

Van Buren County Board of Road Commissioners

April 16, 2015

Regular Meeting - Administrative Office, Lawrence, Michigan

BE IT REMEMBERED: That on the 16th day of April, 2015 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: John Vargo
County Commissioner Freestone
Dixie Kovach

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

No additions/deletions to the Agenda.

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

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Kinney, seconded by Askew to approve a correction to the March 19, 2015 minutes to correct incorrect voucher numbering as follows: Voucher #~~1482~~ 1842 and Voucher #~~1483~~ 1843.

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Svilpe, seconded by Askew to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2015 meeting as presented by Board Secretary Pardike.

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

The Chairman opened the meeting to public comment. John Vargo, resident of Hartford Township, questioned why Red Arrow Highway does not have Frost Law weight restrictions. Staff responded that Red Arrow Highway is a Class A route. Mr. Vargo then questioned why Berrien County Road Commission is posting Red Arrow Highway? Also asked the Board about any particular permission that he may need as he is thinking of writing a book. Staff will direct the question to Attorney Page for an opinion.

The Board Secretary-Accountant provided a budget review. All accounts are up to date. Informed the Board as to the status of the new trucks: one is completed. Bills to come in the near future due to required salt purchases per the State MI Deal contract. Accounts receivable property taxes was \$350K to \$400K less than last year. This was due to New Covert Generating tax dispute. Repair bills, engineering services and truck build-up are main expenditures on current Voucher.

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

Voucher #1847	\$94,323.61
Voucher #1848	\$334,861.71

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

The following bids were received at 7:30 PM for Lubricants:

Oil		
Vendor	Bulk Oil Type 15W-40 - Citgard 600 Series or equiv. Name Brand Only (Gallon)	Manufacturer
Kamp	\$7.99	Citgo
Schaeffer	No Bid	
Alt Oil	\$7.95	Chevron
Vesco	\$6.87	Mobile
Major Brands	\$11.31	Shell
Rowley's	\$6.61	Petro Canada

Hydraulic Fluid		
Vendor	Citgo Transgard, or Tractor Hydraulic Fluid (Gallon)	Manufacturer
Kamp	\$5.97	Citgo
Schaeffer	\$13.85	Schaeffer
Alt Oil	\$7.45	Chevron
Vesco	\$7.47	Mobile
Major Brands	\$6.47	Quantum
Rowleys	\$5.91	Petro Canada

Transmission Fluid				
Vendor	Dexron-III H Synthetic Automatic Transmission Fluid (Gallon)	Standard SAE Automatic Transmission Fluid (Gallon)	Transgard HD Trans Fluid SAE 30W (Drum)	Manufacturer
Kamp	\$10.67	\$7.24	\$8.26	Citgo
Schaeffer	\$22.04	No Bid	\$17.33	Schaeffer
Alt Oil	\$14.95	\$7.25	\$8.95	Wolf's Head, Chevron
Vesco	\$9.09	\$5.47	\$7.09	
Major Brand	\$9.15	\$6.17	\$12.98	Peak, Shell
Rowleys	\$7.64	\$4.98	\$7.22	Total, Petro Canada

Grease					
Vendor	Citgo Overdrive HD#2 120 lb drums (Lb/Drum)	Grease Citgo Overdrive HD #2 (Tube)	Grease (Lithium Complex #2-120 lb. Drums) (Lb/Drum)	85-140 Gear Lube 120 lb drum (120 Lb/Drum)	Manufacturer
Kamp	\$301.47	\$2.48	\$261.82	\$162.27	Citgo
Schaeffer	\$390.29	\$3.60	--	\$428.64	Schaeffer
Alt Oil	\$334.80	\$2.79	\$334.80	\$250.80	Ulti-Plex
Vesco	\$245.66	\$2.49	\$245.66	\$205.66	
Major Brands	\$374.09	\$3.17	\$374.09	\$432.04	Shell, Smitty
Rowleys	\$280.72	\$2.93	\$259.36	\$260.58	Petro Canada

Motion by Ray seconded by Svilpe to authorize Engineer-Manager to award the bid upon review, tabulation and recommendation by staff, in the best interest of the Van Buren County Road Commission.

