

## Van Buren County Board of Public Works

January 8, 2026 - Regular Meeting

BE IT REMEMBERED: That on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026 at 6:09 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-Board Secretary Jill Brien

### ABSENT:

None

### GUESTS PRESENT:

Vic Pantea, Homeowner (Arlington Township)  
Tom Hammond, Scott Lake, Arlington Township

Chairman Burleson called the meeting to order at 6:09 PM.

Motion by Kinney, seconded by Boze to appoint Board Secretary Boze to act as Chairperson of the meeting for the purpose of reorganizing the Board.

YES: 5  
NO: 0  
MOTION CARRIED.

Boze requested nominations for the office of Chairman. Nelson nominated Burleson, and Burleson accepted the nomination. There being no further nominations Boze closed nominations and called for a vote on Burleson for the office of Chairman.

Askew: Yes  
Burleson: Yes  
Kinney: Yes  
Nelson: Yes  
Boze: Yes

Boze requested nominations for the office of Vice-Chairman. Askew nominated Kinney, and Kinney declined the nomination. Nelson nominated Boze, and Boze accepted the nomination. There being no further nominations Boze closed nominations and called for a vote on Boze for the office of Vice-Chairman.

Askew: Yes  
Burleson: Yes  
Kinney: Yes  
Nelson: Yes  
Boze: Yes

Boze relinquished the Chair to the newly elected Chairman, Doug Burleson.

Burleson requested nominations for the designation of a Secretary. Boze nominated Askew, and Askew accepted the nomination. Hearing no further nominations the Chairman closed nominations and called for a vote on Askew for the office of Secretary.

YES: 5  
NO: 0

Burleson requested nominations for the designation of Deputy Secretary. Burleson nominated Jill Brien and she accepted the nomination. Hearing no further nominations the Chairman closed nominations and called for a vote on Brien for the office of Deputy Secretary.

YES: 5  
NO: 0

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Boze to appoint Bret Witkowski as the Director of the Board of Public Works of Van Buren County.

YES: 5  
NO: 0  
MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Kinney, seconded by Boze to approve the Minutes of the October 2, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Board of Public Works.

YES: 5  
NO: 0  
MOTION CARRIED.

Hearing no further business to come before the Board, and upon motion by Boze, seconded by Askew, the Call of the Chair was adjourned at 6:14 PM.

YES: 5  
NO: 0  
MOTION CARRIED.

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Board Secretary

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Board Chairman