

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 29, 2012 at 9:30 AM.

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

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

The minutes of the regular meeting on March 15, 2012 were approved as presented.

Motion by Griner and supported by Rosa to pay bills # 39110 to # 39143 for the amount of \$175,488.21 and Payrolls 12 and 13 for \$48,784.22. Ayes: Nuske, Griner and Rosa. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Rosa supported by Nuske to authorize the EFT payment for Brenner Oil for the amount of \$9,276.58. Ayes: Nuske, Griner and Rosa. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Superintendent's report:** Manager Roseman – Maintenance update. No additional snowfall since the last meeting. The night crew and seasonals will be done on Friday. Tree work will continue until the end of April. We are using the chipper in some places, hauling wood from some areas and the brushcutter is also helping out. No hot mix until May so we will have to settle for cold patch fixes. No liquid for Maxx Patcher is available until mid April. We are floating gravel roads. State tree crews have come and gone. The spring ride around with MDOT is April 16. We will start sand pickup next week. Brining usually begins the first week of May.

**Public Input:** None

**Standing Guest** – Tom Kelly, County Commissioner – The County is still looking into issues with council on aging. The council needs better management. Maples-Marcia Stobie is working with the Architect.

**New Business:**

**Meeting change** - Motion by Griner and supported by Nuske to change the May meetings to May 17 and 31. Ayes: Nuske, Griner and Rosa. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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**10:00 AM - Schumde Oil** – Andy Caldwell, David Kelly from Schumde Oil and Mike Barker from DuBar Drilling Fluids were here to discuss drilling a new oil well for a Dundee Test in the Nessen Pit. There is speculation that there may be oil on the other side of an identified fault line. If this well does not produce, there will be no more wells in the Nessen Pit. The gas wells are not producing enough to be economical and are ‘shut in’. Mike Barker explained that the mud pits contain the same materials that water well drillers use – clay, sand and fresh water. The water is extracted prior to burying the pit.

Motion by Rosa and supported by Griner to approve the Surface Use Agreement with Schumde Oil to drill a well in the Nessen Pit at the agreed upon location. Ayes: Nuske, Griner and Rosa. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Employee health Insurance contribution/worker’s comp** – Motion by Nuske and supported by Rosa to amend Policy #309 and add a section to waive required employee health insurance contributions for an employee who is off work for a work related injury and receiving Worker’s Compensation. The waiver is subject to review if the employee is on Worker’s Compensation for 6 months or more. Ayes: Nuske, Griner and Rosa. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Resolutions - Critical Bridge Funding Applications-**

**RESOLUTION #2012 – 03 SUPPORT FOR THE HAZE ROAD BRIDGE APPLICATION FOR CRITICAL BRIDGE FUNDS**

The following resolution was presented by Commissioner Griner and supported by Commissioner Rosa:

WHEREAS, the Haze Road Bridge that crosses the Betsie River is severely deteriorated and it is under capacity by design. The bridge was closed to traffic on September 18 2008,

WHEREAS, given the current condition of the bridge, extensive maintenance and repair of the existing structure is not an efficient use of public funds,

WHEREAS, this bridge spans the Betsie River, a Natural Beauty River, and the deterioration of the bridge and supports detracts from the beauty of the river and surrounding area,

WHEREAS, emergency vehicles must presently use a detour that doubles response time to this area,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Benzie County Board of Road Commissioners supports this application for Critical Bridge Funds to replace the present structure and to eliminate the soil erosion problems at the Betsie River.

Ayes: Commissioners Nuske, Rosa and Griner. Nays: None.

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**RESOLUTION #2012 – 04 - SUPPORT FOR NOSTWICK RD BRIDGE APPLICATION FOR CRITICAL BRIDGE FUNDS**

The following resolution was presented by Commissioner Griner and supported by Commissioner Rosa:

WHEREAS, the Nostwick Road Bridge that crosses the Betsie River is severely deteriorated and it is under capacity by design. The weight limit is now posted at a twenty five ton limit,

WHEREAS, given the current condition of the bridge, extensive maintenance and repair of the existing structure is not an efficient use of public funds,

WHEREAS, this bridge spans the Betsie River, a Natural Beauty River, and the deterioration of the bridge and supports detracts from the beauty of the river and surrounding area,

WHEREAS, this is a dead end road and residents and emergency vehicles do not have a detour route available to them.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Benzie County Board of Road Commissioners supports this application for Critical Bridge Funds to replace the present structure and to eliminate the soil erosion problems at the Betsie River.

