

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 Wednesday, August 12, 2015 at 9:30 AM.

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

Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Rosa to approve the amended agenda adding overlay bids. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

The minutes of the regular meeting on July 23, 2015 were accepted as presented.

Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Mick to pay bills # 42211 to # 42262 for the amount of \$ 368,498.06 and Payroll 15 & 16 for \$ 82,388.15. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Nuske to pay the EFT for Brenner Oil for \$10,270.01. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Nuske to pay the EFT for MERS for \$32,205.55. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

**Superintendent's report** – Esch Rd was patched; Precision Paving has wedged and overlaid Herron Rd, and wedged Narrow Gauge and Wallin Rds.

**Public Input:** Ron Evitts, Colfax Twp asked about Adopt-A-Highway program and he likes the Millage signs.

**Standing Guest:** Cory Carland - County Commissioner Liaison-Brought the Commissioners up to date on the county business.

**New Business:**

Kim Balke - The CRA would like to address Red Creek next year.

**Annual Certification** of Employee-related Conditions-MDOT Form 2067 was signed by Chairman Nuske.

**Tucker Rd** - The culvert replacement project estimate is \$16,000. Therriens have agreed to contribute labor and equipment up to \$4,500, the Road Commission's maximum contribution is \$5,000. Almira Twp has only agreed to pay \$4,100 of the remaining \$6,500 toward the Tucker Rd culvert replacement project. The Local Road Policy was revised to allow Road Commission participation in culvert replacements, instead of the Townships having to bear the entire cost. Comm Rosa and Mgr Skeels will attend the Almira Twp meeting on 8/17.

**Weldon Rd abandonment**-A petition was received on August 3 from Ann Noffsinger of 12975 Brownell Rd to abandon a portion of Weldon Rd from Brownell Rd, south 900' to the top of the hill. All adjoining property owners signed the petition. Seven freeholders of property in Homestead Twp signed the petition to abandon. This portion of Weldon Rd has a steep hill, with Carter Creek crossing at the bottom.

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The Road Commission has been working with the CRA and the Emergency Manager to secure funding for improvements that are needed.

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Nuske to deny the abandonment of this portion of Weldon Rd. Abandoning the road would increase travel distance for the persons on the hill and the ramifications to Brownell Rd if there is a failure of the Carter Creek crossing are too great. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

**Overlay bids** - Bids were taken for a 3/4" Ultra Thin Overlay or a 1" alternate for Narrow Gauge, Wallin Rd and Hoadley Rd (millage projects) in place of chip seal. The chip seal bid was for \$76,185. Three bids were received. Elmers - 3/4" overlay = \$103,962.80; Reith Riley - 3/4" overlay (low volume) \$92,672.50; and ATP Precision Paving - 1" HMA Alternate - \$80,491.00. Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Nuske to award the bid for overlay to ATP Precision Paving. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Rosa to cancel the Chip Seal program for 2015. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

**Cole vs Benzie County** - Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Nuske to agree to the abandonment of the Cole's cross appeal as advised by Atty Henn. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:**

Meeting with Transportation Committee Chair, Rep Peter Pettalia on Thursday, Aug 13, at 9:00 AM at Grand Traverse Co Road Commission.

Cole vs BCRC - Cross appeal and gate installation - Consult with Atty Henn.

Paul Bunyan, August 20- Ted and Matt will attend.

Crystal Drive ditch update - Brad is working on an alternate fix  
Esch Rd-Patched.

Public Input: John Zirkel would like to see the telephone boxes moved on Deadstream Rd;  
Comm Rosa would like to see more shoulder material on Goose Rd.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.

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W. John Nuske, Chairman

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Kathleen A, Jordan, Clerk