



BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of County Road Commissioners of Van Buren County is accepting sealed bids at the Road Commission office, 325 W. James St., P.O. Box 156, Lawrence, MI 49064 until **11:00 AM on Tuesday, February 3, 2026**, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read as follows:

- Tree and Stump Removal Services; CR687 from CR376 South to CR372, Hartford/Bangor Townships

All bids must be in a sealed envelope and plainly marked as to the item bid upon and the name of the bidder. All unmarked bids and/or bids received after the submitted deadline may be rejected.

Detailed specifications and bidding forms may be obtained at the office of the Road Commission.

The Road Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities in the bidding, and to award the contract in any manner deemed to be in the best interest of the Van Buren County Road Commission.

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER
VAN BUREN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

TREE AND STUMP REMOVAL SERVICES

CR687 from CR376 South to CR372, Bangor/Hartford Townships

The Van Buren County Road Commission ("Road Commission") is accepting sealed bids for **TREE AND STUMP REMOVAL SERVICES** on CR687 in Bangor/Hartford Townships. Sealed bids must be received by **11:00 AM on Tuesday, February 3, 2026** at 325 West James Street, Post Office Box 156, Lawrence, Michigan 49064 at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Sealed bids must be submitted on the form provided by the Road Commission and shall be placed in a sealed envelope plainly marked "**Tree and Stump Removal Services, CR687**".

Specifications

1. Introduction:

The Road Commission is requesting sealed bids for the removal of all trees and stumps within the right-of-way along CR687 from CR376 South to CR372 in Bangor/Hartford Townships, a distance of approximately 2.5 miles. The intent of this project is to clear the right-of-way to support roadway improvements in 2026.

2. Statement of Work:

The work includes furnishing all labor, materials, equipment, and incidentals necessary to remove trees and stumps within the staked right-of-way. A location map is provided as an attachment.

The completion date for tree felling is April 15, 2026, with a total project completion date of June 1, 2026.

3. Work Scheduling / Miss Dig:

The selected contractor will be responsible for coordinating Miss Dig services. Work scheduling is contingent upon:

- Completion of utility marking;
- Staking of the right-of-way by Road Commission.

4. Specifications:

The successful bidder shall:

- A. Remove all trees and stumps within the marked right-of-way limits and/or coordinate tree removals with the Road Commission as it relates to property owners who wish to keep their wood.
- B. Supply all labor, equipment, materials, and supervision.

- C. Restore disturbed areas by filling stump holes and grading to match surrounding ground.
- D. Remove all wood, brush, chips, and debris from the site daily, unless burned on-site with a valid, signed disposal permit from an adjacent resident, and a valid burn permit, as may be required.
- E. Maintain orderly work zones with proper signage and barricades. Barricade the roadway between intersections during working hours; re-open for travel daily. Notify proper authorities of road closure, including, but not limited to Van Buren County Sheriff and local Fire Departments.
- F. Provide all required traffic control devices per applicable standards.
- G. Maintain a clean and safe roadway at the end of each workday.
- H. Comply with all safety, environmental, and fire regulations.
- I. Complete the project within the schedule established by the Road Commission.

5. **Insurance Requirements:**

The successful bidder hereby covenants and agrees to take use, provide and make all proper, necessary and sufficient precautions, safeguards and protection against the occurrence of happenings of any accident, injuries, damages, or hurt to person or property during the course of the work herein covered as its sole responsibility.

The successful bidder further covenants and agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Van Buren (a/k/a the Van Buren County Road Commission) and its agents, employees or servants from liability, including all claims and losses, and all related costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of investigation, litigation, settlement, judgments, interest and penalties), accruing or resulting to any person or entity that may be injured arising from said contracted services.

The successful bidder shall maintain, during the life of the contract, sufficient insurance to protect against all claims under Workers Compensation, Automobile Liability, and Professional Liability as follows:

- **Workers' Compensation** insurance with the Michigan statutory limits for all its employees assigned to perform services pursuant to the contract.
- **Automobile Liability** insurance on each vehicle owned, hired and/or non-owned while operating on the public highways during the life of this contract in the **minimum amount of \$1,000,000.00 Combined Single Limits.**
- **Professional Liability** insurance in the amount of not less than \$250,000 per occurrence.

The successful bidder shall be responsible for payment of all deductibles contained in any insurance required hereunder.

6. **Evidence of Insurance:**

The successful bidder shall provide to the Van Buren County Road Commission proof of insurance as follows:

\$2,000,000 General Liability, each occurrence;

OR

\$1,000,000 General Liability, each occurrence **AND** \$1,000,000 Umbrella Coverage, each occurrence

Insurance as set forth herein shall be in effect for a period of not less than the term of the contract, and shall provide evidence that it cannot be canceled without 10 days' advance written notice by certified mail with return receipt requested to the Managing Director of the Board.

