

Van Buren County Board of Road Commissioners
Wednesday, September 16, 2015, 2015
Regular Meeting - Administrative Office, Lawrence, Michigan

BE IT REMEMBERED: That on the 16th day of September, 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 Boze, Kinney, Ray, and Svilpe
Accountant Gregory M. Pardike
Highway Engineer Barry Anttila

GUESTS: Dixie Kovach
John Vargo
County Commissioner Freestone

ABSENT: Road Commissioner Askew (Attending Northern and Southern Association of Road Commissions Joint Conference)

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

No additions/deletions to the Agenda.

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

AYES: 4
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1
MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Kinney and seconded by Ray to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2015 meeting as presented by Board Secretary Pardike.

AYES: 4
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1
MOTION CARRIED.

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

The Board Secretary-Accountant provided a review of the budgets with the Board.

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

Voucher #1870	\$94,698.58
Voucher #1871	\$430,434.18

AYES: 4
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1
MOTION CARRIED.

Highway Engineer Anttila provided information for the Board regarding extension of the project on CR653 in Almena Township at the bridge an additional 5,500 feet beyond the original project limits at an additional cost of \$48,600.00, including traffic control. Motion by Svilpe, seconded by Ray.

AYES: 4
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1
MOTION CARRIED.

Board Secretary Pardike reviewed with the Board a Resolution from the Decatur Township Board committing Primary Road millage funds in 2016 to a project on CR352 with project details yet to be determined.

Motion by Ray, seconded by Svilpe to certify the Van Buren County Road Commission’s compliance with Public Act 51, Section 18j, MCL 247.668j, Annual Certification of Employee-Related Conditions.

AYES: 4
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1
MOTION CARRIED.

Road Commissioner's Township Meeting Attendance Report

From September 2nd to present:

Boze: Attended Lawrence Township and Hartford Township Board Meetings on September 10th.

Kinney: Attended Waverly Township Board Meeting on September 3rd. Attended Decatur Township on September 10th. Positive comments regarding the sealcoat and fog seal projects on Stapleton Road and a job well done.

Ray: Discussed usage of Primary Millage funds in Columbia Township. Also discussed request for some additional work on Silver Saddle Road.

Svilpe: Attended Antwerp Township Board meeting, pleased with paving at Crescent Estates subdivision. Attended Almena Township Board Meeting. Commissioner Svilpe discussed concerns about previous Service Requests with Highway Engineer Anttila. Attended Porter Township Board Meeting, took Service Request regarding signage.

A general discussion was held regarding Commissioners’ attendance at Township Board Meetings and the use of Service Request forms to record questions and responses.

Motion by Askew, seconded by Kinney to approve Ray’s request for special per diem for road trip meeting with Bloomingdale Township Supervisor.

AYES: 3
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1
ABSTAIN: 1 (Ray)
MOTION CARRIED.

The following bids were opened beginning at 7:30 PM:

MDOT 2NS Ice Control Sand:

Contractor	Lawrence Garage	Bloomingdale Garage	Western Garage
R. Smith & Sons	\$6.50/ton	\$7.00/ton	\$7.00/ton
Aggregate Industries	\$8.30	\$6.68	\$7.37
Aggregate Resources	\$6.91	\$7.48	\$7.95
Michiana Aggregate	\$7.50	No Bid	\$9.00

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

AYES: 4
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1
MOTION CARRIED.

Cold Patching Mix:

Ace Saginaw Paving	CP6	\$97.18 Delivered to Lawrence Yard
	QPR	\$95.29 Delivered to Lawrence Yard
Unique Paving Materials	UPM	\$112.92 Delivered to Lawrence Yard*
	UPM	\$94.00 On-Site Mixing or Blending**
Lakeland Asphalt	CP6	\$79.50 Delivered to Lawrence Yard***

CP6 \$76.95 Picked up by the Road Commission as needed.

- *50 ton loads.
- **400 ton minimum.
- ***50 ton loads; no split loads.

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

AYES: 4
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1
MOTION CARRIED.

Construction Update

Highway Engineer Barry Anttila reported on the following:

- CR 380 bridge, Geneva Township.
- 72nd Avenue, Antwerp Township, paving.
- 8th Avenue, South Haven Township.
- CR 388 Bridge, Butternut Creek.
- 18th Avenue, Pine Grove Township.
- CR653, Almena Township.
- File reviews in Benton Harbor.
- SHPO, clearance on CR681 from 77th to CR352; and on CR687 at Burnette Foods.

Engineer-Manager Update by Board Secretary:

- 8-hour days begin Monday, September 28th.
- Flu Clinic on Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at 9:30 AM, Road Commission Administrative Office. Lawton Pharmacy administering and submitting BCBS insurance claims. Sign-up sheet in breakroom.
- Commissioner Kinney took Commissioner Svilpe’s place as the Road Commission’s representative on the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study (KATS) Policy Committee.
- Snow Plow Road-eo held on Monday, September 14th. 41 participants, 9 cities/villages, top drivers from Southern Garage, Dave Arndt (2nd overall) and Mike Harris (3rd overall); top drivers from Northern Garage, John Sharpe (1st overall) and Larry Click (4th overall).
- 2015 County Road Association Public Relations Workshop, November 6, 2015, Clare, MI.
- Boersen Farms Ag, 64th Avenue, Paw Paw Township, cement barricades placed last Thursday, September 10th.

A motion was made by Kinney and seconded by Svilpe to adjourn the Call of the Chair at 8:43 PM.

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

Secretary

Chairman