

The organizational meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Benzie County was called to order by Clerk Jordan at their offices in Honor, Michigan on Thursday, January 12, 2012 at 9:30 AM.

Present: Chairman Nuske  
Vice Chairman Griner  
Commissioner Rosa  
Manager/Engineer Roseman  
Superintendent Bowers  
Clerk Jordan

Election of chairman. - Nomination by Commissioner Griner and supported by Commissioner Rosa to nominate Commissioner Nuske as Chairman. Ayes: Nuske, Griner and Rosa. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Nuske assumes the chair

Election of Vice Chairman – Nomination by Commissioner Rosa and supported by Commissioner Nuske to nominate Commissioner Griner as Vice Chairman. Ayes: Nuske, Griner and Rosa. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Set meeting schedule – Motion by Nuske and supported by Griner to adopt the meeting schedule as presented. Ayes: Nuske, Griner and Rosa. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Griner supported by Rosa to approve the agenda as amended. Ayes: Nuske, Griner and Rosa. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of the regular meeting on December 22, 2011, were approved as presented.

Motion by Griner supported by Rosa to pay bills # 38900 to # 38942 for the amount of \$61,237.73. Ayes: Nuske, Griner and Rosa. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Rosa and supported by Griner to authorize the EFT payment for Brenner Oil for \$28,113.01. Ayes: Nuske, Griner and Rosa. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Rosa and supported by Griner to authorize the EFT payment for MERS for \$26,456.41. Ayes: Nuske, Griner and Rosa. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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**Superintendent's report** – Discussed winter comparison sheet. Tree work is mostly on the primary roads. We try to pick the worst trees in one area and then move to another area according to the equipment available. Snow fall so far this winter is 11.5" compared to 47.75" one year ago. We have had to go out mostly because of frost. We have been able to continue running the brush cutter while the weather stays nice. We could have a problem in the spring with the continued freeze/thaw cycles. Cherryland Electric is going to clear Bendon Rd back to 49' from the centerline. Cinder and St John's will also have some clearing done as a result of Cherryland Electric's work. This will help us out. We have our loader back. It looks brand new. They did a good job. The Bucket truck is in Reed City at Crossroads Chevrolet having the computer fixed.

**Public Input:** None

**Standing Guest** –Roland Halliday – County commissioner – the BOC did not take action on BCRC resolution. Renewable energy resolution is up for vote at the next meeting. Solid Waste management advisory committee needs members. They have 4 meetings per year. The Lighthouse expansion plans are being reviewed by the State Historic Preservation Office and include improvements to the road end. The Building Authority and architect do not agree on the architectural bill submitted for the Maples. There is an \$186,000 difference. The director of the Maples, Rose Coleman, resigned and a temporary replacement has been hired.

**New Business:**

**Road Ends/Parks and Recreation** –Commissioner Griner - At the Point Betsie road end, the Friends would like to put restrooms outside of the fence. However, there is limited room there due to the road right-of-way. The conservancy sign is to be removed on south side because the county owns a large area. Parks and Rec has been given the responsibility to manage the property. P & R and the Lighthouse Friends will meet. Old King road end – Griner would like to see some improvements done to this area. Parks and Rec may want to contact Fisheries and the Conservation Resource Alliance for assistance. One of the main concerns of the Parks and Rec committee this year will be road ends.

**Resolution 2012-01 – Bank Depositories** – Motion by Griner and supported by Rosa to approve Resolution 2012-01 Bank Depositories. Ayes: Nuske, Griner and Rosa. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Resolution 2012-02 – Electronic Transfer Transactions** – Motion by Rosa and supported by Griner to approve Resolution 2012 – 02 Electronic Transfer Transactions. Ayes: Nuske, Griner and Rosa. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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**Cell phone – CDL** – Management will develop a realistic policy that complies with the Federal and/or state laws that have been enacted recently.

**Mileage change** – Motion by Rosa and supported by Griner to change the standard mileage rate to \$ .555 per mile. Ayes: Nuske, Griner and Rosa. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Shantel Sellers response** – Roseman’s letter looks good. This is an MDOT matter.

**Aerial Photograph Contribution** – Motion by Griner and supported by Rosa to contribute \$520 to the Equalization for (leaf off) aerial photos. Ayes: Nuske, Griner and Rosa. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Highway Conference** - March 6-8 - Commissioners Nuske and Griner have expressed an interest in going.

**Letter for Legislative Reception** – Commissioners have invited Representative Franz and Senator Booher to the County Road Association Highway Legislative Conference in Lansing on March 7, 2011.

**Paul Bunyan meeting** – Commissioners Rosa and Nuske, Manager Roseman and Superintendent Bowers will attend the Paul Bunyan Council meeting on 2/17/12 at McGuire’s in Cadillac at 9:30 AM.

**Benzie Rural Task Force** meeting report-Grace Road will be done in 2012. Lindy Road from M-115 east and in the Village of Thompsonville will be done in 2015. We are looking into ways to use CMAC money. There are very limited uses for that money.

**Old Business:**

**Cole vs. BCRC** case update – Trial begins on 1/18 – 1/20/12.

**Correspondence:** None

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None

Meeting adjourned at 11:09 PM.

**MINUTES APPROVED 1/26/12**

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W. John Nuske, Chairman

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Kathleen A, Jordan, Clerk