

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, October 22 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 accept the amended agenda adding AJs Excavating invoice, Snowbirds request, Sheriff's request and update on the Nostwick Rd Bridge meeting. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

The minutes of the regular meeting on October 7, 2015 were accepted as presented.

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to pay bills # 42414 to # 42455 for the amount of \$ 211,071.56 and Payroll 21 for \$ 41,670.28 Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to pay the EFT for Brenner Oil for \$ 22,181.14. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

**Superintendent's report** – Finding seasonal drivers and mechanics is difficult. We are looking at selling or trading in our chipping equipment.

**Public Input:** Ron Evitts - Colfax Twp

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

#### **New Business:**

**10:00 Robert & Susan Adair** - Beechridge 2 Treasurer and President - There are approximately 10 Children Playing signs that are in the road right-of-way in Beechridge subs. Adairs believe that these signs have helped control the speed of traffic in the subdivision. Because these signs are non-regulatory and not addressed in the MMUTCD manual, they need to be removed. They will remove all the signs and place them out of the 66' right-of-way. They also brought to our attention 2 areas of asphalt breakage (Easy St and Bent Pine) that should be repaired before winter.

#### **PE bids for 2016 Federal & Safety projects**

Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Rosa to award the PE bid to AJ's Excavating for the Fewins/Ely sign upgrade. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Rosa to award the PE bid for Tree & Vegetation Clearing to KPM Engineering. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Rosa to award the PE bid for Lindy Rd to KPM Engineering. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

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**Snowbirds request** - The Benzie Manistee Snowbirds and the DNR would like to use a small portion of Bendon Rd and Cinder Rd between Bendon Rd and the county line as part of the snowmobile trail to link Thompsonville to Interlochen. They are investigating the possibility of moving the trail off our road in the future, but would like to use these roads this year.

Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Rosa to give this a try for one season and that the Snowbird representatives return next year to reapply for permission, if an alternative route is not available. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

**Sheriff request to store boats** - Sheriff Schendel has asked that we store their boats for the winter. We have done this for several years with the stipulation that the Road Commission be held harmless for damage and the proper insurance is provided.

Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Mick to store the Sheriff Dept's boats this winter. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

**Correspondence/Information:**

**Lindy Rd culvert repair** at the Betsie River - The repair is coming along. Hallack Contracting has run into a few issues that have been addressed. They are pouring concrete today. The project is on schedule.

**Cole vs Benzie** - Briefs have been filed with the appellate court.

**Arbitration decision - FMCS 15-02085-6- Jones Termination** - The arbitrator ruled in favor of the Road Commission. Comm Nuske would like to commend Superintendent Schaub for his documentation of the events. Lawsuits against the Road Commission and Schaub were dismissed with prejudice.

**Tractor Purchase** - The tractor mower that was budgeted for 2016 is available on MI-Deal for about \$114,000, much less than the budgeted amount of \$150,000. Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Rosa to purchase the John Deere 6110M Cab Tractor with the Diamond DBM-C-P boom mower for \$ 114,233.34 through the MiDeal Purchasing Program. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

Public Input: John Zirkel-brushcutter on Deadstream

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM.

**APPROVED 11/18/15**

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W. John Nuske, Chairman

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Kathleen A, Jordan, Clerk