

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Benzie County was called to order by Chairman Nuske at their offices in Honor, Michigan on Thursday, February 23, 2012 at 9:30 AM.

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

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 January 26, 2012 were approved as presented.

Motion by Griner supported by Rosa to pay bills # 38982 to # 39057 for the amount of \$114,345.41 and Payrolls 5, 6, 7 and 8 of 2012 for the amount of \$109,575.45. 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 the amount of \$65,878.40. Ayes: Nuske, Griner and Rosa. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Rosa and supported by Griner to authorize the EFT payment for MERS for the amount of \$26,026.34. Ayes: Nuske, Griner and Rosa. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Superintendent's report – Our snowfall is 44.5” compared to 90.5” at this time last year. We ran trucks 12 times since the last board meeting, including 2 Saturdays. Frost law questions come up daily. Usually they go on during the 1st week of March. There is not much frost in the ground. We usually coordinate Frost Laws with Leelanau County and MDOT. We'll see what happens with the temperatures and precipitation. Otherwise we are patching potholes, cutting trees and opening drains.

Public Input –Bill Eckhardt and Anne Hooghart, Manistee County Road Commissioners were in attendance. Bill would like the counties to share services in the future.

Standing Guest –Roland Halliday, County Commissioner- Council on Aging provides senior services and the Commission on Aging is the Board of Commissioners. There are discrepancies between the two which need to be corrected. Linda Wilson the County Treasurer is retiring in June. There are court issues between Manistee and Benzie Counties. Manistee found a little money

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and would like to give court employees a sum towards their health insurance. The Pt. Betsie Lighthouse plans are still being reviewed by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). The Maple's problems are ongoing.

New Business:

2011 - Act 51 Certification: Motion by Griner and supported by Rosa to certify the 2011 Act 51 Report with Chairman Nuske to sign. Ayes: Nuske, Griner and Rosa. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Michigan State Police Contract for Weight Restriction Patrol: Motion by Nuske and supported by Griner to forgo the contract with the Michigan State Police this year only. Ayes: Nuske, Griner. Abstain: Rosa. Motion carried.

TCO – Point Betsie Road No Parking: Motion by Rosa and supported by Griner to approve TCO #12-42-26-16-04 for a no parking area on Point Betsie Road. Ayes: Nuske, Griner and Rosa. Nays: None. Motion carried.

First Quarter Report from Ron Wohlford, CPA.

Homestead Township request for Clean-up Day: Motion by Rosa and supported by Griner to approve Homestead Township's request to use the Road Commission yard for their spring clean up on May 19th from 8:00 AM to 12:00 noon. . Ayes: Nuske, Griner and Rosa. Nays: None. Motion carried.

2011 Audit report from Anderson Tackman: Motion by Griner and supported by Rosa to accept the 2011 Audit Report performed by Phil Wolf of Anderson Tackman, Co. Ayes: Nuske, Griner and Rosa. Nays: None. Motion carried.

CRAM Ballot - Motion by Rosa and supported by Griner to cast a vote for Douglas Robidoux for the CRAM Board of Directors. Ayes: Nuske, Griner and Rosa. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There was discussion regarding our radio repeater on the WBNZ tower. There is no power to the tower at present. We will be taking the generator over this afternoon and hooking it up so that we have radio communications. We are looking into a battery backup system and having a separate meter installed so that this doesn't happen again.

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Manager's Contract: Motion by Griner and supported by Rosa to renew Ms. Roseman's contract for 1 year effective 4/1/12. Ayes: Nuske, Griner and Rosa. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Highway conference attendance - 4 are attending.

Correspondence: Conservation Resource Alliance booklet of Watershed Improvement Projects.

PUBLIC INPUT: Bill Eckhardt thanked us for the letting him and Anne Hooghart attend the meeting. He invited us to attend Manistee County Road Commission's meeting anytime, but to be sure to call first to verify the meeting time and date. They gave us some background on their experiences as Road Commissioners.

Meeting adjourned at 11:13 PM.

Minutes approved 3/15/2012

W. John Nuske, Chairman

Kathleen A, Jordan, Clerk