

Van Buren County Board of Road Commissioners

May 5, 2021 - Regular Meeting

BE IT REMEMBERED: That on the 5th day of May, 2021 at 5:00 PM, E.D.T., the Board of County Road Commissioners for the County of Van Buren met in regular session in person and via teleconference pursuant to the local state of emergency declared by the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners on January 26, 2021 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:

Road Commissioners Askew, Boze, Burleson, Hackenberg and Kinney
Managing Director Dan Bishop
Highway Engineer Barry Anttila
Finance and Human Resources Director Linnea Rader
Operations Director Greg Brucks
Administrative Assistant-Board Secretary Jill Brien

GUESTS PRESENT:

County Commissioner Mike Chappell
County Commissioner Kurt Doroh

Chairman Burleson called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM. Roll call:

Askew: PRESENT - Attending remotely from South Haven Township, Van Buren County, MI.
Boze: PRESENT - Attending in person.
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 in person.

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.

Managing Director Bishop requested that item 7(C), Resolution Authorizing Signature of MDOT Contract, 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.

The Chairman opened the meeting to first public comment. None was received.

Consent Agenda

- Approval of Minutes of the April 22, 2021 regular meeting
- Acceptance of Staff Reports by Managing Director
- Acceptance of Road Commissioner Reports and Updates
- Acceptance of Voucher update by Managing Director

Motion by Boze, seconded by Hackenberg to accept and approve the items on the Consent Agenda.

Roll call vote:

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

The Board considered four Resolutions de-certifying sections of roadway in Lawrence Township. Bishop explained that the segments under consideration are undeveloped and, therefore, not maintained by Road Commission staff. Lawrence Township expressed no objection to these de-certifications when Boze, Bishop and Brucks attended a Township meeting to explain the process. Motion by Hackenberg, seconded by Askew to adopt the following Resolutions:

RESOLUTION 2021-23

WHEREAS, 72nd Avenue from 56th Street West 0.62 mi. in Lawrence Township appears on the Certification Maps of the Van Buren County Road Commission; however, the roadway:

1. Is not constructed to Road Commission standards;
2. Is not used, worked on or maintained by public authorities;
3. Does not exist and is not currently open to traffic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that 72nd Avenue from 56th Street West 0.62 mi. in Lawrence Township, Van Buren County, Michigan is deleted for Act 51 Transportation funds, as recommended by Road Commission staff.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Road Commissioners does not herein relinquish, or in any way abandon the public right of way on 72nd Avenue in Lawrence Township, as described above.

RESOLUTION 2021-24

WHEREAS, 72nd Avenue from 56th Street beginning 0.14 miles East of 56th Street and continuing East for 0.46 miles in Lawrence Township appears on the Certification Maps of the Van Buren County Road Commission; however, the roadway:

1. Is not constructed to Road Commission standards;
2. Is not used, worked on or maintained by public authorities;
3. Does not exist and is not currently open to traffic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that 72nd Avenue beginning 0.14 miles East of 56th Street and continuing East for 0.46 miles in Lawrence Township, Van Buren County, Michigan is deleted for Act 51 Transportation funds, as recommended by Road Commission staff.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Road Commissioners does not herein relinquish, or in any way abandon the public right of way on 72nd Avenue in Lawrence Township, as described above.

RESOLUTION 2021-25

WHEREAS, 50th Street beginning 0.56 mi. North of 51st Avenue West, and continuing North for 0.17 miles in Lawrence Township appears on the Certification Maps of the Van Buren County Road Commission; however, the roadway:

1. Is not constructed to Road Commission standards;
2. Is not used, worked on or maintained by public authorities;
3. Does not exist and is not currently open to traffic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that 50th Street beginning 0.56 mi. North of 51st Avenue West, and continuing North for 0.17 miles in Lawrence Township, Van Buren County, Michigan is deleted for Act 51 Transportation funds, as recommended by Road Commission staff.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Road Commissioners does not herein relinquish, or in any way abandon the public right of way on 56th Street in Lawrence Township, as described above.

RESOLUTION 2021-26

WHEREAS, 56th Street beginning 0.07 mi. South of 60th Avenue and continuing South for 0.12 mi. in Lawrence Township appears on the Certification Maps of the Van Buren County Road Commission; however, the roadway:

1. Is not constructed to Road Commission standards;
2. Is not used, worked on or maintained by public authorities;
3. Does not exist and is not currently open to traffic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that 56th Street beginning 0.07 mi. South of 60th Avenue and continuing South for 0.12 mi. in Lawrence Township, Van Buren County, Michigan is deleted for Act 51 Transportation funds, as recommended by Road Commission staff.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Road Commissioners does not herein relinquish, or in any way abandon the public right of way on 56th Street in Lawrence Township, as described above.

Roll call vote:

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

Bishop provided Commissioner requested dental and vision information, including benefit costs and a report showing benefits provided to Road Commissioners by Michigan Road Commissions/Departments according to a County Road Association survey. A question was raised as to whether a Road Commissioner could pay for vision/dental benefits out of their pocket? Motion by Kinney, seconded by Boze to postpone consideration until such time as the Managing Director has an answer to report back to the Board.

Roll call vote:

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

Motion by Boze, seconded by Hackenberg to adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION 2021-27

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Managing Director, Daniel F. Bishop, and the Finance and Human Resources Director, Linnea Rader, are hereby AUTHORIZED to execute M.D.O.T. Contract No. 21-5139; Control Section STL 80000; Job Number 208966CON for work as follows:

Hot mix asphalt cold milling and paving, aggregate shoulders, and permanent pavement markings along Red Arrow Highway from 70th Street to Hartford Village (sic) limits; and all together with necessary related work.

Roll call vote:

Askew: AYE

Boze: AYE

Hackenberg: AYE

Kinney: AYE

Burleson: AYE

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

The Chairman opened the meeting to second public comment. County Commissioner Chappell inquired as to the time frame of the Red Arrow Highway project. Staff will provide this information to him when it is known.

Motion by Boze, seconded by Hackenberg to adjourn the Call of the Chair at 5:16 PM.

Roll call vote:

Askew: AYE

Boze: AYE

Hackenberg: AYE

Kinney: AYE

Burleson: AYE

MOTION CARRIED.

Board Secretary

Board Chairman