

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 October 25, 2018 at 9:32 AM.

Present: Chairman Bob Rosa
Vice-Chairman Ted Mick
Member Jim Bowers

Manager Matt Skeels
Clerk Jennifer Kolinske

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Bowers to accept the agenda as presented. Ayes: Rosa, Mick and Bowers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Bowers and supported by Comm Mick to accept the 10/11/18 minutes as amended. 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 \$291,074.45 and Payroll #21 & #21a for \$57,251.70. Ayes: Rosa, Mick and Bowers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Work Summary:

Mike Johnson Shop Foreman – Working on winter truck prep. Reviewing office furnace, 19 years old and exhaust is coming into office. Looking at options to correct this. Consumers has audited our lighting needs, waiting on results. Salt shed needs new roof, the state will not let us put metal roof on it, must be shingles.

Scott Fasel Road Foreman – Luncheon and Rodeo was a success. Kevin Rosa was the over all winner. Elmers is in Thompson pit making 20,000 yards of 22A Mod/23A. In process of delivering village and city sand/salt mixes. Still waiting on salt delivery. Hope to get tree crew out starting tomorrow. Plow routes are filled with full-time and seasonal staff. Still interviewing for two spares. Road painting started today. Wallin pit has been leveled. Paving projects wrapping up next week. Looking at purchase/lease of skid-steer, John Deere vs MI Cat. The John Deere is a little large for working in spillways.

Standing guest: Gary Sauer, County Commissioner – Attended City of Frankfort meeting. They are waiting till after election to make decision regarding School Resource Officer. Village of Elberta wants to add speed bumps on Furnace Avenue. Betsie Valley Lake Utility Authority received a \$7,200 fine. Attended housing summit, many complaints regarding work force housing in Benzie County. 80% of air B&B's in the county are corporate owned. November 27th NMHSA will talk to county about services. Fall festival is in Thompsonville this weekend. Veteran Affairs contract with TC will expire at end of year. County looking to hire someone part-time and not renew contract with TC. Indigent went from 25% to 50%, calling it a grant now.

Public Input: - Gary Sauer thanked BCRC for leveling and cleaning up Wallin pit. Manager Skeels stated that Fewins will get cleaned up this fall as well.

Items Before the Board:

Local Road Policy – Manager Skeels reviewed with the board the edits to the Local Road Policy and distribution spreadsheet. Board requested that drafts be sent out to all Townships for review and that we add this to the November 13, 2018 agenda for approval.

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Resolution #2018-10 - Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Bowers to adopt Resolution #2018-10 on Senate Bill 396. Ayes: Rosa, Mick and Bowers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence/Information/Discussion:

Administrative Staff Wage Review – Manager Skeel’s contract is up in November. Board to do review at November 13, 2018 meeting. Spreadsheet was presented with comparable county road commission administrative wages. Board to review and make a decision at the November 13, 2018 meeting.

Gourdie Fraser Letter – letter received was shared with the board.

Staffing Update – Currently interviewing for seasonal drivers. We possibly have two full-time drivers retiring this winter. Interviewed possible new mechanic. Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Bowers to hire an additional mechanic. Ayes: Rosa, Mick and Bowers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Brad Schaub Correspondence – correspondence received was shared with the board.

Public Input: None

Board Round Table: Prescribed burn canceled for this year. Wetland Bank resolution sent to attorney Henn. He will be making amendments to it. MCRCSIP willing to pay for attorney Henn bills. Four soil borings have been done on Homestead Road. Appears it was excavated before being built and that it will be able to support four-foot shoulders.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:25 AM.

Minutes approved 11/13/18.

Robert Rosa, Chairman

Jennifer L. Kolinske, Clerk