

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, September 11, 2014 at 9:30 AM.

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

Excused: Superintendent Schaub

Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Rosa to accept the agenda as amended, adding the 2014 proposed year-end budget, applications for 2016 safety projects, and snow storage in the Case Pit by the Village of Beulah. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of the regular meeting on August 21, 2014 were accepted as presented.

Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Rosa to pay bills # 41342 to # 41392 for the amount of \$ 64,435.47 and Payrolls 35, 36 and 37 for \$ 61,105.54. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to authorize the EFT to Brenner Oil in the amount of \$19,913.66. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to authorize the EFT to MERS in the amount of \$29,243.66. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried

Superintendent's report - Brad Schaub

**Public Input:** Craig Meredith, Resident - Lindy and Karlin Rds need shoulder work and patching; Limbs are covering curve and no passing signs on M-115; Weldon Twp has not received their explanation of maintenance and improvements; CRA is not interested in replacing the Black Bridge; Betsie River erosion on the north side at Haze Rd; Wants plans for Nostwick and Reynolds bridges; Lindy Rd culvert is creating a large bump; Seasonal parts of Haze Rd and Weldon Rd needs work before hunting season.

Ron Evitts-Colfax Twp Supervisor - Presented a letter from Irene Dunham-Thayer regarding the condition of Miller Rd; Stop sign at Deer Track Tr and Wallin is very faded; King Rd from CR 669 to Carmean is torn up from loggers; He would like the reclaimer used on the gravel roads in Colfax, instead of the mower; DNR bonds roads that loggers use, maybe BCRC should try it; Wallin Rd near Webber Rd is being logged.

**Standing Guest:** Glen Rineer, County Commissioner - Glen updated the board of county business.

#### **New Business:**

**Storage of Benzie Co Sheriff's Dept boats**-Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Rosa to allow storage of the Sheriff's Dept boats for the winter with appropriate insurance. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried

**Village of Beulah snow storage** in the Case Rd Pit – Motion by Comm Nuske and supported Mick by Comm to notify the Village of Beulah to cease storing snow in the Case Rd Pit.

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Regulations are now in effect that do not allow anything within 200' of public drinking well. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Maintenance agreements** – Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to enter into maintenance agreements with Benzie County, Betsie Valley Trail, Almira Twp, Villages of Beulah, Benzonia, Elberta, Honor, and Thompsonville, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians and the City of Frankfort. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried

**Meeting location change** - Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to change the location of the October 23 regular meeting to Lake Township Hall. Meeting time remains the same. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Natural Beauty Road public hearing** – Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to hold a public hearing at the Lake Township Hall on October 23, 2014 for the purpose hearing comments regarding the possible removal of the Natural Beauty Road designation from 1.863 miles of Sutter Rd. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Seasonal drivers** - We will need 5 winter temporary truck drivers. Rate of pay is \$16.00.

**Overtime for Superintendent** – Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Rosa to pay the Superintendent overtime for 18.5 hours worked for the week of September 1st that includes the rain storm of September 4 & 5. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Statewide National Functional Classification Review**-Manager does not anticipate changing the classification of any roads.

**Resolution to pay back Federal dollars** - \$16,000-\$20,000 – Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Rosa to adopt the resolution from CRAM to repay our overage and authorize Chairman Nuske to sign. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried

**CDs for Deadstream Rd dollars** – Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Rosa to move the PRIP dollars for Deadstream Rd to 4 CDs for at least 6 months. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Digital Radio bids** – Request for bids will be prepared for new digital radios for all vehicles. The analog radios we currently are using have poor quality and reception.

**M-115 Skip Paving Re-bid** – Information only.

**Budget-2014 Proposed final budget amendments** - Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Mick to amend the 2014 budget as presented by the Clerk. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Call for 2016 Safety Projects** - Two safety projects are being submitted for FY 2016. One is for county-wide tree removal and one is for the intersection of Ely Rd and Fewins Rd.

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**Correspondence/Information:**

Report from Manager re: Deadstream Rd open house went well. Forty-four residents signed in but more attended. She felt that it had a positive response from the residents.

Public hearing for 2015 budget on 9/25/14 at 10:00 AM.

**Public Input:** Ron Evitts - When is the next Local Road Committee meeting?; Meadow Lane at Long Rd is washed out.

Glen Rineer - Benzie Co Summit is October 17 from 8-5:30 at the Elizabeth Lane Oliver Center for the Arts in Frankfort.

**Closed Session:** Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to enter into closed session at 11:20 AM to discuss labor union negotiation strategy. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Re-enter regular meeting at 11:48 AM.

Meeting adjourned at 11:49 AM.

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W. John Nuske, Chairman

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Kathleen A, Jordan, Clerk