

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 27, 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 Bankston Rd, and adjustment to accounts payable. Ayes: Rosa, and Mick. Absent: Hoyt. Motion carried.

The minutes of the 07/13/17 meeting were accepted as presented.

The minutes of the 7/13/17 closed meeting session were accepted as presented.

Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Rosa to pay bills # 44179 to # 44222 for the amount of \$124,696.80 and Payroll #14, 14A, 15 and 16B for \$126,507.05. Ayes: Rosa, and Mick. Absent: Hoyt. Motion carried.

**Superintendent's report:** Miller Rd trees on state land; Smeltzer Rd-driveway issue; Primary millage projects.

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

**Public Input:** None

**New Business:**

**- Public Hearing to consider the abandonment of a portion of Henry Rd** - Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to open the public hearing at 10:00 AM. Ayes: Rosa, and Mick. Absent: Hoyt. Motion carried.

Rich Brauer presented information in favor of abandoning a portion of Henry Rd. There is considerable trespassing, property destruction and dumping of trash on his property that is on the north and south side of Henry Rd.

Jed Myers walks his dogs on the property and cleans up what he can for Mr. Brauer.

Matt Olsen, Benzie Schools Superintendent would like the road to remain open for future access to the school property

Gary Sauer, County Commissioner - He does not like roads closed because we do not know what the future holds.

Lee Stone, Owner of Pinecroft Golf Course - They have experienced trouble on the golf course in prior years. The perpetrators gained access to the golf course via Henry Rd. It is no longer an issue. The road has no use. The school won't use it because of its poor condition.

Mark Roper, President of the Benzie ATV Association - Henry Rd is open to ATV traffic. If it is abandoned, it would need to be removed from their trail map. He is concerned about the state and Feds closing roads. If it is abandoned, they will take ATV designation off of it and sign it properly. He explained the process to close a road to ATV traffic.

Nina Bonderanko, adjoining property owner - Is in favor of abandoning the portion of Henry Rd.

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to close the public hearing at 10:20 AM. Ayes: Rosa, and Mick. Absent: Hoyt. Motion carried.

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Motion by Comm Rosa that it is in the best interest of the public to deny the request to abandon a portion of Henry Road. Comm Mick did not support the motion. The motion is lost due to lack of support.

When the Road Commission has stumps available in the area, we can take them to Henry Rd. Also, No Dumping signs can be placed and Lee Stone and Rich Brauer agreed to pay for those.

- **MDOT Form 2067 Annual Certification of Employee-related Conditions** - Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to sign the MDOT Form 2067. Ayes: Rosa, and Mick. Absent: Hoyt. Motion carried.

- **Lake Twp request for Speed Study** - Lake Twp has requested a speed study on Crystal Dr. We will do an informal speed study with the traffic counters before going any further with this request.

- **Policy #128 Fringe and Overhead Charges** - Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to adopt Policy #128, Fringe and Overhead Charges, effective immediately. Ayes: Rosa, and Mick. Absent: Hoyt. Motion carried.

- **Bankston Rd** - Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to do two patches on Bankston (approx. 1,075') and split the cost with Gilmore Twp, 50/50. Ayes: Rosa, and Mick. Absent: Hoyt. Motion carried.

**Correspondence/Information/Discussion:**

- **Deadstream Rd/Health Dept** - Water testing results were reviewed.

- **Cole vs Benzie County** - We are waiting for a response from Dick Figura regarding Cole's request to run electric across the park property. (See minutes from 4/27/17)

- **DAS (Distributive Antenna Systems)** - The discussion continues.

**Public Input:** None.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:55 AM.

Minutes approved 08/10/17

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Robert Rosa, Chairman

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Kathleen A, Jordan, Clerk