

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, May 11, 2017 at 9:30 AM.

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

The agenda was accepted as presented.

The minutes of the 04/27/17 meeting were accepted as presented.

Motion by Comm Hoyt and supported by Comm Mick to pay bills # 43970 to # 44008 for the amount of \$48,462.40 and Payroll #9 for \$46,626.97. Ayes: Rosa, Mick and Hoyt. Motion carried.

**Superintendent's report:** MDOT has a summer youth program that started on 5/8. We have 4 summer seasonals starting over the next month. We are down 2 full-time employees and are interviewing. Elmers has paved CR 669 along with the approaches at Hooker and Pratt, Rhodes, Bendon Rd patch. We have removed Mick Rd from the paving list and instead will add skip paving on Joyfield between Swamp and Smeltzer. If there is money left, we would like to skip patch Homestead Rd between Marshall & Pioneer, which is slated to be reconstructed in 2019. Millage paving with ATP Precision Paving will begin around the second week of June.

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

**Public Input:** Bill Burns - Forrester Rd. If we give him a copy of the letter to the resident on the SW corner of Forrester & Sliverville, he will hand deliver it.

**New Business:**

10:00 AM Nikki Sheren - She split a parcel between Betsie River Rd and Blackford Blvd in 2014. The Land Division approval never came before the Road Commission. Two parcels are accessed by a 40' deeded easement for ingress/egress and utilities off Blackford Blvd. The Road Commission was requiring that the easement be built to private road specifications. Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick that due to a review of the surrounding residential area, and that fact that the land division was not reviewed by the Road Commission in 2014, that a 22 foot driveway with 15 foot radius at Blackford Blvd will be allowed to access the two parcels that are currently owned by Jesse Sedlacek. Ayes: Rosa, Mick and Hoyt. Motion carried.

**Encroachment permit for 6463 Crystal Drive-**Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Hoyt that we approve the placement of a fence and trees at least 7' off the pavement at 6463 Crystal Drive. Ayes: Rosa, Mick and Hoyt. Motion carried.

**Seasonal Road hearing** - Motion by Comm Hoyt and supported by Comm Mick to hold a Public Hearing on June 22 at 10:00 AM for the purpose of amending the Seasonal Road System. Ayes: Rosa, Mick and Hoyt. Motion carried.

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**Recycling location** - Dave Schafer, County Recycling Director was present to ask if the Road Commission would add gravel to the new recycling location at the former Bud's location. This is private property that is being leased by the County for recycling purposes. If the Road Commission could do the work, the county would have to pay for it. Dave said there was a possibility that the gravel may be donated, in which case Honor Excavation could spread it.

**Correspondence/Information/Discussion:**

**Frankfort Gateway Arch** - The Gateway Arch is located on MDOT right-of-way in Crystal Lake Twp. Historically, the City of Frankfort has maintained the arch even though it is outside the city limits. MDOT has sent a contract to us to take total responsibility for the Gateway Arch. We, in turn, need a contract between us and the City of Frankfort that will release us from any responsibility for the arch. Matt will continue to pursue this issue with the City.

**Advance Warning signs** - Solar-powered advance warning signs could be helpful at the intersection of Warren Rd and Crystal Dr and Forrester Rd at River Rd. We will apply for a grant to fund these signs.

Distributive Antenna Systems (DAS) - CRA is urging Road Commissions to create a policy for DAS.

**Patterson Rd** - The owner on the west side of the road has moved part of his fence out of the right-of-way and is working on the rest of it. The trees have been cut.

**Henry Rd** - The request for abandonment has been received, but is lacking required signatures according to our attorney. Matt will notify the petitioner.

**Public Input:** Jennifer Smeltzer, Michigan Director for Great Lakes Timber Professionals Assoc, gave a brief presentation.

Ron Evitts, Colfax Township Supervisor had a few road items he wanted us to address.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM.

**MINUTES APPROVED 05/25/17**

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Robert Rosa, Chairman

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Kathleen A, Jordan, Clerk