

Van Buren County Board of Road Commissioners

September 6, 2017

Regular Meeting - Administrative Office, Lawrence, Michigan

BE IT REMEMBERED: That on the 6th day of September, 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.
Board Secretary-Finance Director Linnea Rader
Highway Engineer Barry Anttila

GUESTS: John Vargo

Chairman Askew 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 August 23, 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.

Board Secretary-Finance Director Rader provided a review of the operating budgets and operating fund. MTF continue to exceed revenue projections for the year; up approximately \$700,000 over last year. Project costs are coming in lower than budgeted adding to the A.O.F. Voucher's largest expenditures are \$300,000 of seal coat materials, one new tandem truck, and railroad crossing maintenance fees.

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

Voucher #1988	\$103,167.29
Voucher #1989	\$775.00
Voucher #1990	\$655,632.58

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

Engineer-Manager Hummel updated the Board on the award of bids, in the best interest of the Van Buren County Road Commission as follows:

- Top course paving; CR653 from North of bridge to Fish Lake Public Access (Michigan Paving & Materials)
- HMA base crushing and shaping; CR380 and CR352 (Brad Thomas Excavating)
- Concrete box culvert installation; CR653 between 2nd Avenue and County Line (Brad Thomas Excavating)

The following bids were open at 7:30 PM for construction of a rock revetment on Evergreen Bluff Drive shoreline, South Haven Township:

Riverworks Construction, Inc.	\$877,300.00
King Company, Inc.	\$774,110.00

Motion by Ray, seconded by Svilpe to authorize the Engineering Staff to tabulate for further consideration and recommendation by the Engineer-Manager.

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Ray, seconded by Boze to approve the Annual Certification of Employee-related Conditions in compliance with Public Act 152.

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

Update on Primary Road Program by Rader, Hummel and Anttila. Rader shared a draft of a Facts & Figures educational flyer. Staff continues to work on materials development prior to scheduling visits to the townships and county commission.

Road Commissioner's Township Meeting Attendance Report - From August 23rd to present:

Askew: Township Supervisors' meeting. No other meetings.

Boze: Keeler Township, discussion on Oak Street certification. Culvert on 60th Street. Township Supervisors' meeting.

Kinney: Township Supervisors' meeting.

Ray: Township Supervisors' meeting.

Svilpe: Township Supervisors' meeting. Had a phone conversation with Antwerp Township Supervisor, Dan Ruzick.

Highway Engineer Barry Anttila reported on the following:

- CR380, tentative September 16th crushing.
- CR352, tentative September 22nd and 23rd crushing.
- CR687 North of Hartford, working on coordinating final paving. Frontier has an unmarked fiber optic line in the way of the new guardrail. They hope to see completion by the end of September.
- Blue Star Highway, tentatively starting September 18th. Preconstruction meeting was held yesterday.
- 78th Avenue, Decatur Township, gravel is down. Pipe installed today. Moving along quickly.
- Van Kal Road, Almena Township, tree work began today.

Engineer-Manager Update(s):

- Larry Brown's Retirement Open House and Retirement Dinner, Oct. 6th
- Update on CR388 transfer of jurisdiction request from City of South Haven.
- 2017 CRA Public Relations Workshop, October 27th, Mt. Pleasant.
- Resignation of Craig Ericksen effective September 14th.

The Chairman recessed the regular meeting at 8:17 PM to open a Regular Meeting of the Board of Public Works on motion made by Boze, seconded by Ray.

The regular Road Commission meeting was reconvened at 8:21 PM, with all members present. Motion by Boze, seconded by Svilpe.

A motion was made by Svilpe and seconded by Kinney to adjourn the Call of the Chair at 8:23 PM.

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

Secretary

Chairman