In addition, the following language must appear in the "Additional Insured" area of the Insurance Certificate, without any changes or deviations from this specific language:

**"The Board of County Commissioners of Van Buren County,
The Board of County Road Commissioners of Van Buren County
(a/k/a the Van Buren County Road Commission)
and their officers and employees for claims arising out of, under,
or by reason of operations covered by the contract, as their interests may appear."**

and/or the successful bidder must provide the Additional Insured Endorsement of their current policy and provide a Form CG 20 37 for Additional Insured Completed Operations.

Bidder will be responsible for, and will procure all necessary permits, licenses and insurance required by the applicable governmental units, including, but not limited to permit to work in county right-of-way.

7. **Permit to Work in the County Road Right-of-Way:**

The successful Bidder will be responsible for and will procure all necessary permits, licenses, etc. as may be required by the applicable governmental units including, but not limited to a Permit to Work in the County Road Right-of-Way with the Road Commission.

8. **Title VI, Non-Discrimination:**

“The Van Buren County Road Commission, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 USC 2000d to 2000d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Federally assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of gender, disability, race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.”

9. The Road Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities in the bidding and to award the bid in any manner deemed to be in the best interest of the Road Commission.

PROPOSAL

Van Buren County Road Commission
325 W. James Street
Post Office Box 156
Lawrence, Michigan 49064

Gentlemen:

The undersigned hereby certifies that the information provided in this Proposal submitted to the Van Buren County Road Commission is accurate and complete, and that I am duly authorized to submit the same. I hereby certify that I have reviewed all documents and requirements as set forth in the Specifications, and accept their terms and conditions.

Tree and Stump Removal \$_____ (Lump Sum)

Hourly Rate for Additional Services (if required) \$_____/Hourly

Sign: _____

By: (Print Name) _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Date: _____

HARTFORD QUADRANGLE

MICHIGAN

7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

NW/4 HARTFORD 15' QUADRANGLE

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(BANGOR)

3768 1 SW
(MC DONALD)

