

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, December 17, 2015 at 9:30 AM.

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

The agenda was accepted as presented.

The minutes of the regular meeting on November 17, 2015 were accepted as presented.

Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Nuske to pay bills # 42533 to # 42608 for the amount of \$ 230,460.27 and Payroll 24 & 25 for \$ 99,464.41. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to pay the EFT for Brenner Oil for \$ 15,531.93. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to pay the EFT for MERS for \$ 103,398.11. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

Superintendent's report – No report

Public Input: None

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

New Business:

Michigan State Police - Contract to patrol during spring weight restrictions. Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Mick to decline entering into a contract with the MSP for 2016 weigh master patrol. Ayes: Nuske and Mick. Abstain: Rosa. Motion carried.

Engineering Services - Management will send out a request for qualifications to several engineering firms.

Recycling Agreement - Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Mick to enter into a two year agreement with Benzie County for placing and maintaining recycling containers on Road Commission property. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

Meeting date - Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Rosa to set the first meeting of 2016 on Wednesday, January 13, 2016. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

Clerk - Unused vacation - Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Rosa to allow the Clerk to roll unused vacation time into 2016 with the understanding that it be used up by March 31, 2016. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

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Valley Rd drainage project - Valley Rd has several driveway and cross road culverts that are undersized. Collision Creek runs alongside the road and under several driveways. After heavy rains, the road and some driveways wash out. It will be a project of considerable size to replace the existing 18" culverts with larger culverts to handle the amount of water that flows. Homestead Twp is willing to work with us financially. We will start at the bottom (near US-31) in 2016 and replace the first 5 culverts.

Correspondence/Information:**Bridge Updates**

Lindy Rd culvert repair project is completed. Total cost was about \$100,000.

Nostwick Rd Bridge - Met with Jeff Silagy from MDEQ. He isn't so sure about the rail car option. He thought using MelMar Lane would be a better option and doesn't think placing 2 culverts at the stream crossings to be a problem. John Schor thought we should get a second opinion. He also thought that we could condemn the bridge and rebuild it.

Black Bridge is still on the state's inventory website. We will look into getting it removed.

River Rd culverts just outside of the Village of Benzonia not on the state's bridge inventory. We are going to look further into this to see if it should be on the inventory.

Haze Rd/Red Creek crossing - CRA is planning to replace this crossing in 2016.

2016 Federal projects - All three projects are on go. The tree cutting project probably won't get going until October 2016.

Logging policy update - We researched other Road Commissions and whether or not they had a logging policy. None have a written policy.

Excavator purchase - Motion by Comm by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Nuske to void the sale agreement with Michigan Cat for the excavator purchase due to the error in the trade-in value. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Nuske to accept the offer of a new Volvo Excavator from Alta Equipment for \$184, 215.00 with the understanding that the staff will review the trade-in and buy-back values before signing. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

Unpaid leave/leave of absence - This will need to be clarified before the next contract.

HB 5016 - Matt has written a letter in opposition of HB 5016.

Public Input - John Schor - Snowbirds made a mess with the sickle bar mower; Blockage of the creek east of Pioneer and north of Landis is jeopardizing the Betsie Valley Trail;

Ron Evitts - Snowbirds need to be reminded that their signs need to be turned away from the roads so that they are not mistaken for a road sign; Large hole in Dair Mill about 100' off M-115.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.

APPROVED 01/13/16

W. John Nuske, Chairman

Kathleen A, Jordan, Clerk