

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Benzie County was called to order by Chairman Rosa at the Road Commission offices in Honor, Michigan on Thursday, April 27, 2017 at 9:30 AM.

Present: Chairman Bob Rosa
 Vice chair Phil Hoyt
 Member Ted Mick
 Manager Skeels
 Clerk Jordan

Absent: Superintendent Schaub

Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Hoyt to accept the agenda as amended, adding Marshall Rd, Vlg of Honor, Kivisto Tree project update and Recycling, Ayes: Rosa, Hoyt and Mick. Motion carried.

The minutes of the 04/13/17 meeting were accepted as presented.

Motion by Comm Hoyt and supported by Comm Mick to pay bills # 43935 to # 43969 for the amount of \$92,568.58 and Payroll #8, #8a, #8b for \$54,648.41. Ayes: Rosa, Mick and Hoyt. Motion carried.

Superintendent's report: Manager Skeels gave the superintendent's report- There are a few failed culverts that will need to be replaced; We are having to have a hyd pump made by John Deere for our old grader; Researching trash pickup for the roadside parks; Complaint about the tree work on Glory Rd; The shop is switching over truck boxes for the new trucks.

Standing Guest: Gary Sauer - Brought the board up to date on issues at the county level.

Public Input: None

New Business:

10:00 AM Platte Lake Improvement Assoc - Wilfred Swiecki gave the board the background on the PLIA group and what they have accomplished over the last 30 years with cleaning up the Platte Lake. They are concerned with the runoff from the Thompson Pit (on Platte Rd) during heavy rains, leeching into the lake. Many times when we are actively using the pit, there is a lot of dirt and mud brought onto Platte Rd. This eventually makes its way to the lake, carrying contaminants with it. He was also concerned about the safety of the pits. He was asked to call us if there is too much dirt on the road and we will sweep it. We will also make an effort to be sure that the pit is locked when not in use. Mr. Swiecki also asked that we discontinue using fertilizer on the roadsides that contain phosphorus. This is very important for the health of the area lakes. We will instruct the superintendent and foreman of this. They are asking that we take extra precaution when planning for future use of the pit and to be sure that we follow all the rules and regulations set forth by local zoning, DNR, DEQ, etc.

10:30 AM Dick Figura, attorney for Benzie Co - re: Benzie Co vs Cole

Greg Cole has asked the county and the Parks and Rec for an easement to run underground electric across the Mollineaux Rd/Crystal Lake park parcel as part of a settlement agreement. The county is seeking BCRC approval as owners of the property. If this is granted, the settlement in the current lawsuit between Benzie Co/Parks & Rec vs Cole will include verbiage that will prohibit future suits against Benzie Co, Parks & Rec, and BCRC. Comm Rosa

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stipulated that 1.) We have a complete drawing and survey of the location of the easement; 2.) That we would be able to tap onto the electric at some point in the future if necessary at no cost to BCRC or Benzie Co; 3.) That this easement in no way inhibits our ability to put a possible crossing to the trail across the ditch and 4.) That Atty Figura is representing the Road Commission's interest also.

Atty Figura thought this could all be possible. He'll come back to us with the information for our attorney to review.

Grand Traverse Conservation District - They have presented a permit to spray for Japanese Knotweed, an invasive species in four locations of the county. (Crystal Drive, Deadstream Rd, Case Rd/Beulah and Highland Dr/Honor.

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Hoyt to approve the permit with the stipulation that the Conservation District contact the property owners at the locations that will be sprayed.

Ayes: Rosa, Hoyt and Mick. Motion carried.

Resolutions 2017-04, 05, 06-Critical Bridge Applications support. Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Hoyt to adopt the above support resolutions. Ayes: Rosa, Hoyt and Mick. Motion carried.

Crystal Mountain Mitten Race - Sunday, May 28, 2017- Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Hoyt to allow Crystal Mountain to hold the Mitten Race using Benzie County roads, providing no roads are closed to traffic at any time and that insurance is provided holding the Road Commission harmless. Ayes: Rosa, Hoyt and Mick. Motion carried.

FY 2016 Act 51 Annual Report - Motion by Comm Hoyt and supported by Comm Mick to accept the Act 51 Annual Report as presented. Ayes: Rosa, Hoyt and Mick. Motion carried.

Permit language addition - Motion by Comm Hoyt and supported by Comm Mick to add language to the Residential Driveway permits requiring a setback for the paved portions of driveways on gravel roads. Ayes: Rosa, Hoyt and Mick. Motion carried.

Vlg of Honor - The Village of Honor would like to overlay Leelanau Street (between Deadstream Rd and US 31 at the Honor Pit) and has requested that we perform the shoulder work at our expense. We use this road daily for ingress and egress to the pit. Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Hoyt to perform the shoulder work at our expense. Ayes: Rosa, Hoyt and Mick. Motion carried.

Mike Johnson, Shop Foreman gave a report on the auction through RangerBid for used equipment. The Road Commission netted \$46,700 .

Correspondence/Information/Discussion:

Recycling - We have asked the Recycling Coordinator to move the recycling bins to another location. He is having difficulty finding a permanent home for them. We thought that he could move them to the east side of our property temporarily, but after reviewing the space and the amount of traffic that uses this driveway area, it isn't a desirable spot from the Road Commission's perspective.

Marshall Rd 2018 Federal project update-The title work is completed. We have received a valuation statement. Matt will contact the homeowners and set up a meeting with them.

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Kivisito Tree Service - Kivisito is in the area to finish up the 2016 Right-of Way Clearing Federal Safety project. They are removing logs, pull out or grind stumps and then will restore the areas as needed.

Public Input: Bob Blank, Lake Township shared Lake Township's truck ordinance and asked about signs.

Ron Evitts, Colfax Twp would like to see Wallin Pit straightened up and leveled out some.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM.

Robert Rosa, Chairman

Kathleen A, Jordan, Clerk