Kinney, Ray, Stein and Svilpe
Engineer-Manager Lawrence B. Hummel, P.E.
Accountant Gregory M. Pardike
Highway Engineer Barry Anttila
County Commissioner Freestone

GUESTS: Alan Smaka, Wightman & Associates, Inc.
Gerald Melko, Lakes Area Sewer Authority
Craig Ericksen, Van Buren County Road Commission

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

No additions/deletions to the Agenda.

Motion by Ray, 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 October 4, 2012 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. Winter road materials are being delivered as we approach the snow season. Line item budget adjustments approved upon motion by Stein, seconded by Boze as follows:

Revenue

<u>Description</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Revised</u>
Other State Revenue		
Econ Rural Primary	\$170,000.00	\$0.00
State Critical Bridge	\$214,000.00	\$50,000.00
Federal Funds		
Federal Aid Secondary	\$140,000.00	\$0.00
Federal Aid - Safety	\$612,000.00	\$323,000.00
Federal Aid Bridges	\$1,150,100.00	\$325,100.00
Federal Aid - STP	\$240,000.00	\$490,000.00
Federal Aid - FEMA	\$0.00	\$17,600.00
Township Contributions	\$3,200,000.00	\$2,934,000.00

Expenditures

<u>Description</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Revised</u>
Heavy Maintenance		
Primary Roads	\$1,660,012.00	\$1,260,012.00
Local Roads	\$1,800,000.00	\$1,494,000.00
Local Heavy Structures	\$1,533,000.00	\$93,600.00

<u>Description</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Revised</u>
Maintenance		
Traffic Services	\$185,000.00	\$225,000.00
Local Roads		
Traffic Services	\$305,000.00	\$425,000.00
Special RC & Twp Maint	\$2,300,000.00	\$2,380,000.00

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

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

Voucher #1707	\$89,068.21
Voucher #1708	\$956,502.98

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

Engineer-Manager updated the Board on the award of MDOT 2NS Ice Control Sand proposal for 2012-13 winter season as follows:

- Bloomingdale Garage; R. Smith & Sons (\$6.19 cyd.), as-read low bidder
- Western (Bangor) Garage; R. Smith & Sons (\$7.38 cyd), as-read low bidder
- Lawrence Garage; Yerington Brothers (\$7.28 cyd), as-read low bidder

Motion by Stein, seconded by Boze to authorize Engineer-Manager to execute Agreement for Improvements on the Van Buren Trail after Hummel provided a review of project schedule and scope.

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

Pardike provided Board with a brief review of the proposed Pension Plan Amendments that were presented at the last regular meeting of the Board. Motion by Stein, seconded by Kinney to adopt the *Second Amendment to the Van Buren County Road Commission Pension Plan and authorized the Engineer-Manager to execute same.

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

*Second Amendment to the Van Buren County Road Commission Pension Plan is on file at the administrative office of the Road Commission and is available for inspection upon contacting the office at 269-674-8011.

Road Commissioner's Township Meeting Attendance Report

From October 4th to present:

Boze: Hamilton Township; 72nd Avenue trees East of CR215 (Natural Beauty Road). Complaint on trees hitting buses. May need to post public notice. Lawrence Township; happy with Butcher Road at CR681. Turned out very nicely. Hartford Township; questioned what needed to be done to improve Center Street railroad crossing in Hartford. 67th Avenue at CR687 to West, brush supposedly blocking vision. 62nd Street between 67th and 68th, limbs hanging. Also a complaint on CR374 at 46th Street about landscaping vision obstruction. Also spoke with Mr. Guziak in Arlington Township on 44th Avenue at 48th Street.

Kinney: Decatur Township, discussed letter from Mr. Robbins complaining about water runoff from 81st Avenue.

Ray: Bloomingdale Township; things are going well. Concerned about culvert on 8th Avenue. Will require working with Drain Commissioner and Road Commission. Also feels need to sealcoat CR380 west before it is "lost". Happy with sealcoat. Commissioner Ray also spoke with Doug Stiles regarding use of a second roller in the sealcoat operations. It appears that Almena, as well as several other townships, are also interested. Multiple are also interested in using rut-filling in the coming year. Spoke with Scott Hess (who was at the Bloomingdale Township meeting) about 23.50th Street job. All are happy and informed him of 6th Avenue pipe extension. Paperwork will be coming.

Stein: Attended Bangor Township. A resident spoke to her regarding CR376 road work status.

Svilpe: No report.

No request for special per diem.

Recess to open Session of the Board of Public Works at 7:58 PM upon a motion by Boze, seconded by Stein.

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

The regular Road Commission meeting was reconvened at 8:04 PM with all members present upon a motion by Boze, seconded by Ray.

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

Construction Update

Highway Engineer Barry Anttila reported on the following:

- 60th Street, Geneva Township, completed.
- 44th Avenue, Arlington Township, completed.
- 56th Street, Columbia Township, tree work starting in next week.
- Van Buren County Mental Health facility, begins tomorrow afternoon. Work all weekend.

Engineer-Manager Update(s):

- County Administrator's request for attendance reports. Much discussion was had. No report to submit at this time.
- Southwestern Road Commission Council meeting on November 12th at 12 noon, Sturgis.
- 81st Avenue, gravel complaint from Decatur Township board meeting.
- Authorization for staff to proceed with medical eligible retiree health insurance coverage modification.

A motion was made by Boze and seconded by Stein to adjourn the Call of the Chair at 8:32 PM.

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

Secretary

Chairman