Ayes: Commissioners Nuske, Rosa and Griner. Nays: None.

**RESOLUTION #2012 – 05 - SUPPORT FOR REYNOLDS RD BRIDGE APPLICATION FOR CRITICAL BRIDGE FUNDS**

The following resolution was presented by Commissioner Griner and supported by Commissioner Rosa:

WHEREAS, the Reynolds Road Bridge that crosses the Betsie River is severely deteriorated and it is under capacity by design. The weight limit is now posted at a five ton limit,

WHEREAS, given the current condition of the bridge, extensive maintenance and repair of the existing structure is not an efficient use of public funds,

WHEREAS, this bridge spans the Betsie River, a Natural Beauty River, and the deterioration of the bridge and supports detracts from the beauty of the river and surrounding area,

WHEREAS, emergency vehicles must presently use a detour that doubles response time to this area,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Benzie County Board of Road Commissioners supports this application for Critical Bridge Funds to replace the present structure and to eliminate the soil erosion problems at the Betsie River.

Ayes: Commissioners Nuske, Rosa and Griner. Nays: None.

**Encroachment permit for a drain field at 6187 Crystal Ave.** .Motion by Griner and supported by Rosa to approve the permit for 6187 Crystal Ave. Ayes: Nuske, Griner and Rosa. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**CRAM Updates** - Motion by Nuske and supported by Griner to approve CRAM bylaw changes as presented. Ayes: Nuske, Griner and Rosa. Nays: None.

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Motion carried.

**44<sup>th</sup> Road Commissioners' Conference** – April 15-17. The Commissioners are not able to attend.

**Old Business:**

**Material Bid Awards** - Motion by Griner and supported by Rosa to reject all bids for the Gravel Haul and Tree Removal. Ayes: Nuske, Griner and Rosa. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Aggregate Stone: Motion by Rosa, supported by Griner, to award the bid for Aggregate stone to all bidders. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Bituminous Asphalt – Motion by Rosa, supported by Griner, to award the bid for Bituminous Asphalt to all bidders. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Brine - Motion by Griner, supported by Nuske, to award the bid for Brine to White Truck Line. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Blades - Motion by Rosa, supported by Griner, to award the bid for 72" Blades to Michigan Cat. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Blades - Motion by Rosa, supported by Griner, to award the bid for 108" Blades to Truck and Trailer Specialties. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

CMP/CPP - Motion by Rosa, supported by Griner, to award the bid for CMP/CPP to all bidders. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Cold Patch – Bid was awarded to Saginaw Asphalt at the last meeting.

Asphalt Emulsion - Motion by Nuske, supported by Rosa, to award the bid for Asphalt Emulsion to Bit Mat. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Fuel - Motion by Nuske, supported by Griner, to award the bid for Fuel to Brenner Oil. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Gravel – 22A – Bid was awarded to Elmer's at the last meeting.

Guardrail - Motion by Rosa, supported by Griner, to award the bid for Guardrail to J & J Contracting. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Pavement Markings – Motion by Rosa, supported by Griner, to award the bid to P.K. Contracting. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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Rip Rap Stone - Motion by Rosa, supported by Griner, to award the bid for Rip Rap Stone to all bidders. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.  
2NS Winter Sand – Bid was awarded to Al's Gravel at the last meeting.

Specialty culverts for Landis Road and Stanley Road - Motion by Rosa, supported by Griner, to award the bid for specialty culverts to Contech. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried

Reynolds Road Timber Bridge (materials only) - Motion by Rosa, supported by Griner, to award the bid for the Timber Bridge on Reynolds Road to Krenn Bridge. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried

**Long Road abandonment request-** Tabled until April 12 meeting.

**Correspondence:**

- \* Letter from Dennis Thorpe re: Burnt Mill & CR610 – Realignment is scheduled for this year.
- \* Letter from NPS re: Support for surface and shoulder improvements on Deadstream Road.
- \* Letter of appreciation from Cherryland Electric re: Storm
- \* Thank you from Frankfort Elberta Chamber of Commerce for entry in the Shiver by the River parade.
- \* Letter re: CR 610 - No action taken.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM.

Minutes approved 4/12/12

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W. John Nuske, Chairman

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Kathleen A, Jordan, Clerk