

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Benzie County was called to order by Chairman Nuske at the Road Commission offices in Honor, Michigan on Thursday, December 19, 2013 at 9:30 AM.

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

Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Rosa to amend the agenda adding Cedar Run Rd project. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of the regular meeting on November 27, 2013 were accepted as presented.

Motion by Comm Rosa supported by Comm Mick to pay bills # 40699 to # 40751 for the amount of \$ 76,483.39 and Payrolls 49, 50, 50A, 51 for \$ 94,707.21. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Rosa to authorize the EFT payment for Brenner Oil for the amount of \$ 64,673.09 and the upcoming Brenner Oil invoice for fuel ordered today. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Rosa to authorize the EFT payment for MERS the amount of \$ 28,804.23. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Superintendent's report - Brad Schaub – We've had quite a bit of snow for several days in a row. The crews are cleaning up their routes today.

Public Input: Chuck Brumbaugh from Gosling Czubak thanked the board for working with them this year and introduced Jeff Kowalski who will replace Chuck who is retiring.

Standing Guest: None

New Business:

Cedar Run Rd – Manager would like to advertise this project at the same time as MDOT advertises Lake Ann Rd/Cedar Run project so that the projects may be bid and built together.

Resolutions # 2013-12 - MDOT contract for Lake Ann Rd - Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Nuske to adopt the resolution authorizing Chairman Nuske and Manager Jamison to sign. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Resolution adopted.

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Resolution # 2013-13 - MDOT contract for preliminary engineering for Indian Hill Safety Project - Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Nuske to adopt the resolution authorizing Chairman Nuske and Manager Jamison to sign. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Resolution adopted.

Resolution # 2013-14 - MDOT contract for preliminary engineering for Maple City Hwy (CR 669) Safety Project - Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Nuske to adopt the resolution authorizing Chairman Nuske and Manager Jamison to sign. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Resolution adopted.

Resolution # 2013-15 - MDOT contract for preliminary engineering for Intersection Sign Upgrades Safety Project - Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Nuske to adopt the resolution authorizing Chairman Nuske and Manager Jamison to sign. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Resolution adopted.

10:00 - Public Hearing-Covey Road - Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Nuske to enter into the Public Hearing at 10:00 AM. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Comm Nuske read aloud one letter received from Michelle Thompson in favor of the designation of Covey Rd.

Doug Holmes of Frankfort is opposed to the designation. His research showed that after roads were designated, people wanted the designation removed. He cited safety concerns and that increased traffic would not be good.

Tammy May of Frankfort asked if the designation would stop development. Brad explained that the designation would constrict what the Road Commission could do with the road and shoulders but would not stop development.

Rod Moore, 10250 Covey Rd is opposed to the designation. The road is fine as it is. He has lived there for over 35 years and may want to develop some of his 137 acres at some point in the future.

Sarah Moore, 10501 Covey Rd is opposed to the designation.

Tammy May is opposed to the designation.

There was no one present in favor of the Natural Beauty Road designation for Covey Rd.

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to close the public hearing at 10:12 AM. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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Comm Nuske saw no reason to wait the 30 days allotted by the law to make a decision and doubts that any good would be served by this designation. Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Rosa to deny the request to designate Covey Rd as a Natural Beauty Road. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Health Insurance taxes and fees – Motion by Comm Nuske supported by Comm Mick to include the increases to health insurance in the 20% employee contribution, as allowed effective 1/1/14. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

IRS Standard Mileage Rate change-Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Rosa to adopt the IRS mileage recommendation to \$0.56 per mile. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Traffic Safety Training for Elected/Appointed Officials-January 29, Cadillac-Ted may attend.

Set first meeting date for January 2014 – Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Mick to set the first meeting of 2014 on January 16th at 9:30 AM. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Michigan State Police - Contract for patrol during Spring Weight Restrictions – Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Rosa to contract with the Michigan State Police Weighmaster for spring weight restriction patrolling. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Lindy Road - Village of Thompsonville – Manager can assist the village with an RFP for the design of Lindy Rd to secure 2014 obligation of Rural Task Force dollars.

Unused vacation – Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Rosa that due work load issues, to allow a one-time payout for unused vacation for 3 employees, but that this does not set a precedent for the future. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

County Engineers Conference – Feb 11, 12 and 13th –Manager will attend.

Correspondence/Information:

Cole vs Benzie Co update – Evidentiary hearing on Jan 24, 2014 at 2:00 PM

DEQ letter to Team Services – Letter to Team to close out testing and Team will no longer brine in Michigan.

Letter from Gilmore Township - RE: Short end of Grace Road. The township is asking that the short end of Grace Rd. get nighttime plowing. Manager will respond and explain our night primary snowplowing parameters.

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Old Business: None

Public Input: None

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.

W. John Nuske, Chairman

Kathleen A, Jordan, Clerk