

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, March 27, 2014 at 9:30 AM.

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

Motion by Mick and supported by Rosa to approve the agenda as amended adding letter of support for County Planning grant application and add closed session for the Administration rules as it pertains to upcoming union negotiations. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of the regular meeting on February 27, 2014 were approved as presented.

Motion by Comm Rosa supported by Comm Mick to pay bills # 40911 to # 40976 for the amount of \$ 198,761.99 and Payrolls 10, 11, 12 and 13-14 for \$ 104,279.69. 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 \$ 54,916.27. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to authorize the EFT for MERS for \$28,925.45. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Superintendent's report - Brad Schaub. See Work Summary.

**Public Input:** Mark Wareham, Happy Harry's Maintenance - He will provide a performance bond if necessary for tree work in the county. Ron Evitts, Colfax Township Supervisor - The Snowbird's groomer is using the Reynolds Rd bridge (Woirel Bridge), which is rated at 5 ton loads. The groomer is much heavier than 5 tons. They are also pulling plowed snow back into the road for snowmobiles. He would like this practice stopped. He had a conversation with a very concerned employee(s?) that we haven't had a safety meeting in several months.

**Standing Guest:** Glen Rineer, County Commissioner - Brought the board up to date on the county's happenings.

**New Business:**

**10:00 AM- Material bids** - Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Mick to accept all bids. After review and recommendations from the Manager, bids will be awarded on April 10, 2014. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried

**10:30 AM - FJ Flees & Sons**-Policy for use of gravel roads during spring weight restrictions - Greg Flees would like the Road Commission to have a road bonding policy for gravel roads during spring weight restrictions. Daily waivers don't work well because they have quotas to meet and don't know from one day to the next if they will be able to haul. Manager Jamison stated that we are doing what other counties are doing and do not have a policy. There are 3 loggers in the area and we are working with them to maintain the integrity of our roads and clear

travel for residents on the road. Comm Rosa state that he appreciates earning a living, but it is  
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difficult to allow haulers on gravel roads because of daily changes to the road. Rebecca Ensign, Procurement Forester from Packaging Corp. of America was also present and offered her assistance in developing a policy. She has worked with Flees for many years and feels they are a very responsible logging operation and will take care of any damage they may cause to roads. She doesn't want crews, equipment or residents to be stranded because of a damaged road. Comm Nuske thought that we should continue working together on a daily basis and that we will work on a policy this summer.

**Chip Seal bid award** - Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Rosa to accept the Manager's recommendation and to award the Chip Seal bid to C & C Contractors for \$229,476.25. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Homestead Twp Annual Clean Up Day** on May 18, from 8:00-12:00. Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Mick to let Homestead Twp use the Road Comm yard for township cleanup day and need to provide general liability insurance naming the Road Commission as additional insured. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Crystal Mountain** request to use Stone, Longstreet and King Roads for a running race on May 25, 2014 from 8:00 Am - 12:00 Noon. Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Rosa to allow Crystal Mountain to use the above roads for a foot race on May 25, 2014. The roads are not to be closed and Crystal Mountain will supply general liability insurance naming the Road Commission as additional insured. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Tree work in ROW** by private vendor-.Northern Tree Service had offered to cut dead trees in the ROW at no cost to the Road Commission (Bd Mtg 1/16/14). They were told to apply for a ROW permit and produce general liability insurance to us before beginning. This has not occurred. They have been taking wood that was set back for the adjacent property owners, telling them that the Road Comm said they could take it. We will send them a letter telling them to cease and desist.

**Resolution 2014-05 Black Bridge** Critical Bridge application-Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to pass resolution 2014-05 Black Bridge Critical Bridge application. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Correspondence/Information:**

MCRCSIP- Candidates for Board of Directors

CRASIF - Candidates for Board of Directors

MDOT/Rural Elected Officials Meeting-April 2, 2014 at 10:00 AM, Elk Rapids

46th Road Commissioners' Seminar - April 13-15, 2014, Bay City

NPS Wilderness Plan-referred to CRAM for review

Benzie County Recycling 2013 Annual Report

Mechanic interviews- 3 will be interviewed on April 1, 2014

Seasonal employees will be done on Friday, March 28, except for one who we are keeping on for a couple more weeks.

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**Public Comment:** Al Brown appreciated the consideration given to the loggers and the other truckers who follow the rules.

**Closed Session** - Administrative Employees Personnel Rules - Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Rosa to enter into closed session to discuss Administrative Employees Personnel Rules revision because a revision to that document would have a direct effect on upcoming Union Negotiations. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM

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W. John Nuske, Chairman

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Kathleen A, Jordan, Clerk