

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 May 30, 2019 at 9:35 AM.

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

Manager Matt Skeels
Clerk Jennifer Kolinske

The agenda was accepted as presented.

The May 16, 2019 minutes were accepted as presented.

Motion by Comm Bowers and supported by Comm Mick to pay bills #46093 to #46135 in the amount of \$139,745.14 and Payroll #11 & #11a for \$62,470.35. Ayes: Rosa, Bowers and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to pay the MERS EFT in the amount of \$50,838.94. Ayes: Rosa, Bowers and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Work Summary:

Mike Johnson Shop Foreman/Facility Manager – Emulsion tank has been cleaned out and filled. Max Patcher out today for the first time this season. Hired two summer workers. Finishing up with winter to summer change overs on trucks. New mechanic is in his third week and seems to be working out well.

Scott Fasel Superintendent – N/A

Matt Skeels Manager – Having issues with Lee Road being gated off. Brining has started. Elmer's plans to start paving on June 12, 2019, weather permitting. Carmean/Brundage first on their list. Crews are working on prepping roads for paving.

Standing guest: Gary Sauer, County Commissioner – Betsie Valley Trail Management Council was happy to keep the trail open this past winter and will try it again. County to have discussions with all townships regarding trail permits. "Planning for Marijuana in Michigan" workshops to be held June 18th in Charlevoix, June 19th in Manistee and June 24th in Traverse City. Joyfield Township - Dodie Putney was appointed to fill the vacant Clerk position, Blaine Township will be appointing a new clerk as well. Attended the Health Department meeting – they are opposed to the e-cigarette bill. Arsenic found in Leelanau County. Attended the 50th anniversary of the Historical Society. Mentioned that Benzie County is 150 years old this year. Attended presentation regarding County finances. County will start prioritizing recommendations and moving forward. Elmer's to start on June 7th on parking lot and sidewalks at County building. Discussion with BCRC board on school funding issues, housing and creating new jobs in Benzie County.

Public Input: - Homestead Township County Commissioner Sherry Taylor mentioned that schools are going to come back in November for another vote.

Items Before the Board:

Village of Honor – Paving Leelanau Street – Board discussed issues with this project. MDOT needs to replace culvert before paving can be done. Village of Honor is requesting that BCRC do the shoulder gravel as well as the road bed gravel. In addition, they are asking that BCRC pay for one additional inch of asphalt. Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Bowers to table this subject until we have estimates. Ayes: Rosa, Bowers and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Inland Twp 2nd & Kent Street Paving – Recommendation was made by Inland Township Supervisor, Paul Beechraft to accept the bid from Elmer's for the paving of 2nd and Kent Street. Motion by Comm Bowers and supported by Comm Mick to accept the Elmer's bid for the 2nd and Kent Street projects in Inland Township. Ayes: Rosa, Bowers and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence/Information/Discussion:

MERS Annual Actuarial Report 12/31/18 – Manager Skeels and Clerk Kolinske gave a brief summary of the MERS Annual Actuarial Report dated 12/31/18. We are at 41% funded, same as last years report. Manager Skeels and Clerk Kolinske feel we need to be more aggressive in raising this percentage. They will schedule a meeting with Tony from MERS to review options.

Prioritized Hill List – Manager Skeels presented a prioritized list to the board of hills in Benzie County that need work. Next step is to have Scott review each road and recommend a plan to move forward. Comm Bowers stated that it would be a good idea to start with estimates of cost first.

Public Input: N/A

Board Round Table: N/A

Meeting Adjourned at 10:40 A.M.

Minutes approved 6/13/19.

Robert Rosa, Chairman

Jennifer L. Kolinske, Clerk