

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, July 13, 2017 at 9:30 AM.

Present: Chairman Bob Rosa
Member Ted Mick
Manager Skeels
Superintendent Schaub
Clerk Jordan

Absent: Vice Chair Phil Hoyt

Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Rosa to accept the agenda as amended to include a closed session, Bridge inspection contracts, and St Ambrose non compliance letter. Ayes: Rosa, and Mick. Absent: Hoyt. Motion carried.

The minutes of the 06/22/17 meeting were accepted as presented.

Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Rosa to pay bills # 44130 to # 44178 for the amount of \$377,963.89 and Payroll #13 for \$55,393.70. Ayes: Rosa, and Mick. Absent: Hoyt. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to authorize the EFT for MERS for \$46,015.78. Ayes: Rosa, and Mick. Absent: Hoyt. Motion carried.

Superintendent's report: Lake Twp approved Ash Ave; Wallin, Indian Hill and Reynolds are paved and shoulders are done-millage work will resume next week; We are getting Crystal Lk Twp roads ready for paving; Letter of support for the intersection of Burnt Mill & CR 610 safety project.

Standing Guest: Gary Sauer-County Commissioner - Brought the board up to date on issues at the county level. He also mentioned a complaint regarding the Mystery Spot on Putney Rd and the potential hazard to local farmers and motorists.

Public Input: Ron Evitts, Colfax Twp Supervisor had a complaint regarding signs on M-115 that are obscured by brush.

New Business:

- Benzie Manistee Snowbirds Club permit - Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Rosa to approve the Snowbirds annual permit to use seasonal roads as part of the snowmobile trail, with adequate insurance coverage naming the Road Commission as additional insured. Ayes: Rosa, and Mick. Absent: Hoyt. Motion carried.

- St Ambrose non-compliant commercial driveway - On October 27, 2016, the Board gave Kirk Jones, owner of St Ambrose Winery until June 1, 2017 to bring his driveway into compliance with Road Commission commercial driveway specifications. He has not complied. Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to send a certified letter extending the June 1st deadline to 30 days from the date of the letter to comply with the commercial driveway specifications or the Road Commission will build it to specifications and invoice Mr. Jones for all costs plus the 10% administration fee. Ayes: Rosa, and Mick. Absent: Hoyt. Motion carried.

-Ron Wohlford, CPA report - the 3rd quarter financials were completed on July 7. We are pretty well in line with the budget. We will spend down our fund balance a bit more than anticipated with the projects and capital outlay remaining.

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- **Bridge inspection contract with Link Engineering** - Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Rosa to approve the contract for bridge inspections with Link Engineering authorizing Manager Skeels to sign. Ayes: Rosa, and Mick. Absent: Hoyt. Motion carried.

Correspondence/Information/Discussion:

- **Lake Township truck ordinance** on primary roads-Matt has been corresponding with our attorney regarding regulating truck traffic on federally funded and federally eligible county roads.

- **Meeting with Lake Ann Village officials** - Matt met with 2 lake Ann officials regarding a couple of projects in the village.

- **The ROW tree clearing project** is just about complete.

Public Input: Gary Sauer, County Commissioner - Betsie Valley Trail, DAS info,

Closed session - Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to enter into closed session at 11:30 to review resumes for the financial manager position as the applicants have requested confidentiality. Ayes: Rosa, and Mick. Absent: Hoyt. Motion carried.

Return to regular session at 11:54 AM

Meeting was adjourned at 11:55 AM.

Robert Rosa, Chairman

Kathleen A, Jordan, Clerk