

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Benzie County was called to order by Chairman Nuske at the Lake Township Hall in Honor, Michigan on Thursday, October 23, 2014 at 9:30 AM.

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

Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Nuske to accept the agenda as amended, adding EFT for Brenner Oil, HRA replenish and date change for the Paul Bunyan meeting in November. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of the regular meeting on October 9, 2014 were accepted as presented.

Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Rosa to pay bills # 41486 to # 41530 for the amount of \$ 324,761.70 (Includes HRA replenish) and Payrolls 42 & 43 for \$ 43,318.59. 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 \$ 29,577.23. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Superintendent's report - Heavy rainfalls have impacted some local roads like Valley, Bixler and Cedar St. These are places that have not had severe water issues before this year. Dan from GT Diesel is coming next week to do training on the new trucks.

Public Input: John Zirkel, Lake Township resident-The Road Commission has done a great job on the roads this year.

Standing Guest: Glen Rineer, County Commissioner brought the Board up to date on what is going on in the county.

New Business:

Expense Sharing Agreement with Paul Oliver Memorial Hospital- Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to enter into the agreement with Paul Oliver Memorial Hospital for sharing the cost of electrical service, tower light and utility bills at the radio tower on Forrester Rd. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Request from Benzie Co Recycling Coordinator for Hazardous Waste Collection - Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Mick to allow Benzie County Recycling to hold a Hazardous Waste Collection in the Road Commission yard on August 8, 2015. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to allow Benzie County Recycling to hold a tire collection at the Road Commission in 2015 with the date to be determined. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The board gave the approval for the purchase of a laptop computer from Accucomp for the shop for \$ 716.00.

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10:00 AM Natural Beauty Road Hearing - To consider removing Natural Beauty Road designation from Sutter Rd. Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to enter into the Public Hearing for consideration of removal of the Natural Beauty Road designation of Sutter Rd. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Comments for and against removing the Natural Beauty Road (NBR) designation were heard from the audience.

John Zirkel - Agrees with staff. We are putting dollars down the drain. Remove the designation so that the Road Commission can begin to take care some of the maintenance issues. The road will continue to deteriorate.

Joe Muir - Road is in terrible condition. The RC can't keep up with the patching. This is a public safety issue and a safety issue for Road Comm employees working alone. There are many dead trees, heavy traffic, speeding vehicles and logging trucks. Remove the designation. There are 300' high ridges. Even if a lot of trees are removed, there are many trees left. The whole road needs improvement.

Chuck Beale- This is a beautiful road but is in terrible condition. He would like it improved without destroying the beauty. How many trees have to come down? He is concerned that we will remove the canopy.

Rick Jones-What will the canopy look like? What will the road look like? Heather responded that the paved lanes will be 11' wide with 3'-5' gravel shoulders. We will probably remove 70% of the canopy. Brad mentioned that the tunnel effect is really nice, but doesn't let in any sunlight or air-flow.

Glen Rineer-If the road is an east/west road, it should be able to get sun from the south. Brad commented that clearing 66' of right-of-way will only scratch the surface of the shade problem.

Anna Grobe - Would like a timeline for repair. Heather told her that the Local Road Committee has a say when it will happen. We spent about 25% of the millage funds on the western end of Sutter Rd in 2014 so it was unlikely that the committee would be willing to spend \$500,000 to \$600,000 for the other end in 2015.

Sally Casey - What money is available? Heather replied that the list of roads that need repair, given to us from the townships, comes to about \$11,000,000.

Brad Schaub-If we remove the designation, we can at least remove the dead trees and do the maintenance that is not allowed under the NBR standard.

John Zirkel-This is a slow process and we have to start somewhere. Eliminate the NBR designation and start the process.

Jim Radebaugh-Instead of spending the money on bike paths for Deadstream Rd, spend the dollars on other roads, like Sutter Rd.

Sally Casey-She would like the Road Comm to put this decision off until next summer when more people are in the area.

John Nuske-No decision today. The Board has 30 days to decide and will decide on 11/13/14.

Ted Mick-His friends, Jack and Carol Phillips agree with removal of NBR designation. They will no longer ride their bikes on the road, due to potholes and fast traffic.

Rick Jones-The Lake Township board agreed with the removal of the NBR designation with a 3-2 vote. It needs repair. If the NBR designation does not come off, the canopy will not be addressed and no permanent repairs can be made.

Jim Radebaugh-He would like a safe road. How will it look? He feels that the west end looks severe.

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Heather Jamison-Paving of the eastern part will not be as wide as the western end. We may not clear the entire 66'.

Sally Casey-Has anyone looked at what types of trees will be removed?

John Nuske-He is looking at a sensible compromise to slow deterioration. They will make a decision on 11/13/14. The meeting following that would be more than 30 days, which is the time frame outlined in the statute.

Chairman Nuske thanked everyone for their input.

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to close the Public Hearing and re-enter the regular meeting at 10:50 AM. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to purchase a pickup through MiDeal from Red Holman in Westland for \$25,754 plus delivery of \$1.00/mile. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to purchase a v-plow for the pickup from the same dealer for \$5,870. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Talarico-Ash Ave resolution - Motion by Comm and supported by Comm to agree to the change in the Dye Brothers Plat, Outlots B, C and F moving Ash Ave from the paper road location to where it physically exists to allow Talaricos to sell their property unencumbered. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence/Information

Paul Bunyan-November 20, 2014-Heather and Ted will attend.

Letter from Mr. Heglin-Manager Jamison will respond and sent him a copy of a permit to complete.

Cole Case update-Next hearing date is November 4.

Public Input: John Zirkel and Sally Casey commented on Sutter Rd.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM

W. John Nuske, Chairman

Kathleen A, Jordan, Clerk