

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, May 17, 2012 at 9:30 AM.

Present: Chairman Nuske
Vice Chairman Griner
Commissioner Rosa
Manager/Engineer Roseman
District Foreman 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 April 26, 2012 were approved as presented. Special meeting minutes of 4/30, 5/7, and 5/8/12 were approved as presented.

Motion by Griner supported by Rosa to pay bills # 39208 to # 39253 for the amount of \$100,523.25 and Payrolls 18, 19 & 20 for \$70,896.03. 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 \$28,757.84. Ayes: Nuske, Griner and Rosa. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Rosa and supported by Griner to authorize the EFT payment for MERS in the amount of \$26,054.85. Ayes: Nuske, Griner and Rosa. Nays: None. Motion carried.

District Foreman's report – A 4 person tree crew is out every day on the primary roads. Tree cleanup is 75-80% complete on primary. Also, we are using the boom mower in heavy areas. Pothole patchers are out every day. We are repairing a washout on M-115/Dair Hill with the Maxx patcher. Pollution Control cleaned catch basins and floor drains. GRT did the annual testing of remediation wells. There was only a trace of product left. Plow damaged curbs and steps are being fixed on M-22 in the Village of Elberta. We will begin mowing soon.

Public Input: Jack Richter-Grass Lake Campground-We brined Reynolds and Dam Site roads yesterday, but did not grade Dam Site before brining. He wanted to be sure that it would be graded before the next brining.

Standing Guest – Roland Halliday-Commission on Aging will ask for .66 mils for 5 years. This will generate about \$709,000 for the 1st year. Seniors want more concise programs. The new director for the Council on Aging is Kay Bond previously with BACN. A new service contract with the Council will be in place soon and runs until 12/31/12. Sixteen architects have shown interest in the Maples expansion project. Four will be selected to be interviewed. Pt. Betsie Lighthouse-They will be putting in a driveway in two phases.

New Business

10:00 – **Reynolds Road Bridge Bid Opening**- Motion by Griner and supported by Rosa to accept all bids and to have KPM Engineering and CRA evaluate the

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bids and bring their recommendation to the meeting on May 31. Ayes: Nuske, Griner and Rosa. Nays: None. Motion carried.

10:30 – **Achille Souvatzidis** – Re: Black Bridge, Haze Rd in Weldon Township. This bridge was closed to traffic with guardrail at both ends in 2008 due to the advanced deterioration of primary structural elements. Mr. Souvatzidis would like us to put a gate on the bridge and give only a few people keys so that they can have access across the bridge. EMS has to take a longer route to get to residents especially on Partridge Trail. GPS and Google maps do not show that the bridge is closed, so people are having trouble getting to Partridge Trail. Manager Roseman explained that the 112 year old bridge is unsafe for vehicular traffic. She has applied for funding from the Critical Bridge Fund, Conservation Resource Alliance, the USDA, to name a few, since 1998. Mr. Souvatzidis is up to the challenge to look for funding for a new bridge or a decommissioned bridge. Vicki Oseland, another resident on Partridge Trail, would like detour signs for emergency vehicles. No action was taken by the board on either request.

Budget Amendments: Motion by Nuske and supported by Griner to accept the amendments to the budget. Ayes: Nuske, Griner and Rosa. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Old Business:

4-10 hour days-Motion by Nuske and supported by Rosa to go to a 4 day-10 hour workweek, including the office staff, beginning on Monday, June 4 through Thursday, August 30, 2012. Hours of operation will be 6:00 AM – 4:30 PM. Ayes: Nuske, Griner and Rosa. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

Notice from Schmude Oil re: DNRE permit application to drill in Nessen Pit.

Retirement Open House for Linda Wilson – May 31 from 2:00-4:00.

Crystal Lake Boat Launch dedication - June 7 at 1:00 PM (need to RVSP) Roger will attend.

Public Input: Jack Richter-Bridges and funding are an age old problem.

Meeting adjourned at 11:27 AM.

W. John Nuske, Chairman

Kathleen A, Jordan, Clerk