

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, March 15, 2012 at 9:30 AM.

Present: Chairman Nuske
Vice Chairman Griner
Commissioner Rosa
Superintendent Bowers
District Foreman Brad Schaub
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 February 26, 2012 were approved as presented.

Motion by Griner, supported by Rosa to pay bills #39058 to #39109 for the amount of \$65,915.33 and Payrolls # 9, 10 and 11 for \$93,785.04. Ayes: Nuske, Griner and Rosa. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Rosa, supported by Griner to authorize the EFT payment for MERS for the amount of \$ 26,086.33. Ayes: Nuske, Griner and Rosa. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Rosa, supported by Griner to authorize the EFT payment for Brenner Oil for the amount of \$54,234.17. Ayes: Nuske, Griner and Rosa. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Superintendent's report – We've had 67.5" of snow so far this year compared to 98" last year at this time. We received 18 " of wet, heavy snow during the storm at the garage but levels varied around the county. By 9:30 Sunday night all roads were open as long as there were no power lines blocking the way. Every road in the county has downed trees and limbs on it. We have rented an extra chipper for a month. The State has a crew in the county now cleaning up the state highways. Windshields, mirrors and fenders took a beating. Truck #330's transmission went out. This will cost about \$4,000 to replace. For the month of March 2011, we spent \$133,000. As of March 13th, we have spent \$113,000. We didn't use much material through the storm. There probably isn't any federal aid coming but we are going to submit an invoice to Gene Mayo. Commissioner Griner asked if there was anything we would do differently if this happened again. Jim thought that all agencies worked well together and that communications were good. Brad said that the only thing he thought we could improve on would be to have more employees out there. Everyone pitched in and gave their all. There was only one serious injury. Benzie was hardest hit of surrounding counties Frost laws were put on March 8th and removed today.

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Public Input:: Jim Gillison – The Road Commission should have a crash cart. Low hanging trees are a problem right now. We should bring in more help to clean up.

Standing Guest –.Roland Halliday, County Commissioner –. County construction costs are up but permits are down. Permits were about half of what they were in 2001. The county purchased a new ambulance for \$169,000. The Maple's problems continue. There are vacancies on their board and the chairperson is stepping down. Interviews are ongoing. Pt. Betsie made the cover of *Lighthouse Digest*. The County Commissioners commended the Road Commission for an outstanding job during the storm of March 2-3.

New Business:

10:00 Bid Openings - Motion by Griner and supported Rosa to accept all bids have management analyze bids and make recommendations to the board at the next regular meeting. Ayes: Nuske, Griner and Rosa. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Griner and supported by Rosa to award the Cold Patch Bid to Saginaw Asphalt. Ayes: Nuske, Griner, Rosa. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Rosa and supported by Griner to award 2NS Sand bid to Al Brown for at least 2500 yards. Ayes: Nuske, Griner, Rosa. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Griner and supported by Rosa to award the 22A Gravel bid to Elmers. Ayes: Nuske, Griner, Rosa. Nays: None. Motion carried.

MCRCSIP – MCRCSIP is soliciting resumes or letters of candidacy for the Board of Directors of the pool.

Rory Heckman, Sheriff showed the Board a certificate of recognition that he would like to present to the employees. He will be back this afternoon to speak to the crew personally.

Commissioner Griner – Highway Conference report – Kirt Stuedle had a presentation. There was not much new in it. Road funding will probably not be addressed until the lame duck session.

Letter from Marc & Shelly Florian requesting vacation of a portion of Long Road.- The Florian's would like a small portion of Long Rd vacated on the north side of the Betsie River. The bridge over the river was removed several years ago. They would like this portion of the road vacated and deeded to them. The Board had several

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questions that need to be answered before we can proceed. The staff will research the files for the next meeting.

Comm Griner commends Jim Bowers for stepping up in the absence of the Manager.

Comm Nuske would like to provide lunch for the crew after the meeting on 3/29.

Old Business:**Correspondence:**

PUBLIC INPUT: Jim Gillison – His licensing fees have more than doubled in the last few years. He would like the Road Commission to hire private contractors to help with the tree cleanup. They could do a mile of road very quickly. He would like to be on a list of contractors willing to do this sort of work. Limbs and trees are in the way, damaging his equipment. Damage to his equipment is a big deal. He would like to send his repair bills to us.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm

Minutes approved 3/29/12

W. John Nuske, Chairman

Kathleen A, Jordan, Clerk