

Van Buren County Board of Road Commissioners

July 12, 2017

Regular Meeting - Administrative Office, Lawrence, Michigan

BE IT REMEMBERED: That on the 12th day of July, 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-Accountant Linnea Rader
Highway Engineer Barry Anttila

GUESTS: Attorney Kelly Page
County Commissioner Kurt Doroh
John Vargo
Derek Hall, Michigan Department of Treasury

Vice-Chairman Svilpe 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: 4
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1 (Askew)
MOTION CARRIED.

Presentation by Derek Hall, Michigan Department of Treasury, regarding FY2016 Audit Report.

Moved by Boze and seconded by Kinney to approve the minutes of the June 21, 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-Accountant Rader provided a review of the operating budgets and operating fund. Discussed MTF projections released by the Michigan Department of Transportation earlier this week. Not much change since last meeting. Approximately \$350,000 of bills tonight for sealcoat materials. Approximately \$20,000 for tree removals from last storm.

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

Voucher #1978	\$23,172.17
Voucher #1979	\$103,584.51
Voucher #1980	\$605,104.49

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

The following bids were received at 7:30 PM for heavy maintenance on Van Kal from CR375 to M43 in Almena Township:

Rieth-Riley	\$124,142.00
Michigan Paving & Materials	\$133,846.00

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

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Ray, seconded by Kinney to approve the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: On July 5, 2017, Theodore "Ted" Griffin retired from his position as a Road Maintenance Employee for the Van Buren County Road Commission; and,

WHEREAS: Ted began his employment with the Van Buren County Road Commission on April 24, 1980 as a Seasonal Road Maintenance Employee before being hired on August 26, 1980 as a full-time permanent Road Maintenance Employee where he worked for almost 37 years as a dedicated member of the Road Commission's staff; and,

WHEREAS: As a Road Maintenance Employee, Ted was routinely in the field performing a variety of tasks on a seasonal basis, including snow plowing, truck driving, pothole patching and tree trimming/removal which the motoring public relied upon in their travels throughout Van Buren County.

WHEREAS: Ted performed his many duties with pride and dedication, 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 recognizes the commitment of Ted Griffin, and thanks him for his years of service. Further, they congratulate Ted on his retirement and wish him and his wife, Mary, the very best in the coming years.

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Road Commissioner's Township Meeting Attendance Report

From June 21st to present:

Askew: Covert Township, all is going well. Geneva Township, concerned about mowing and dust control. Also, ditching issues. Bangor Township, concerns over projects using Federal Aid standards on CR687. 59.50th Street at 24th Avenue, needs mowing for vision issue. Property owner is receptive to trimming.

Boze: Hamilton Township, questions on MDNR contact for Lake Access. 84th Avenue estimate status. Pothole on CR352 in westbound lane by Klett's lot. Keeler Township, sweeping for triathlon. Wondered about treatment MDOT used on M152 and M140. Burnette Foods gave presentation.

Kinney: CR665 needs attention. Asked when will it be sealed?

Ray: Had a conversation with Supervisor Stone of Bloomingdale Township regarding mowing. Discussion on need to contract mowing and feels need additional mowing contractors. CR388 West of Bloomingdale, received a complaint on road surface condition. CR653 from 18th Avenue to Fish Lake, random potholes patched and the rest not. CR388 from 24th to Kendall, needs lots of patching.

Svilpe: Antwerp Township, quiet evening. Provided updates on several items.

Construction Update

Highway Engineer Barry Anttila reported on the following:

- CR376, Bangor Township, approximately 50% of trench and widening is complete.
- Red Arrow Highway at 70th Street, underway. Working on excavating hill.
- CR687 North of Hartford, contractor started work as of last week.
- Blue Star Highway from Phoenix to Baseline, scheduled for August letting.

- CR687 from I94 to CR352, possibly September or later letting. Will not be constructed until 2018.
- 68th Street, Rush Lake, Hartford, approved and will be opened at the next meeting.
- Powell subdivision developments, consultants are attempting to coordinate.

Engineer-Manager Update(s):

- Sealcoat update.
- Dust Control concerns.
- Van Buren Supervisors' meeting, August 24th at 7 PM, Lawrence Conference Center.
- Reminder of Commissioners' Workshop, July 26 at 4 PM.
- Van Buren County Youth Fair.
- 5th Annual Joint Conference, Boyne Mountain Resort, September 13-15, 2017
- Evergreen Bluff update.
- Staffing update.
- CR388/Phoenix Road update.

Legal Issues:

Attorney Page and Engineer-Manager Hummel reviewed and updated all present on several issues.

A motion was made by Svilpe and seconded by Kinney to adjourn the Call of the Chair at 8:48 PM.

AYES: 5
 NAYS: 0
 MOTION CARRIED.

Secretary

Chairman