

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, May 8, 2014 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 approve the agenda as amended adding a petition to revoke the Natural Beauty Road designation of Sutter Rd and a report of the condition of the salt dome. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of the regular meeting on April 24, 2014 were accepted as presented.

Motion by Comm Rosa supported by Comm Mick to pay bills # 41046 to # 41080 for the amount of \$ 151,150.44 and Payrolls 18, 19 and 19A for \$ 40,796.43. 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 \$ 18,865.26. 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 for the amount of \$ 28,985.13. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Superintendent's report - Brad Schaub – Pinewoods Drive is flooding. The water table is extremely high and there must be a layer of clay stopping the water from draining. This does not involve our roads or culverts.

Public Input: Craig Meredith - He would like to know what our plans are for our bridges, especially Nostwick, Reynolds and Haze Rd bridges. Has anything been done to procure money for the state? They are approving this large sum of money-Is any of it for bridges? Lindy Rd - What is the plan in the village? There are 23 potholes in the village and the edges of Lindy are crumbling. The culvert at the Betsie is bumpy. He feels that having the township contribute to the brine process is double taxing the property owner. Nessen Rd is one lane. A bridge is not needed. There is no sedimentation at this site. Guardrails restrict access to the river prohibiting people from fishing and trapping. Guardrail is not needed. He does not want oil trucks to use Nessen Rd. Are we going to snowplow it? He does not want "No Fishing" signs put up.

Ron Evitts - No Road Commission dollars have been spent on bridges since the mid 90s, he thinks. Bridges need help. The engineer at the Reynolds Bridge told him that putting planking on the Woirel Bridge (Reynolds Rd) would raise the weight limit considerably. He is done with the Snowbirds. They are trespassing. He would like to know where all the millage money that was raised went.

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

New Business:

Sutter Rd- A petition to revoke the Natural Beauty Road designation on Sutter Rd was presented by Bill Robinson, Lake Township Supervisor. The Board would like a written request from the Lake Township Board asking that the designation be removed from Sutter Rd. We will then hold a public hearing in Lake Township.

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Contract from Catholic Human Services for Employee Assistance Program- Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to enter into a one year contract with Catholic Human Services to administer our Employee Assistance Program. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

Encroachment permit for 7189 Crystal Dr - Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Mick to approve the encroachment permit for 7189 Crystal Dr to connect two overhangs that are 3.5' in the ROW. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Labor attorney for USW negotiations - Thomas Dederian from Michael Kluck & Associates will represent the Road Commission in the upcoming negotiations.

Correspondence/Information:

MDOT - Catch Basin Cleaning Bid for state highways - We will advertise for bids.

Nostwick Rd bridge, Load Ratings - Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to change the load rating to a per axle rating for the Nostwick Bridge. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Salt Dome - Beams are broken. Brad has called the Building Inspector to look at it. Depending on his opinion, we may have to get bids to tear it down and see what it would cost.

Public Input: Ron Evitts - The Snowbirds wanted to know if we inspect seasonal roads. How should they handle problems on seasonal roads. Brad said they should call in any issues.
Craig Meredith - Who owns the south Long Rd abutment? It is owned by the property owner. He wants to know how a road ending at the river got into private ownership? The abutment needs to be removed before it falls into the river.

Closed Session: Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Rosa to enter into closed session at 10:27 AM to discuss strategy for the upcoming USW contract negotiations. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Re-enter regular meeting at 11:02 AM.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM

W. John Nuske, Chairman

Kathleen A, Jordan, Clerk