

THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE COUNTY OF VAN BUREN, MICHIGAN, met in regular session on Thursday, March 18, 2021 via teleconference pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order in an effort suppress the spread of COVID-19 and protect the public health and safety of this state and its residents.

**PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE:**

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 Porter Township, 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.  
Managing Director Daniel Bishop  
Finance & HR Director Linnea Rader  
Highway Engineer Barry Anttila  
Operations Director Greg Brucks  
Administrative Assistant Jill Brien

**GUESTS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE:**

County Commissioner Mike Chappell  
County Commissioner Kurt Doroh

Chairman Kinney called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:58 PM.

Motion by Boze, seconded by Askew to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2020 Regular Meeting as presented by Managing Director Daniel Bishop.

Roll call vote:

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

Motion by Kinney, seconded by Boze to appoint Jill Brien, Administrative Assistant and Secretary to the Board of County Road Commissioners to act as Chairperson of the meeting for the purpose of reorganizing the Board.

Roll call vote:

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

Brien asked for nominations for the office of Chairman.

Askew nominated Burlison for the office of Chairman, which was seconded by Hackenberg. The nomination was accepted by Burlison. There being no further nominations it was moved by Boze, seconded by Askew that the nominations for the office of Chairman be closed, and that a unanimous ballot be cast for Burlison.

Roll call vote:

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

Brien asked for nominations for the office of Vice-Chairman.

Boze nominated Askew to serve as Vice-Chairman, which was seconded by Hackenberg. The nomination was accepted by Askew. There being no further nominations it was moved by Boze that nominations for the office of Vice-Chairman be closed, and that a unanimous ballot be cast for Askew.

Roll call vote:

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

Brien asked for nominations for the office of Secretary.

Boze nominated Hackenberg to serve as Secretary, which was seconded by Kinney. The nomination was accepted by Hackenberg. There being no further nominations it was moved by Boze that nominations for the office of Secretary be closed, and that a unanimous ballot be cast for Hackenberg.

Roll call vote:

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

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

Chairman Burleson requested nominations for the appointment of Director of the Board of Public Works. Motion by Askew, seconded by Kinney to appoint Daniel Bishop to serve as Director of the Board of Public Works for Van Buren County. Motion by Boze, seconded by Askew that nominations for Director of the Board of Public Works be closed and that a unanimous ballot be cast for Bishop.

Roll call vote:

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

Motion by Boze, seconded by Askew to adjourn the Call of the Chair at 6:07 PM.

Roll call vote:

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

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Secretary

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Chairman