

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, June 22, 2017 at 9:30 AM.

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

Motion by Comm Hoyt and supported by Comm Mick to accept the agenda as amended adding a discussion about the JCB loader. Ayes: Rosa, Mick and Hoyt. Motion carried.

The minutes of the 06/08/17 meeting were accepted as presented.

Motion by Comm Hoyt and supported by Comm Mick to pay bills # 44095 to # 44129 for the amount of \$139,482.39 and Payroll #12 for \$51,235.48. Ayes: Rosa, Mick and Hoyt. Motion carried.

**Superintendent's report:** A new employee (truck driver) begins on 7/10/17; Heavy rains hurt the roads so we'll need more gravel and sand made; ATP is paving on Wallin Rd.

**Standing Guest:** Roger Griner-County Commissioner - Brought the board up to date on issues at the county level.

**Public Input:** None

**New Business:**

- **Grass Lake Dam Road** - Comm Hoyt asked if we were going to pursue the abandonment of the portion of Grass Lake Dam Road that is in the campground loop. There is great liability to the Road Commission due to camping and parking within the road right-of-way. R. Evitts, Supervisor of Colfax Township stated that the Township was not in favor of abandoning the road. Motion by Comm Hoyt and supported by Comm Rosa to continue to pursue this with the township and the DNR, find out who wants the portion of the road and how to go about relieving the Road Commission of this liability. Ayes: Rosa, Mick and Hoyt. Motion carried.

- **10:00 AM** - Motion by Comm Hoyt and supported by Comm Mick to open the public hearing for Seasonal Roads. Ayes: Rosa, Mick and Hoyt. Motion carried.

The requestor, Michael Rutler, was present. He has AJ's Excavating lined up to improve Burnt Mill Rd from Garvin Lane, north for 300 feet, T26N, R13W, Section 4 of Inland Township. There was no opposition to removing this portion of Burnt Mill Rd from the Seasonal Road inventory. Motion by Comm Hoyt and supported by Comm Rosa to close the public hearing. Ayes: Rosa, Mick and Hoyt. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Hoyt and supported by Comm Rosa to remove 300 feet of Burnt Mill from the Seasonal Road inventory. Road work must be completed by 10/01/2017 and the 'Snowplowing Ends' sign will not be moved until work is completed. Ayes: Rosa, Mick and Hoyt. Motion carried.

- **MERS-** Tony Radjenovich from MERS gave a presentation on the retirement plan.

- **10:30 AM - Marta Chahbazi-8202 Deadstream Rd**, request for permit to allow a dirt/wood chip berm that is 35' long x 4.5' high that is encroaching on the road right-of-way approximately

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8 feet to 11 feet Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Hoyt that the permit be granted with the following requirements: 1) The center of the berm to be located no closer than the edge of the right-of-way (33' from the center of the road); 2) A maximum of 7 feet encroachment into the right-of-way (26' from the center of the road to the toe of the slope); 3) Existing berm must be conform to these requirements by 11/1/2017. The permit fee will not be waived. Ayes: Rosa, Mick and Hoyt. Motion carried.

- **Engineering Reimbursement**- MDOT form was signed by Commissioners.

- **MCRCSIP** - 2017 Board of Directors ballot

- **CRASIF** - Call of Board of Trustee candidates. No action taken.

**Correspondence/Information/Discussion:**

- **Lake Twp's Truck ordinance** - We need to check into the ordinance and the law to determine who can set truck limits on primary roads.

- **JCB loader/grader** - the JCB has serious problems that are cost prohibitive to fix. We will dispose of it.

- **Fewins Rd**, west of Lake Ann Rd - The additional proposed paving, beyond the apron and the 600 foot extension, has been declined by the property owners.

- **Birch Trail** - There has been a request by a homeowner to pave the end of Birch Trail in Lake Twp. The current road bed cannot be widened due to wetlands. Paving this portion would not meet our specifications. We will have to have all the homeowners agree and payment would have to come from the township. We'll continue working on this.

- **Ash Ave** - There is a serious drainage problem at the west end of Ash Ave @ Beech in Lake Twp. There is nowhere for the water to drain except along the property line. Superintendent Schaub will continue to work with the homeowners to get agreements from them to let us use their property to install a drain.

- **Employee handbook**

- **MCRCSIP** annual meeting is in Mt Pleasant on July 19-20.

- **Marshall Rd** real estate acquisition update

- **Road Commission** annual safety luncheon is September 8.

- **MDOT - Gateway Arch**. Matt had an update on the Gateway Arch transfer

**Public Input:** None

Meeting was adjourned at 11:55 AM.

**Minutes approved 07/13/17**

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Robert Rosa, Chairman

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Kathleen A, Jordan, Clerk