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

Engineer-Manager advised the Board that 22A Contract Gravel test results had been received and reviewed by staff, and award was made to all bidders, with primary suppliers being the lowest responsible as-read bidders as follows, in the best interest of the Van Buren County Road Commission:

Township / Garage Location	Price Per Ton	Contractor
Arlington Township	\$6.50	Brusky Construction
Bangor Township	\$6.85	Brusky Construction
Columbia Township	\$6.90	R. Smith & Sons
Decatur Township	\$5.46	Southwest Transport
Geneva Township	\$7.09	R. Smith & Sons
Hamilton Township	\$5.31	Southwest Transport
Keeler Township	\$6.01	Southwest Transport
Lawrence Township	\$5.92	StoneCo of MI
Paw Paw Township	\$5.92	StoneCo of MI
Pine Grove Township	\$6.13	R. Smith & Sons
VBCRC Boudreau Pit	\$5.70	StoneCo of MI
VBCRC Bangor Garage	\$6.73	R. Smith & Sons
VBCRC Bloomingdale Garage	\$5.78	R. Smith & Sons

Engineer-Manager updated the Board on the award of the 62nd Street at Hog Creek heavy maintenance project to the as-read low bidder, Brad Thomas Excavating, in the best interest of the Van Buren County Road Commission.

Engineer-Manager updated the Board on the award of the Blue Star Highway heavy maintenance project to the as-read low bidder, Rieth-Riley Construction Company, in the best interest of the Van Buren County Road Commission.

Upon review the Act 51 Report was attested to, upon a motion by Ray, seconded by Svilpe.

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

Pardike will ask for clarification from the auditor as to the Chairman’s signature.

Motion by Svilpe, seconded by Kinney to adopt the following Resolutions regarding Local Bridge Funding:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: The Board has reviewed the application for Local Bridge Funding for preventative maintenance work on the bridge that carries Red Arrow Highway over a tributary to the Paw Paw River; and,

WHEREAS: The bridge is in need of concrete repairs, minor guardrail repairs, slope repair and scour protection measures; and,

WHEREAS: Because of the deterioration of the slope and the scour that is occurring, preventative maintenance work on the structure would be in the best interest of the

traveling public.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board concurs in the importance of the preventative maintenance on this structure and that plans for said preventative maintenance can be ready within 120 days after notification of a successful application.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board urges approval of the application for Local Bridge Funding for the structure that carries Red Arrow Highway over a tributary to the Paw Paw River.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: The Board has reviewed the application for Local Bridge Funding for the replacement of the bridge that carries 2nd Avenue over the Mentha Drain in Pine Grove Township; and,

WHEREAS: The bridge does not meet present day standards for shoulder clearance or traffic lane widths, and the bridge does not provide the safety margins now required by present day design standards; and,

WHEREAS: Because of the deterioration of the present structure a complete replacement would be in the best interest of the traveling public.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board concurs in the importance of the replacement of this structure and urges approval of the application for Local Bridge Funding for the structure that carries 2nd Avenue over the Mentha Drain in Pine Grove Township.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED: That plans for said replacement can be ready within 120 days after notification of a successful application.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: The Board has reviewed the application for Local Bridge Funding for preventative maintenance to the bridge carrying 71½ Street over the Black River in South Haven Township; and

WHEREAS: The bridge is in need of joint and concrete repairs; and,

WHEREAS: Because of the deterioration of the present structure, preventative maintenance work on the structure would be in the best interest of the traveling public.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board concurs in the importance of the preventative maintenance on this structure and that plans for said preventative maintenance can be ready within 120 days after notification of a successful application and further we urge the approval of the application for Local Bridge Funding for the above captioned structure.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: The Board has reviewed the application for Local Bridge Funding for the replacement of the 48th Avenue Bridge crossing Rogers Creek in Covert Township; and

WHEREAS: The bridge is posted for load limits; and,

WHEREAS: Because of the deterioration of the present structure a complete replacement would be in the best interest of the traveling public.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board concurs in the importance of the replacement of this structure and that plans for said replacement can be ready within 120 days after notification of a successful application. The Board further urges the approval of the application for Local Bridge Funding for the above captioned structure.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: The Board has reviewed the application for Local Bridge Funding for preventative maintenance work on the structure that carries 35.50th Street over the Paw Paw River in Waverly Township; and,

WHEREAS: The bridge is in need of an epoxy overlay; and,

WHEREAS: Preventative maintenance work on the structure would be in the best interest of the traveling public as it would prolong the life of the structure.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board concurs in the importance of the preventative maintenance on this structure and that plans for said preventative maintenance can be ready within 120 days after notification of a successful application.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board urges approval of the application for Local Bridge Funding for the structure that carries 35.50th Street over the Paw Paw River.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: The Board has reviewed the application for Local Bridge Funding for the replacement of the 48th Avenue Bridge crossing the Paw Paw River in Arlington Township; and

WHEREAS: The bridge is in need of an epoxy overlay; and,

WHEREAS: Preventative maintenance work on the structure will prolong the life of the bridge, in the best interest of the public.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board concurs in the importance of the preventative maintenance on this structure, and urges the approval of the application for Local Bridge Funding for the above captioned structure.

