

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Benzie County was called to order by Chairman Rosa at their offices in Honor, Michigan on Thursday, February 11, 2016 at 9:30 AM.

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

Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Mick to accept the agenda as amended, adding a check to Skiver Const for \$5,053.19 and hiring full time crew members. Ayes: Rosa, Nuske and Mick. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Rosa to accept the minutes of 1/26/16 as amended. Ayes: Rosa, Nuske and Mick. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Nuske to pay bills # 42697 to # 42737 for the amount of \$ 218,268.28 and Payroll #3-16 for \$ 53,485.91. Ayes: Rosa, Nuske and Mick. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Mick to pay the EFT for Brenner Oil for \$ 14,175.83. Ayes: Rosa, Nuske and Mick. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Mick to pay the EFT for MERS for \$ 32,922.52. Ayes: Rosa, Nuske and Mick. Motion carried.

Superintendent's report: Collaborate with Benzonia and Crystal Lk Townships on local road projects funded by their townships.

Public Input: Ron Evitts - Would like a copy of the agreement signed with the Vlg of Thompsonville; John Schor - Logging practices in other counties.

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

New Business:

Memorandum of Agreement - Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Mick to approve the resolution of agreement with the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians for Haze Rd/Red Creek crossing improvement. Ayes: Rosa, Nuske and Mick. Motion carried.

Recommendation for Engineer of Record - We received 8 RFQs but have not had adequate time for review.

Road Projects for 2016 - Ingleston Drive was damaged by our snowplow. We will need to patch it this year. Brad has talked to Benzonia Twp and asked if they will participate in the overlay of the entire road. If they agree, we'll split the cost with them and do the entire 1,200 ft instead of just a 50' patch.

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The board previously approved county-funded primary road improvements. They were presented a list of projects with county-funded primary road improvements estimated to be about \$370,620.00 for 2016. Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Nuske to put the county-funded primary road improvements out for bids. Ayes: Rosa, Nuske and Mick. Motion carried.

Crystal Lake Township - They have submitted a list of road improvements for 2016 to be paid for from the township's road millage. Their millage will bring in about \$158,000 this year. The estimates have been completed and the estimated cost is about \$188,000 depending on bid prices. The township would like the Road Commission to pay for the difference between their millage and the actual costs. Because these are local roads, the Road Commission Local Road Policy does not allow Road Commission participation.

In keeping within the guidelines of the Local Road Policy a motion was made by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Nuske that the BCRC agrees to provide additional funds for 2016 Crystal Lake Township millage projects with the understanding that the BCRC's funds be reimbursed by Crystal Lake Township in the next fiscal year. BCRC will waive the normal 10% administrative charge, perform necessary preparatory work, and restore shoulders after the 2016 project paving is completed at no cost to Crystal Lake Township. Ayes: Rosa, Nuske and Mick. Motion carried.

New Employees - We can hire 2 full-time employees for the crew.

Correspondence/Information/Discussion:

Local Road Committee meeting update-the Local Road Committee met on 2/2. The Committee approved the millage local road list presented. Also, they voted to establish a contingency fund of 10% of the local road half of the millage not to exceed \$50,000 for emergency use.

Inland Township projects - Inland Township would like to clear and improve Fewins Rd between Lake Ann Rd and Reynolds Rd and Miller Rd from Cinder Rd to Aylsworth. We are getting the roads surveyed.

Building Improvements - Skiver Construction just finished up putting a steel ceiling in the Tire Room. Some electrical, plumbing and restorative corrections were necessary.

Fuel System- We would like to get the fuel tanks replaced in the fall.

Forest Funds - An explanation was handed out regarding Category E- Forest Road funding - Which counties receive it, how much they receive and how much they receive.

Cole vs Benzie County - The judgment from the State Court of Appeals came in.

Public Input: - Ron Evitts and John Schor.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM

Minutes approved 2/25/16

Robert Rosa, Chairman

Kathleen A, Jordan, Clerk