

Van Buren County Board of Road Commissioners

March 31, 2021 - Special Session

BE IT REMEMBERED: That on the 31st day of March, 2021 at 12:00 PM, E.D.T., the Board of County Road Commissioners for the County of Van Buren met in special session via teleconference pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order in an effort to suppress the spread of COVID-19 and protect the public health and safety of this state and its residents, as well as the Road Commissioners and Road Commission staff.

PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE:

Road Commissioners Askew, Boze, Burleson, Hackenberg and Kinney
Managing Director Dan Bishop
Highway Engineer Barry Anttila
Administrative Assistant-Board Secretary Jill Brien

GUESTS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE:

County Commissioner Doroh
County Commissioner Chappell

Chairman Burleson called the meeting to order at 12:01 PM. Roll call:

Askew: PRESENT - Attending remotely from South Haven Township, Van Buren County, MI.
Boze: PRESENT - Attending remotely from Lawrence Township, Van Buren County, MI.
Hackenberg: PRESENT - Attending remotely from the Village of Lawton, Van Buren County, MI.
Kinney: PRESENT - Attending remotely from the Village of Decatur, Van Buren County, MI.
Burleson: PRESENT - Attending remotely from Bloomingdale Township, Van Buren County, MI.

Chairman Burleson read the Special Rules for Remote Meeting: All participating Road Commissioners can vote by phone; all votes must be roll call with Chairman always voting last. All people should identify themselves before they speak. Any participant or listener may record the meeting.

Commissioner Kinney requested that item 5(B) Public Comment be added to the Agenda.

Motion by Boze seconded by Hackenberg to approve the Agenda, as amended.

Roll call vote:

Askew: AYE
Boze: AYE
Hackenberg: AYE
Kinney: AYE
Burleson: AYE
MOTION CARRIED.

Anttila provided discussion for the Board regarding the proposed resolutions to be submitted for replacement and for preventative maintenance for funding by the Local Bridge Program. The three groups of preventative maintenance structures are the same as what was submitted last year because none of Van Buren County's submissions were selected by the Program. The two bridge replacements have been previously submitted but were also not selected by the Program. If chosen, these projects could be eligible for a maximum of 95% participation from Federal and/or State funds in FY2024. Motion by Boze, seconded by Hackenberg to adopt the following Resolutions:

RESOLUTION 2021-10

WHEREAS: The Board has reviewed the application for Local Bridge Funding for the replacement of the structure in 2024 that carries 8th Avenue over the Black River in Geneva Township; and,

WHEREAS: The structure is posted for weight limits of 31/40/40; 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: The current structure restricts the waterway causing scour and erosion issues; and,

WHEREAS: Because of the deterioration of the present structure and its poor rating, 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 8th Avenue over the Black River in Geneva Township.

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

RESOLUTION 2021-11

WHEREAS: The Board has reviewed the application for Local Bridge Funding for the replacement of the bridge in 2024 that carries 2nd Avenue over the Mentha Drain in Pine Grove Township; and,

WHEREAS: The structure is posted for weight limits of 31/53/67; 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 2021-12

WHEREAS: The Board has reviewed the application for Local Bridge Funding in 2024 for preventative maintenance to the bridge that carries 72nd Avenue over the West Branch of the Paw Paw River in Paw Paw Township; and,

WHEREAS: The bridge is in need of a railing replacement, joint resealing, and rip rap repairs; 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.

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

RESOLUTION 2021-13

WHEREAS: The Board has reviewed the application for Local Bridge Funding in 2024 for preventative maintenance to the bridge that carries CR665 over the Paw Paw River in Waverly Township; and,

WHEREAS: The bridge is in need of a mill and fill HMA surface, guardrail repairs, slope repairs, and rip rap repairs; 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.

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

RESOLUTION 2021-14

WHEREAS: The Board has reviewed the application for Local Bridge Funding in 2024 for preventative maintenance to the bridge that carries CR665 over the West Branch of the Paw Paw River in Waverly Township; and,

WHEREAS: The bridge is in need of a mill and fill HMA surface, guardrail replacement and rip rap repairs; 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.

