

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 31, 2012 at 9:30 AM

Present: Chairman Nuske
Vice Chairman Griner
Commissioner Rosa
Manager/Engineer Jamison
Superintendent Schaub
Clerk Jordan

Motion by Rosa and supported by Griner to approve the agenda as amended adding Nessen Road, Parks and Recreation report from Griner and an update on the Cole Case from Rosa. Ayes: Nuske, Griner, Rosa. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of the regular meeting on May 17, 2012 were approved as presented.

Motion by Griner and supported by Rosa to pay bills # 39254 to #39292 for the amount of \$52,856.38 and Payroll - \$37,652.22. 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 \$30,228.75. Ayes: Nuske, Griner and Rosa. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Superintendent's report – Tree cleanup on the county primary roads is about 80% completed. We will look into having a company come in and chip all of it. M-22 curb and step repair is ongoing in Elberta. We still have a little more to do on M-115/Dair Hill. We are using new stone, H 1 Blue, with our Maxx Patcher. It is working very well and is not as dusty. We repaired guardrail on US-31 at Veterans Park and M-22 by the north county line. The brine project is about 50% completed. There have been several setbacks by the contractor due to equipment breakdowns. We are mowing around Crystal and Platte Lakes and the broom is out sweeping intersections and some problem areas. There is an infrared patch machine that we can use free for one day.

Public Input* - Billie Clark, candidate for Probate Judge

Standing Guest – Roland Halliday, County Commissioner updated the board on the Brownfield Development Authority, the Maples, fire alarm installation at the Government Center.

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Reynolds Road Bridge Bid - Motion by Griner and supported by Rosa to accept the bid from Elmers for the installation of the Reynolds Road Bridge over the Platte River for \$280,616.13. Engineer/Manager Jamison is authorized to sign. Ayes: Nuske, Griner and Rosa. Nays: None. Motion carried.

MDOT Engineering Reimbursement - Motion by Rosa and supported by Griner to apply for the MDOT Engineering Reimbursement. Ayes: Nuske, Griner and Rosa. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Personnel Changes and issues: Motion by Nuske and supported by Rosa to confirm the manager's appointment of Brad Schaub as Superintendent. Griner added that Brad attend road commission meetings whenever possible. Ayes: Nuske, Griner and Rosa. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Jamison and Schaub would like to be able to hire truck drivers as positions become vacated through retirement. They would also like to add one more seasonal driver. The board agreed that the positions should be filled as needed. Also discussed was the possibility of changing how we cover night and weekend patrol.

Old Business:

-Nessen Road hill - The Nessen Road hill is chattery and needs some work. Comm Griner would like us to improve it.

-Parks and Rec Committee - Comm Griner brought the board up to date on Point Betsie and their wish list for the Pt. Betsie property, the Crystal Lake Boat Launch dedication.

-The Board sponsored Employee Cookout will be on Thursday, August 23.

Motion by Griner and supported by Rosa to change the start time of the August 23, 2012 meeting to 8:30 AM. Ayes: Nuske, Griner and Rosa. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Comm Rosa updated the board on the Cole vs Benzie County court case.

Public Input* - None

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM.

Minutes approved 6/14/12

W. John Nuske, Chairman

Kathleen A, Jordan, Clerk