

Van Buren County Board of Road Commissioners

Thursday, January 17, 2013
Regular Meeting - Administrative Office, Lawrence, Michigan

BE IT REMEMBERED: That on the 17th day of January, 2013 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
County Commissioner Freestone

GUESTS: Attorney Kelly Page

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

No additions/deletions to the Agenda.

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

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Ray and seconded by Boze to approve the minutes of the January 3, 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 budget and General Operating Fund Budget 2013 compared to 2012. 2013 activities include the first installment of millage funds in transit to the Road Commission (approximately \$719,000.00). \$300,000 notes payable is the first payment of building bond since refinancing at 1.86%. Received partial reimbursement of funds from insurance company regarding underground storage tank removal expenses. Also reviewed the 2012 budget. Still pending December month end journal entries, townships accounts receivable and final MTF check in February.

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

Voucher #1723	\$89,720.06
Voucher #1724	\$176,167.55

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

Engineer-Manager recommended accepting proposal by Michigan Pavement Marking to extend 2012 pricing for 2013 season. Motion by Ray, seconded by Svilpe to accept the proposal, in the best interest of the Van Buren County Road Commission.

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

Road Commissioner's Township Meeting Attendance Report

From January 3rd to present:

Askew: Attended Covert Township; all is well. Attended Geneva Township; mentioned CR380 (need to pave). Attended Bangor Township; mentioned CR376. Also questioned

why crews were scraping gravel roads, and the condition of plowing on CR687. Attended South Haven Township; wanted to see about light/traffic signal for Meijer at Phoenix Road. This is an MDOT issue.

Boze: Attended joint township/village meeting (Lawrence) regarding the Lawrence Downs low income housing project. Attended Hamilton Township; no issues. Attended Lawrence Township; Supervisor will now be handling Road Commission liaison duties. Attended Hartford Township; no issues.

Kinney: Attended Decatur Township; Township Board received Road Commission correspondence. Also discussed the pilot request for Decatur Downs; special meeting tonight. Attended Arlington Township; looking to possibly sign up for 48th Street HMA cap. Resident on 55.50th Street wanted to know why trees were cut down. (The property owner requested that they be removed).

Ray: Attended Columbia Township; resident questioned if we were closing Bloomingdale Garage. Attended Bloomingdale Township; leaning toward paving 6th Avenue. Several people complained about driver “running” bare pavement with blade down – why?? Attended Pine Grove Township; happy with pipe extension on 6th Avenue. Wondered about tree laying in front of Randy Kane’s at 12th Avenue East of 26th Street across from dairy farm.

Svilpe: No meetings. Discussions with County Commissioner Beth Griffin regarding KATS Policy Committee meeting coming up next week (January 30, 2013).

Road Commissioner’s special request for per diem. None.

Highway Engineer Barry Anttila reported on the following:

- Attended HMA paving training in Lansing last week.
- Working on estimates for CR657; reviewing Furness Farms per request of Antwerp Township; several other townships.

Engineer-Manager Update(s):

- SWRCC meeting on February 11, 2013 at 12 noon, Covert Township Hall.
- Attended joint meeting with South Haven City and South Haven Township on non-motorized corridor plans.
- Attended joint meeting with communities regarding West MI Rail Line abandonment.
- Presented at Tri-County Transportation Supervisors’ Meeting.
- Attended Rural Task Force and CMAQ meetings.
- MDOT meeting with Greg Johnson on February 27th at 1:00 PM.
- Equipment sales/purchases.
- Preparing to take bids for pipe/drainage materials, emulsion for chip seal.
- Traffic Control Order update (Keeler; Silver Lake)

Legal Issues

Attorney Page gave update on West MI Railroad line Order of Removal from the MDOT Rail Freight Services and Safety. Still awaiting the Attorney General’s office.

A motion was made by Svilpe and seconded by Askew to adjourn the Call of the Chair at 8:18 PM.

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

Secretary

Chairman