FURTHER RESOLVED: That plans for said replacement can be ready within 120 days after notification of a successful application.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: The Board has reviewed the application for Local Bridge Funding for the replacement of the bridge that carries 5th Avenue over the Mentha Drain in Pine Grove Township; and,

WHEREAS: The bridge is in need of an epoxy overlay; and,

WHEREAS: Preventative maintenance work on the structure would be in the best interest of the traveling public as it would prolong the life of the structure.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board concurs in the importance of the preventative maintenance on this structure and urges approval of the application for Local Bridge Funding for the structure that carries 5th Avenue over the Mentha Drain in Pine Grove Township.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED: That plans for said replacement can be ready within 120 days after notification of a successful application.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: The Board has reviewed the application for Local Bridge Funding for preventative maintenance to the bridge carrying CR 388 over the Black River in Geneva Township; and

WHEREAS: The bridge is in need of joint and concrete repairs; and,

WHEREAS: Because of the deterioration of the present structure, preventative maintenance work on the structure would be in the best interest of the traveling public.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board concurs in the importance of the preventative maintenance on this structure and that plans for said preventative maintenance can be ready within 120 days after notification of a successful application and further we urge the approval of the application for Local Bridge Funding for the above captioned structure.

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

Road Commissioner's Township Meeting Attendance Report

From April 2nd to present:

Askew: South Haven Township, discussed Proposal 1. No negative comments were received. Covert Township, presented Proposal 1 overview. Gave updates on work coming this season in the Township. Attended CRA Commissioner Annual Meeting, Traverse City. MDOT Director presented a very informative discussion on Proposal 1. Geneva Township, the meeting went well. Bangor Township, discussed dust control. Residents asked why does dust control not happen until July? Staff answered that the township contacts the Road Commission with dates they desire application to be made.

Boze: Keeler Township, extended thanks to Brian Cornish and staff. Lawrence Township, concerns regarding 52nd Street, CR365 to 72nd Avenue. Apparently serious washouts. Hartford Township, thanks for CR687 tree work and also Hog Creek repairs. Hamilton Township, reviewed Proposal 1 package.

Kinney: Decatur Township, plan to approve road projects in May. An observation, 64th Avenue (Boersen Ag), it appears that a conveyor system has been set up to load trucks in the road. Street sign is down. Staff will review site and have Weighmaster visit.

Ray: CR653 being in poor condition a Township resident came to his residence to report need for work.

Svilpe: Porter Township, not much happening yet. Reiterated status of CR354, Comcast status, etc. Antwerp Township, discussion on Red Arrow Highway work; center left turn lane. Alma Township, things are going well until discussion comes up regarding potholes on 30th Street. Supervisor Van Tassel indicated that township is working with staff and Antwerp Township on 30th Street improvements. Question, what is being done regarding guardrail requests and other issues? Staff indicated working on several solutions. Also, status of guardrail repairs; CR653 at 56th Avenue south side of I94. Also, delineators leaning down, Whitewood Drive, Antwerp Township.

Motion by Kinney, seconded by Ray to approve Askew's request for special per diem for attendance at CRA Annual Commissioner's Meeting.

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Highway Engineer Barry Anttila reported on the following:

- CR215 over Brush Creek; guardrail contractor is completing installation today and tomorrow.
- 24th Avenue over Black River; contractor still removing existing abutments.
- Blue Star Highway structures; contractor has begun work at Rogers Creek.
- 62nd Street over Hog Creek; waiting for MDEQ permit.
- CR681 from 71st Avenue to 77th Avenue, Grade inspection tomorrow.
- Blue Star Highway, Preconstruction meeting tomorrow.
- Working on local bridge funding applications.

Engineer-Manager Update(s):

- 50 Service Requests received since April 2, 2015.
- Southwestern Road Commission Council is May 11th at Covert Township.
- May 4, 5 and 6, staff training for performance appraisals, etc.
- Summer hours begin the week of May 4th.

Motion by Svilpe, seconded by Ray to adjourn the Call of the Chair at 8:24 PM.

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

Secretary

Chairman