

Van Buren County Board of Road Commissioners

July 28, 2022 - Special Session

BE IT REMEMBERED: That on the 28th day of July, 2022 at 9:30 AM, E.D.T., the Board of County Road Commissioners for the County of Van Buren met in special session at the Road Commission Administrative Office in Lawrence, Michigan.

PRESENT: ABSENT: Road Commissioner Askew

Road Commissioners Boze, Burleson, and Kinney
Managing Director Dan Bishop
Highway Engineer Barry Anttila
Administrative Assistant-Board Secretary Jill Brien

GUESTS PRESENT:

County Commissioner Kurt Doroh

Board Secretary Brien called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM.

Commissioner Kinney nominated Commissioner Boze to serve as Chairman Pro Tem. Boze accepted the nomination. Motion by Burleson that nominations be closed, and that a unanimous ballot be cast for Boze. Motion seconded by Kinney.

AYES: 3
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1
MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Burleson seconded by Kinney to approve the Agenda.

AYES: 3
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1
MOTION CARRIED.

Boze opened the meeting to Public Comment. None was received.

Anttila led a discussion for the Board regarding an opportunity to fund “poor condition” bridges through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Bridge Improvement Program. The deadline for submission of a board-approved resolution pledging to provide 20% of the construction costs as matching funds, if approved, is Monday, August 1st. Upon recommendation by Anttila it was moved by Boze, seconded by Kinney to adopt the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE 20% CONSTRUCTION MATCH
FOR THE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT
BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
(2022-12)**

WHEREAS, the county road agencies of Michigan are responsible for 75% of the state’s roads and 52% of the bridges, all of which are vital to Michigan’s economic welfare and the safety of its residents and visitors; and,

WHEREAS, 59%, or over 3,300 bridges under county road agency control are in less than good conditions; and,

WHEREAS, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) provides funding for a bridge replacement, rehabilitation, preservation, protection and construction as part of the IIJA Bridge Improvement Program to modernize bridges and to make them safer for all users.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of County Road Commissioners of Van Buren County hereby pledge to provide 20% of the construction cost as matching funds for the replacement of the structure that carries 2nd Avenue over the Mentha Drain in Pine

Grove Township if Michigan receives an award from the IIJA Bridge Improvement Program fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the preliminary engineering costs and construction engineering costs will not be assessed against the county.

AYES: 3

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Motion by Kinney, seconded by Burleson to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 AM.

AYES: 3

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1

MOTION CARRIED.

Board Secretary

Board Chairman Per Tem