

Van Buren County Board of Road Commissioners

Wednesday, June 4, 2014
Regular Meeting - Administrative Office, Lawrence, Michigan

BE IT REMEMBERED: That on the June 4, 2014 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.
Highway Engineer Barry Anttila

GUESTS: County Commissioner Sue Hammond
Charlie Dorn, Resident of Trestle Creek Subdivision

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

No additions/deletions to the Agenda.

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

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Svilpe and seconded by Ray to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2014 meeting as presented by Engineer-Manager Hummel.

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

The Chairman opened the meeting to public comment. Charlie Dorn of Trestle Creek introduced himself and stated he was attending the board meeting only to observe.

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

Voucher #1797	\$343,572.67
Voucher #1798	\$88,942.15
Voucher #1799	\$164,591.58

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

Engineer-Manager Hummel updated the Board on the award of Siebert Drive bid to as-read low bidder, Rieth-Riley Construction Company.

Upon Motion by Ray, seconded by Boze the following Resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: On May 26, 2014, Howard Weatherwax retired from his position as a Road Maintenance Employee for the Van Buren County Road Commission; and,

WHEREAS: Howard Weatherwax began his employment with the Van Buren County Road Commission on April 2, 1973. He worked as a Seasonal Road Maintenance Employee, and also held a position under the provisions of the Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA) Title VI Program before being hired on February 6, 1978 as a full-time permanent Road Maintenance Employee; and,

WHEREAS: Howard Weatherwax remained a dedicated member of the Van Buren County Road Commission's staff for more than 36 years working as a Truck Driver and a Grader Operator; and,

WHEREAS: As a Road Maintenance Employee, Howard Weatherwax also performed winter maintenance operations, including snow removal and ice control, very often through snow emergencies, exhibiting personal dedication and extraordinary efforts to safeguard the motoring public throughout Van Buren County.

WHEREAS: Howard Weatherwax performed his many duties at the Van Buren County Road Commission with great pride and professionalism, and always in the best interest of the citizens of Van Buren County, and the Van Buren County Road Commission.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of County Road Commissioners of Van Buren County hereby recognizes the dedication of Howard Weatherwax and expresses its sincere appreciation for his years of service. Further, they wish Howard Weatherwax the very best in his retirement years.

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Upon a motion by Svilpe, seconded by Boze, the MCRCSIP Ballot was marked for an At-Large position.

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Road Commissioner's Township Meeting Attendance Report

From May 21st to present:

Askew: Attended Covert Township road tour. The township will be submitting requests soon. Submitted a picture of CR687 bridge project on June 2nd. Wondered why project was not completed? Per Engineer Anttila, project was completed today. Question of who handles "issues" at 13th Avenue (Deerlick Point). It appears that this is occurring on the Township Park property. Brought up the question of whether the Board wanted to consider meeting during the day during the summer. Attended Van Buren County Township Supervisors' meeting.

Boze: Attended Keeler Township. Informed the township board of potential road segments that may need to be turned back to gravel. Resident had a concern over a "drop-off" at Victory Shore and Lake Shore. Heard the remonumentation presentation from the county. Attended Van Buren County Township Supervisors' meeting.

Kinney: Attended Van Buren County Township Supervisors' meeting. Had inquiry regarding paving of CR352 this year. Will it happen for sure? Had questions as to what, if anything, Bernie Sherburn must do to comply with the Van Buren County Road Commission order. Anttila answered that the work required will not be done until it can be coordinated with the Federal Aid project.

Ray: No meetings.

Svilpe: Attended Van Buren County Township Supervisors' meeting.

Commissioners' request for special per diem. None.

Construction Update

Highway Engineer Barry Anttila reported on the following:

- CR687 Bridge, Geneva Township, completed today. Paving completed with shoulders and guardrail yesterday and today.
- Guardrail crews continue to complete repairs across the county.
- Working on Geneva Township Estimates, new after a tour with Supervisor Whaley.
- 68th Avenue by 62nd Street, twin 36" culverts failing. Probably a closure coming soon, Hartford Township.

- Meeting with County Administrator and County Building Department Director regarding working with them to complete reconstruction of the DHS facility parking lot off CR681.
- Training for staff in the morning.
- 48th Avenue, Bangor Township, work to commence next week.

Engineer-Manager Update(s):

- CRAM Action Alert/Local Roads Campaign

Legal Issues:

Update on 14th Avenue lawsuit. Signs installed.

The Chairman recessed the regular meeting at 8:03 PM to move to a regular session of the Board of Public Works. Motion by Ray, seconded by Boze.

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

The regular Road Commission meeting was reconvened at 8:03 PM with all members present. Motion by Ray, seconded by Boze.

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Svilpe and seconded by Ray to adjourn the Call of the Chair at 8:04 PM.

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

Secretary

Chairman