

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 September 13, 2018 at 9:32 AM.

Present:	Chairman Bob Rosa	Manager Matt Skeels
	Vice-Chairman Ted Mick	Clerk Jennifer Kolinske
	Member Jim Bowers	

Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Bowers to amend the agenda adding Cedar Street Gravel/Paving. Ayes: Rosa, Mick and Bowers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Bowers to approve the amended minutes from 8/23/18. Ayes: Rosa, Mick and Bowers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Bowers and supported by Comm Mick to pay bills in the amount of \$236,030.82 and Payroll #18 for \$49,900.07. Ayes: Rosa, Mick and Bowers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Bowers and supported by Comm Mick to pay the MERS EFT in the amount of \$46,099.74. Ayes: Rosa, Mick and Bowers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

#### **Work Summary:**

Mike Johnson Shop Foreman - He and the Superintendent have been working on a Capital Equipment purchase list for the 2019 budget. Beginning winter prep on state trucks. Have had some tire issues on the excavator and grader.

Scott Fasel Road Foreman – N/A

**Standing guest: Gary Sauer, County Commissioner** - The county budget is available for review as of 9/11/18. Revenues did not have to dip into fund balance to balance. Attended CWD (Chronic Wasting Disease) law changes. County may have to fund an in-house attorney for indigent defense. The asbestos has been removed from the old Maples building and they are still looking for employees. Planning to attend the MERS Conference October 4-5.

**Public Input:** - N/A

#### **Items Before the Board:**

Heather Jamison and Craig Goodrich from Gourdie-Fraser Associates discussed the proposals and options for correcting the issues with the Pioneer/Weldon Road curve pavement. The tentatively agreed upon resolution is for a 1.5-inch overlay to be placed over the entire project, which will correct ride issues as well as the areas of thin pavement. The overlay for be funded by contractors and BCRC, with Gourdie-Fraser providing the inspection/testing and reporting for no fee. The cost for the BCRC would be less than \$20,000 for one half the cost of the asphalt and butt-joint milling, in addition BCRC would provide labor and materials for bringing the shoulder up to the new pavement height. The contractors will provide traffic control, one half of the asphalt cost as well as pavement markings.

Motion by Comm. Bowers, supported by Comm. Mick to provide up to but not exceeding \$19,000 towards the cost of asphalt for the Pioneer/Weldon Road project. A contract shall be drawn up detail the responsibilities of each party, BCRC, ATP/DJ McQuestion and Gourdie Fraser Associates. Contract should also stipulate that BCRC will not make payment until the

work is approved by Gourdie-Fraser and the BCRC payment will not exceed \$19,000. Ayes: Rosa, Mick and Bowers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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Manager Skeels reported the bids for construction of the Hooker Road Timber Bridge. Low bidder was AJ's Excavating at \$126,771.73. Two pay items were left off the bid sheet. The Board will consider bid approval at the next meeting when AJ's provides the costs for the other two pay items.

Financial Manager Kolinske reported that the MCRCSIP refund was \$23,426.

Financial Manager Kolinske discussed the possibility of increasing our MERS payment to assist us in paying off our liability sooner. Motion by Comm. Bowers, supported by Comm. Mick to increase our monthly MERS payment to \$16,000 per month beginning FY 2019. Ayes: Rosa, Mick and Bowers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

### **Correspondence/Information/Discussion:**

2018/2019 Budget Hearing scheduled for Sept 27<sup>th</sup>

Manager Skeels reported that we had received a FOIA request for all State issued Permits, we did request an extension, but will have the information sent to before the revised deadline.

MDEQ-Honor Pit Chloride issue, Attorney Bill Henn has sent a letter to the MDEQ stating that we have no objections to allowing them access to our Honor Gravel Pit to conduct testing, however, we would not be signing their release.

Cedar Street Gravel/Paving, Commissioner Mick indicated that he had been approached about paving Cedar Street. The Board members and staff indicated that the proper course of action is to have the landowners interested in paving approach the Township to get their backing before the Road Commission.

### **Public Input:**

Ron Evitts, asked when the pavement markings on CR 669 would be painted and indicated that the rumble strips at the 669/Cinder Road intersection were about gone.

### **Board Round Table:**

Manager Skeels asked the Board to drive Homestead Road between Marshall and Pioneer before the next meeting as they need to make a decision on next years' federal project.

Financial Manager Kolinske thanked the Board and staff for helping her out during her recovery.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:40 AM.

**Minutes approved 9/27/18.**

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Robert Rosa, Chairman

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Jennifer L. Kolinske, Clerk