Van Buren County Board of Public Works
Summary of Proposed Minutes

October 8, 2026 - Regular Meeting

BE IT REMEMBERED: That on the 8th day of October, 2026 at 6:38 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
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

Chairman Burleson called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM.

Motion by Boze, seconded by Kinney to approve the Minutes of the July 8, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Board of Public Works.

YES: 5
NO: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

Witkowski presented the Bond Contract for the Cass County Sewage Disposal System (Lakes Area Sewer Authority Section-Extension No. 2). The Board approved the Bond Contract for the establishment, construction, and financing of a wastewater collection and treatment system in Porter Township “in substance and concept” through the Resolution passed at its July 8, 2026 meeting. The Resolution also designated the Chairman and the Secretary to sign the Bond Contract. Chairman Burleson and Secretary Askew signed the Bond Contract as presented by Alan Smaka and recommended by Witkowski.

Rader presented the proposed Public Works Budget for fiscal year 2027. Motion by Boze, seconded by Kinney to adopt the 2027 Public Works Budget, as presented. The Board brought a question to Rader regarding the current per diem payment for attendance at meetings which was responded to by Rader.

Department of Public Works

Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2026 Proposed Budget

	Budgeted 2025	Proposed 2026
Commissioners (Per Diem) January, April, July, and October Meetings	500.00	500.00
Travel/Special Meetings/ Misc. Expenses	250.00	250.00
Clerical Work	500.00	500.00
Errors & Omissions Insurance	500.00	500.00
Total	$1,750.00	$1,750.00

YES: 5
NO: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Boze, seconded by Askew to adjourn the Call of the Chair at 6:43 PM.

YES: 5
NO: 0
MOTION CARRIED.