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

RESOLUTION 2021-15

WHEREAS: The Board has reviewed the application for Local Bridge Funding in 2024 for preventative maintenance to the bridge that carries Butcher Road over the Paw Paw River in Hartford Township; and,

WHEREAS: The bridge is in need of a mill and fill HMA surface, joint repairs, joint sealing, and guardrail work; 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.

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

RESOLUTION 2021-16

WHEREAS: The Board has reviewed the application for Local Bridge Funding in 2024 for preventative maintenance to the bridge that carries 60th Avenue over the West Branch of the Paw Paw River in Paw Paw Township; and,

WHEREAS: The bridge is in need of a railing replacement, joint resealing, and rip rap repairs; 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.

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

RESOLUTION 2021-17

WHEREAS: The Board has reviewed the application for Local Bridge Funding in 2024 for preventative maintenance to the bridge that carries 45th Street over the Paw Paw River in Paw Paw Township; and,

WHEREAS: The bridge is in need of a mill and fill HMA surface, joint repairs, and joint seal; 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.

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

RESOLUTION 2021-18

WHEREAS: The Board has reviewed the application for Local Bridge Funding in 2024 for preventative maintenance to the bridge that carries CR358 over the West Branch of the Paw Paw River in Paw Paw Township; and,

WHEREAS: The bridge is in need of a mill and fill HMA surface, and resealing of the joints; 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.

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

RESOLUTION 2021-19

WHEREAS: The Board has reviewed the application for Local Bridge Funding in 2024 for preventative maintenance to the bridge that carries CR215 over the Dowagiac Drain in Hamilton Township; and,

WHEREAS: The bridge is in need of a mill and fill HMA surface, resealing of the joints, guardrail, and rip rap repairs; 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.

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

RESOLUTION 2021-20

WHEREAS: The Board has reviewed the application for Local Bridge Funding in 2024 for preventative maintenance to the bridge that carries Baseline Road over the Black River in South Haven Township; and,

WHEREAS: The bridge is in need of a mill and fill HMA surface, joint resealing, and guardrail work; 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.

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

RESOLUTION 2021-21

WHEREAS: The Board has reviewed the application for Local Bridge Funding in 2024 for preventative maintenance to the bridge that carries 13th Avenue over Deerlick Creek, South Haven Township; and,

WHEREAS: The bridge is in need of a mill and fill HMA surface, wingwall and pile repair, and guardrail work; 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.

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

Roll call vote:

Askew: AYE

Boze: AYE

Hackenberg: AYE

Kinney: AYE

Burleson: AYE

RESOLUTIONS 2021-10, 2021-11, 2021-12, 2021-13, 2021-14, 2021-15, 2021-16, 2021-17, 2021-18, 2021-19, 2021-20 and 2021-21 ADOPTED.

The Chairman opened the meeting to public comment. Kinney stated that at the remote KATS meeting today a reminder was provided fill out time sheets for contributed services. Brien confirmed that these are being completed by the Van Buren County Road Commission.

Bishop shared information with the Board that was just provided today by County Commissioner Chappell. The County Commission issued a Public Health Emergency Order which allows the Board of County Road Commissioners to continue meeting remotely through December 31, 2021. Bishop stated that he would like to continue the virtual component of our Board meetings for attendance by the public. Burleson would like

to get back to in-person meetings for the Board, with a virtual option for others who want to attend. Kinney would like in person meetings for the Board by quorum; other board members may decide to attend remotely, as well as the public. Bishop asked that the Board keep Road Commission staff informed if remotely attending so that appropriate plans could be made.

Motion by Kinney, seconded by Hackenberg to adjourn the Call of the Chair at 12:13 PM.

Roll call vote:

Askew: AYE

Boze: AYE

Hackenberg: AYE

Kinney: AYE

Burleson: AYE

MOTION CARRIED.

Board Secretary

Board Chairman