

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, June 25, 2015 at 8:30 AM.

Present: Chairman Nuske
Vice Chairman Rosa
Member Mick
Superintendent Schaub
Clerk Jordan

The agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes of the regular meeting on June 11, 2015 were accepted as presented.

The closed session minutes of June 11, 2015 were accepted as presented.

Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Rosa to pay bills # 42105 to # 42140 for the amount of \$ 74,368.59 and Payroll # 12 & 12A for \$ 43,351.98. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to pay the EFT for Brenner Oil for \$ Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

8:30 AM - Interview by the Board with Matthew Skeels for the position of Manager. Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Mick to offer the position of Manager to Mr. Skeels, with a start date in approximately 3 weeks. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

Superintendent's report – MDOT has loaned the portable stop lights to us. We will be using them on US-31 for repairs at Veteran's Park and on M-22 where there is a spring bubbling up through the road. Our new trucks are ready for pick up.

Public Input: John Zirkel-We mowed the daisies down on Deadstream Rd again. Please cut this area later so the daisies have time to bloom and seed. Tree on Joyfield by Larry Lathwell's. Could we let him know what the plan is. He raised a couple of questions regarding the new manager.

Anne Noffsinger 12975 Brownell would like Weldon Rd south of Brownell Rd closed. There are several issues on the hill with runoff into the creek, their garage and yard.

Mark Roper, Almira Twp Supervisor - Fowler Rd west of Ole White Dr was brined in error.

Standing Guest: Gary Sauer - County Commissioner Liasion-Brought the Commissioners up to date on the county business.

New Business:

Policy #125- Freedom of Information Act policy. Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Rosa to adopt the Freedom of Information policy as required by law. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

Mgr Jamison's contract for consulting - Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Nuske to table this contract until we can get clarification on a couple of issues. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

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Encroachment permit for Crystal Dr - Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Mick to permit a 6' encroachment for a drainfield at a new build on Crystal Dr. requested by Midlake Builders. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

10:00 - Tucker Rd - Present were John Therrien, Craig Therrien, Kim Balke (CRA) and Mark Roper (Almira Twp Supervisor) to discuss the Tucker Rd culvert removal/replacement plan. The last plan was to remove the culvert and restore the area to a natural state, which would include removing the roadbed completely. Therriens are opposed to this plan as are two of our Commissioners. The other plan would be to replace the current culvert with a 7' elliptical (cost: \$9000), which has been required by the DEQ. The DEQ has notified us that we have 30 days to remove the current culvert and until November to completely restore the area, regardless of which plan is put into place. Kim Balke from the Conservation Resource Alliance explained that once a road is compromised by high water, the site is flagged by the DEQ. The DEQ then determines how the problem will be corrected. Because of the short distance of the creek upstream, the site is not competitive for funding from the CRA. The Road Commission's Local Road Policy states that the costs for improvements is to come from the township or other parties. Mark Roper, Brad and the Therriens will work together to come up with a plan to fund the replacement of the culvert.

Public Input: Ron Evitts - Webers helped with the culvert on Carmean Rd.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM.

Minutes approved 07/9/15

W. John Nuske, Chairman

Kathleen A, Jordan, Clerk