

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Benzie County was called to order by Chairman Nuske at their offices in Honor, Michigan on Thursday, November 13, 2014 at 9:30 AM.

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

Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Nuske to accept the agenda as amended, adding EFT for Brenner Oil and MERS. Ayes: Nuske and Mick. Nays: None. Excused: Rosa  
 Motion carried.

The minutes of the regular meeting on October 23, 2014 were accepted as presented.

Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Nuske to pay bills # 41531 to # 41578 for the amount of \$ 118,196.79 and Payrolls 44, 45 & 46 for \$ 59,640.73. Ayes: Nuske and Mick. Nays: None. Excused: Rosa. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Mick to authorize the EFT to Brenner Oil in the amount of \$ 33,847.19. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Excused: Rosa  
 Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Nuske to authorize the EFT to MERS in the amount of \$ 29,699.31. Ayes: Nuske and Mick. Nays: None. Excused: Rosa Motion carried.

**Superintendent's report** –Brad is working with homeowners on drainage problems on Cedar St, Bixler and Valley Rds; Platte and Crystal Lake Twps have culverts that have failed; Completed bank stabilization on Gudemoss Rd.

**Public Input:** Sally Casey-She would like the Road Commission to wait to remove the Natural Beauty Road designation from Sutter Rd until the RC has the money to fix it properly. Previous generations wanted to preserve the beauty of an old country road for the future. If there are safety issues, change the speed limit to 25 MPH and put a sign up stating speed and Natural Beauty Road designation.

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

**New Business:**

Sutter Rd - Natural Beauty Road-Consideration to remove designation

*Comm Nuske offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:*

*WHEREAS, in accordance with MCL 324 of P.A. 451 of 1994, this Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the public to revoke the Natural Beauty Road designation of:*

*1.863 miles of Sutter Road in Sections 35 and 36 of Lake Township  
 from the intersection of M-22 westerly.*

*The motion was supported by Commissioner Mick and carried by the following vote:*

*Ayes: Commissioners Nuske and Mick, Nays: None. Absent: Commissioner Rosa.*

*Resolution adopted.*

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MDOT-Winter Letter of Understanding - Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Mick accept the MDOT Letter of Understanding for winter maintenance. Ayes: Nuske and Mick. Nays: None. Excused: Rosa.

**Correspondence/Information**

- Paul Bunyan, November 20, 2014-Jamison and Mick are going.
- Seasonal employees - We have hired 7 seasonal employees.
- National Park Service fees-information only.
- Local Road Committee meeting 11/24/14 from 1:00-3:00
- Health Insurance meeting 11/24/14 at 6:00 PM

**Public Input:** Chuck Retallick would like to see Deadstream Rd plans.

**Closed Session** - Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Mick to enter into closed session for discussion of union negotiations and to tele-conference with Atty Bill Henn in regard to Cole vs Benzie County. Ayes: Nuske and Mick. Nays: None. Excused: Rosa.

Reenter regular session at 11:15 AM.

Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Mick to proceed with the Cole vs Benzie Co lawsuit as recommended by Bill Henn, Attorney. Ayes: Nuske and Mick. Nays: None. Excused: Rosa.

Meeting adjourned at 11:16 AM

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W. John Nuske, Chairman

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Kathleen A, Jordan, Clerk