

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, April 28, 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 request to work in the Thompson Pit to New Business. Ayes: Rosa, Nuske and Mick. Motion carried.

The minutes of 4/14/16 were accepted as presented.

Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Mick to pay bills # 42900 to # 42934 for the amount of \$ 207,296.20 and Payroll #8-16 for \$ 47,245.95. Ayes: Rosa, Nuske and Mick. Motion carried.

**Superintendent's report:** We have filled two truck driver positions and have one more to replace a retiree. Paving has started in Crystal Lk and Almira Townships and also our primary paving.

**Public Input:** Craig Meredith-Aylsworth west of Pioneer needs grading; Ron Evitts-Milnichol and Deer Track Tr need grading; The ditch needs cleaning on Long Rd north of the river.

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

#### **New Business:**

**Thomasma** request for driveway-Mr. & Mrs. Thomasma want to buy a parcel of land on Banktson Rd. An easement runs along the north property line that accesses four other parcels. They have 330' of road frontage (south of the easement) and would like to build to the south side of the parcel, a considerable distance from the easement. They are requesting permission to access their property from their own personal driveway and not via the easement. Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Nuske that even though this goes against our Policy #118 Lot Splits/Private Road Access, we would allow the Thomasmans to have a private driveway on Banktson Rd because it is a low volume, gravel road. The permit is contingent upon approval of the zoning administrator of Gilmore Twp. Ayes: Rosa, Nuske and Mick. Motion carried.

**Resolutions 2016-04, 2016-05, 2016-06** Support for Critical Bridge Grant - Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Mick to adopt Resolutions 2016-04, 05 and 06 supporting the Critical Bridge grant application. Ayes: Rosa, Nuske and Mick. Motion carried.

**Employee Assistance Program**-Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Mick to enter into a contract for employee assistance services with Catholic Human Services from May 1, 2016-April 30, 2017. Ayes: Rosa, Nuske and Mick. Motion carried.

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**Benzonia Township paving agreements** - Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Mick to enter into an agreement with Benzonia Twp that they will pay 100% of paving costs of Fairway Dr and Timber Lane and 50% of paving costs of Ingleston Dr. Ayes: Rosa, Nuske and Mick. Motion carried.

**Almira Township paving agreement** - Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Mick to enter into an agreement with Almira Twp that they agree to pay 100% of the paving costs for Sugar Maple from CR610 to Red Pine Dr, Hardwood Dr from CR610 to Red Pine Dr and Maple Grove from Reynolds Rd to E. Sanford Lake Dr. Ayes: Rosa, Nuske and Mick. Motion carried.

**Report from Ron Wohlford.** We are on track with the budget. Adjustments will come at the next review (July).

**Thompson Pit** - We have been approached by a person with a wood processor to go into our pit and process the downed trees (for profit). Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Nuske to table this until May 12th meeting so that staff can do further research. Ayes: Rosa, Nuske and Mick. Motion carried.

**Correspondence/Information/Discussion:**

**Forrester Rd and Sliverville Rd intersection** - We are awaiting the engineer's report and may do the traffic counts again. We are also trying to get Jerry Hillborn from the MSP to come in and talk to the board.

**Manager's report from the Parks & Recreation meeting** - The Parks & Rec board agreed that a gate and signs should go up on the park property. The Conservancy may want the trees to be planted on their property, if we don't have a place for them.

**Nostwick Rd Bridge update** - We have a verbal agreement with Ellen Knudson to allow ingress and egress for the residents north of the bridge while the bridge is being repaired. Repair will begin in 3-4 weeks. Once the bridge is repaired Ms. Knudson's property will not be accessible to the residents.

**Miss Dig** - The County Road Association has determined that Road Commissions are not obligated to belong to the Miss Dig system. Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to terminate our membership with Miss Dig. Ayes: Rosa, Nuske and Mick. Motion carried. We are still obligated to call Miss Dig when performing road maintenance, such as ditching, culvert replacements, etc. alongside the roads.

**Public Input:** Gary Sauer - Damage by loggers on Wallaker Rd.

The Board, Manager, Superintendent and Clerk left to tour Weldon Rd and the Carter Creek crossing.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:55 AM.

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Robert Rosa, Chairman

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Kathleen A, Jordan, Clerk