

The organizational meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Benzie County was called to order by Clerk Jordan at the Road Commission offices in Honor, Michigan on Thursday, January 16, 2014 at 9:30 AM.

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

**Nominations for Chairman of the Board.** Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to nominate Comm Nuske as Chairman. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Meeting was turned over to Chairman Nuske.

**Election of Vice Chairman** - Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Mick to nominate Comm Rosa as Vice Chairman. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Set 2014 Meeting Schedule** - Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Mick to adopt the 2014 meeting schedule as presented with meetings on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 9:30 AM at the Road Commission office, with exceptions noted or by the vote of the Board. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Resolution 2014-01** - Bank Depositories - Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Nuske to adopt resolution 2014-01 - Bank Depositories. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Resolution 2014-02** - ACH Electronic Transfer Transactions - Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Rosa to adopt Resolution 2014-02 - ACH Electronic Transfer Transactions. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Close Organizational meeting and open Regular meeting at 9:35 AM.

Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Rosa to amend the agenda adding the purchase of sand and a request from Northern Tree Service, move the Closed Session to 10:15 and Comm Rosa has a report on the Village of Honor. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of the regular meeting on December 19, 2013 were accepted as presented.

Motion by Comm Mick supported by Comm Rosa to pay bills # 40752 to # 40798 for the amount of \$ 76,046.37 and Payrolls 52-13, 01-14, 02-14, 03-14 for \$115,293.92. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to authorize the EFT payment for Brenner Oil for the amount of \$ 92,418.86. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to authorize the EFT payment for MERS the amount of \$ 28,966.34. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Superintendent's report - Brad Schaub – There has been alot of snow this year. Snowfall to date is 104". There have been several snow related damage complaints. We need to order more sand.

**Public Input:** None

**Standing Guest:** None

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Nuske to enter into closed session for Cole v Benzie County et al, to discuss pending litigation with Attorney Bill Henn per the Open Meetings Act, to have this discussion in open session would be detrimental to the welfare of the Benzie County Road Commission. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Re-enter the regular meeting at 10:47 AM.

**New Business:**

**Sand** – We have taken quotes for winter sand to be hauled in. The lowest price for 1,500 yards is about \$8.50 per yard. We used 500 yards of sand on Saturday 1/11/14 to combat the ice problem on local roads.

**Northern Tree Service** – Would like to cut dead trees in the ROW at no cost to the Road Commission. They will need a ROW permit and Insurance to hold the Road Commission harmless. Board agrees to waive permit fees.

**Village of Honor** – Comm Rosa updated the Board on the Village of Honor reduced sewer rates and their aging snowplow truck.

**Certification Maps** – Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to accept the Certification Maps and authorize Chairman Nuske to sign. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Correspondence/Information:**

**Lake Ann Rd bids** - Elmers was the low bidder with 5% above engineer's estimate.

**Chip Seal bids for 2/13/14** - The chip seal and wedging projects for this upcoming season will be bid out for informational purposes.

**Local Rural Task Force** meeting set for 1/30/14 - Benzie's task force meeting needs to be held prior to the 3-county Rural Task Force.

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**National Park Service** - Hazard Tree Management Plan comment request. Manager Jamison will prepare a response.

**Assistance on Private Roads** – The Board concurs with Michigan County Road Commission Self Insurance Pool to refrain from assisting on private roads.

**Public Input:**

Meeting adjourned at 11:36 AM.

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W. John Nuske, Chairman

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Kathleen A, Jordan, Clerk