

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, April 12, 2012 at 9:30 AM.

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

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

The minutes of the regular meeting on March 29, 2012 were approved as presented.

Motion by Griner and supported by Rosa to pay bills # 39144 to # 39173 for the amount of \$28,019.80 and Payroll - \$40,538.15. 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 \$37,127.36. 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 \$26,216.35. Ayes: Nuske, Griner and Rosa. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Superintendent's report – We are making progress on the storm cleanup on the primary roads. The rental chipper went back to Morbark. The brushcutter is working ahead of the tree crew. We are hauling trees and limbs to the pit instead of chipping them on the spot. We need to order 6' blades, but will not be ordering wing blades this year. The sand pickup is complete on state. 5,000 yards of winter sand has been made in the pit. Hot oil for the Maxx patcher is coming today. We are getting gravel roads ready for brining. We may be able to clay gravel roads later on. We are setting up the pull behind mower and are working on buying another.

Public Input*: None

Standing Guest – Roland Halliday, County Commissioner – Pt Betsie Lighthouse – A company is coming in to service the Fresnel Lens. The Coast Guard owns it and it needs to be serviced on a regular basis with a cost of about \$1500. They are working on a policy for the

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releasing of human remains within the Lighthouse property. The driveway surfacing is still in process. They want to rebuild the gift shop in future which will take some fundraising.

An ongoing issue at the county is the wages for EMS employees – Currently there are 2 pay tiers. In a survey, they are paid comparable to surrounding units and their benefits are better.

New Business:

Manager Roseman – 2012 projects- Roseman suggested the following:

- Joyfield Rd. chip seal – Prepare it for 2013
- Grace Rd. – Forrester to M-22 – Pull the project for this year and re-advertise in December for 2013 letting
- Centerline striping on the primary roads should continue as usual this year
- Bridge inspections are due in September. She will get proposals. Load ratings need to be done by the end of the year.
- Cole Case - Commissioner Rosa will attend the hearing on May 3 & 4
- Platte River Watershed projects
 - Reynolds Road Timber Bridge will proceed. Construction needs to be bid out. KPM Engineering and the CRA will be able to oversee this project.
 - Stanley Rd and Landis Rd culverts - We need to give these crossings some thought but we should be able to do the construction of these crossing ourselves this year.
- The land swap with the DNR property at the Reynolds Rd Bridge project and the Day Park on Wolf Road is still in progress.
- Recommends that we place a 1” (one inch) cap on CR 610 from the Lake Ann Village limits for approximately 1 mile to the east at an estimated cost of \$55,000.
- Recommends that Deadstream be wedged from Indian Hill to the Deadstream crossing at an estimated cost of \$55,000
- Herron Rd – We will prepare an estimate for placing a 1” cap on this road for 2012
- Warren Hill-north side – We prepared an estimate last year and will have this project ready to go for 2012 as well.

4 – 10 hour days schedule -There was discussion on the possibility of working 4-10 hour days this summer. No action taken.

Grace Rd end @ Lake Michigan/Gilmore Township – Motion by Rosa and supported by Griner to assist Gilmore Township with their project at the west end of Grace Road. We will remove some of the poison ivy, remove the guardrail and replace 5 panels of guardrail. Ayes: Nuske, Griner and Rosa. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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Speed Limit request – Harwood Rd. Motion by Rosa and supported by Griner to table this request until contact can be made with the initiating party. Ayes: Nuske, Griner and Rosa. Nays: None. Motion carried.

ASMRC Conference-June 18-20, 2012 in Manistee. No one will be attending the Southern meeting.

Manager's resignation: Motion by Nuske and supported by Rosa to regretfully accept Ms. Roseman's resignation effective May 8, 2012. Ayes: Nuske, Griner and Rosa. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Superintendent's resignation: Motion by Nuske and supported by Griner to regretfully accept Jim Bower's resignation effective April 30, 2012. Ayes: Nuske, Griner and Rosa. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Long Road Abandonment – The Manager will send a letter to the requesting party with information regarding the procedure for road abandonment. The commissioners did not make a motion regarding this request. However, they are not interested in abandoning road ends that access bodies of water.

Correspondence: None

Public Input* - None

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM.

Minutes approved 4/26/12

W. John Nuske, Chairman

Kathleen A, Jordan, Clerk