568

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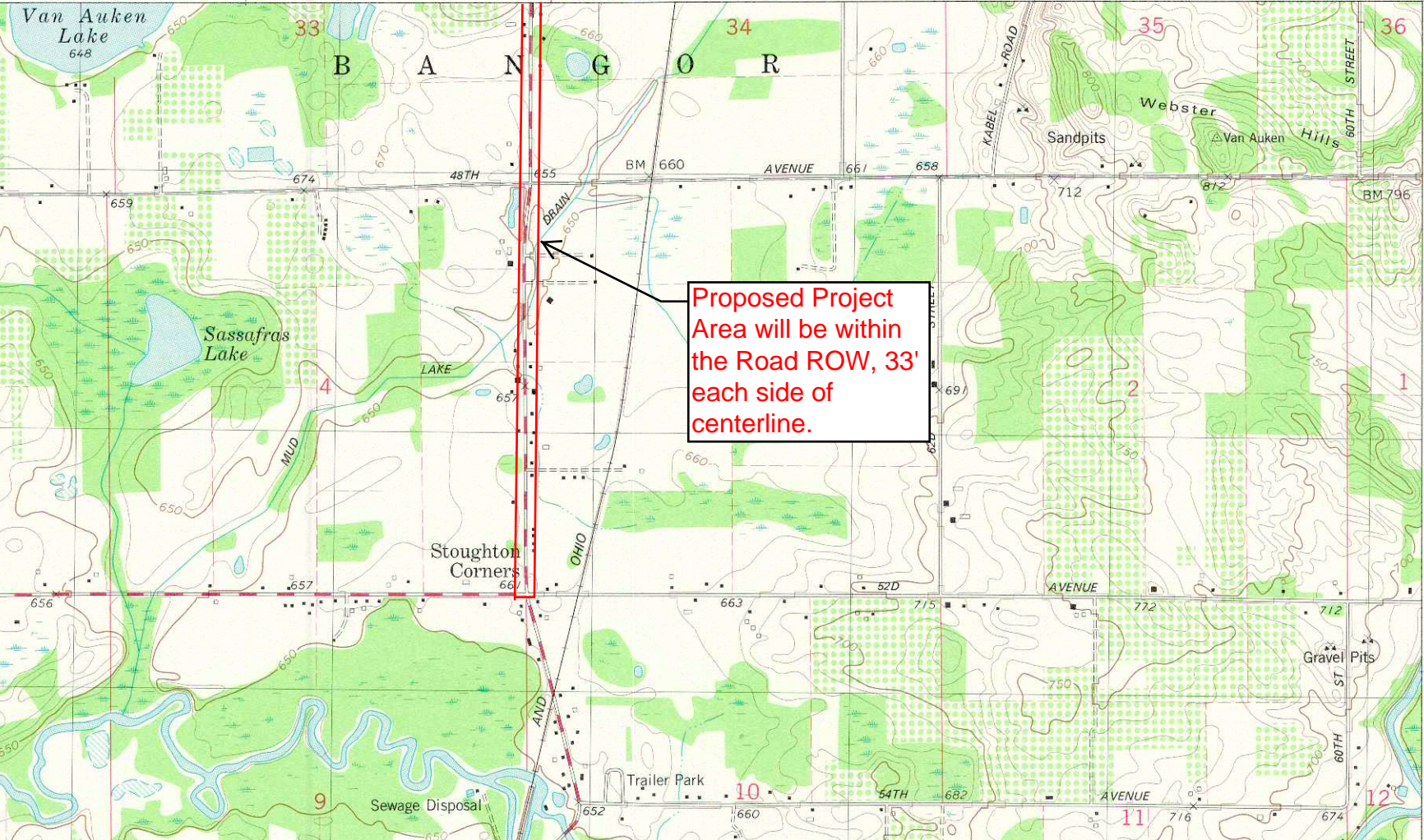
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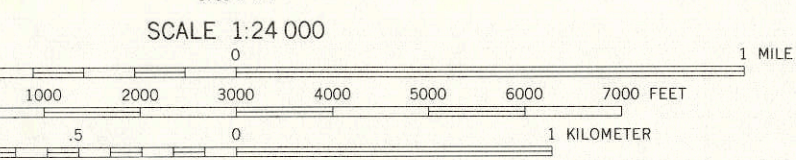
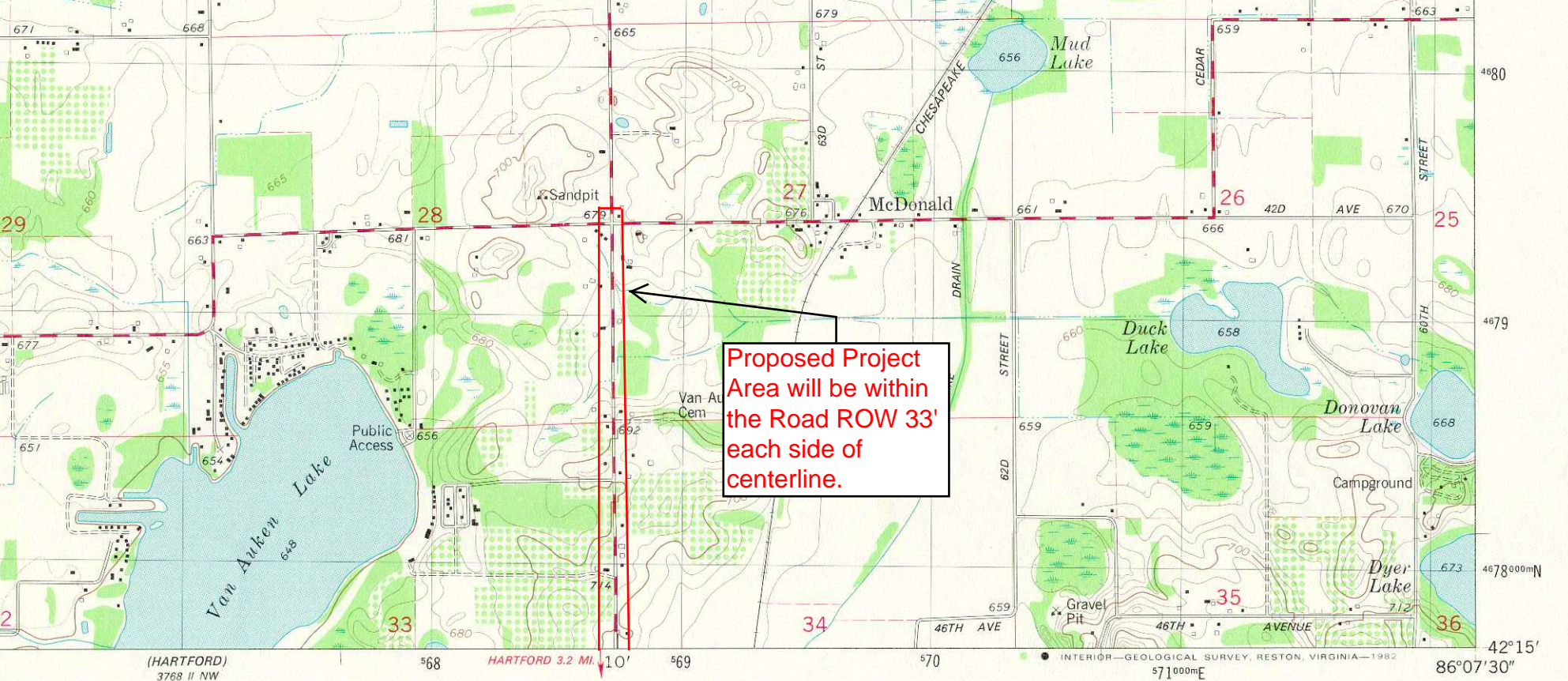
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Proposed Project
Area will be within
the Road ROW, 33'
each side of
centerline.



CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
 DOTTED LINES REPRESENT 5-FOOT CONTOURS
 NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929

MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
 BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092
 AND BY THE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY DIVISION
 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, LANSING, MICHIGAN 48909
 ADDITIONAL TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, hard surface	Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
Secondary highway, hard surface	Unimproved road
Interstate Route	U. S. Route
	State Route

MC DONALD, MICH.
 SW/4 BANGOR 15' QUADRANGLE
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