Van Buren County Board of Public Works
July 8, 2026 - Regular Meeting

BE IT REMEMBERED: That on the 8th day of July, 2026 at 5:52 PM, E.D.T., the Board of Public Works for the County of Van Buren met in regular session at the Road Commission Administrative Office in Lawrence, Michigan.

PRESENT:
Road Commissioners Askew, Boze, Burleson, Kinney and Nelson
Managing Director Bret Witkowski
Highway Engineer Barry Anttila
Finance and Human Resources Director Linnea Rader
Operations Director Greg Brucks
Administrative Assistant-Deputy Secretary Jill Brien

ABSENT:
None

GUESTS PRESENT:
Thomas Hammond
Vic Pantea
Ivona Tylka-Suleja
Phillip Pitts
County Commissioner Mike Chappell
Alan C. Smaka, P.E.

Chairman Burleson called the meeting to order at 5:52 PM.

Motion by Boze, seconded by Nelson to approve the Minutes of the April 2, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Board of Public Works.

YES: 5
NO: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

County Commissioner Mike Chappell exited the meeting.

Witkowski introduced Alan Smaka, P.E., the engineering firm working on behalf of the Lakes Area Sewer Authority (LASA) and Porter Township in the extension project of the existing LASA wastewater collection and treatment system to serve the developed areas surrounding Bankson Lake within Porter Township. Witkowski explained the Resolution before the Board for consideration which, in addition to approving the extension project, also approves the Bond Contract "in substance and concept" and authorizes the Chairman and Secretary of the Board of Public Works to execute the Bond Contract when it has been finalized. Motion by Boze, seconded by Nelson to adopt the Resolution to Approve and Recommend Resolution and Cass County Sewage Disposal System Bond Contract.

Roll call vote:

Askew: Yes
Boze: Yes
Nelson: Yes
Kinney: Yes
Burleson: Yes
RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Motion by Boze, seconded by Burleson to adjourn the Call of the Chair at 5:56 PM.

YES: 5
NO: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

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Board Secretary Board Chairman