

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 11, 2019 at 9:31 A.M.

Present:	Chairman Bob Rosa	Manager Matt Skeels
	Vice-Chairman James Bowers	Clerk Jennifer Kolinske
	Member Ted Mick	Admin. Asst. Pat Cote

The agenda was accepted as presented.

The June 27, 2019 minutes were accepted as presented.

Motion by Comm Bowers and supported by Comm Mick to pay bills #46225 to #46256 in the amount of \$519,484.86 and Payroll #14 & #14a for \$63,953.40. Ayes: Rosa, Bowers and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

### **Work Summary:**

Mike Johnson Shop Foreman/Facility Manager – N/A

Scott Fasel Superintendent – Elmer's continues with our paving schedule. Having issues with one of our mowers so it has slowed down the process of getting the 1<sup>st</sup> mowing done for the season.

Matt Skeels Manager – Recent crash on Cedar Run/Reynolds has brought up the issue again of what we can do to make that intersection better. MDOT issued temporary traffic control order dropping the speed to 25 for the Ironman race route. We have put cones at the M22/Betsie Valley Trail crossing regarding water issues. Mike would like to issue/post bids soon for needed roof repairs as well as the two new trucks we plan on getting in FY 2020. Will take almost a year to receive trucks once order is placed. The new trucks will have Allison transmissions.

**Standing guest: Gary Sauer, County Commissioner** – Still working on issues with the public parking/blocking the Betsie Valley Trail. Frank Post has received calls regarding flooding issues on Lower Herring Lake. July 24, 2019 Blaine Township will have a meeting regarding tiny houses and short-term rentals. Benzie County will post a banner for publicizing that Benzie County is 150 years old & Representative Jack O'Malley & Senator Curt VanderWall are working on getting a letter from the state in recognition of this. Commissioner's are inquiring if BCRC will be continuing the local match program with the Townships in Benzie County and if so, what the dollar amount on the match will be for fiscal year 2020.

**Public Input** – Ron Evitts inquired as to when Colfax Township roadside mowing will be done and stated that the DNR has offered to mow the paved portion of the Betsie Valley Trail. County Commissioner Sherry Taylor asked if we have been receiving calls regarding the accident on Marshall Road and also questioned the board on who is liable if a tree falls on a vehicle on the side of the road. Discussion followed.

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

Village of Honor – Leelanau Street Paving – Scott Brown discussed plans for re-paving/repairing Leelanau Street. Village of Honor would like BCRC to pay for an additional inch of asphalt due to our usage of the road as well as gravel for the base and shoulders. Scott Brown and BCRC board decided it is not necessary to have the 4" of asphalt they are requesting. Motion by Comm Bowers and supported by Comm Mick to furnish up to 180 yards of 22A and up to 40 yards of 23A that Ron Brown & Sons will be able to access from BCRC's Honor Pit for the Leelanau Street project. Ayes: Rosa, Bowers and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Skinner/Dymond-CRA Agreement – Manager Skeels gave a brief summary of the agreement with CRA. Agreement states CRA will contribute up to \$100,000 to the projects with BCRC contributing up to \$40,000. Motion by Comm Bowers and supported by Comm Mick to authorize Manager Skeels to sign said document. Ayes: Rosa, Bowers and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Correspondence/Information/Discussion:**

Beckman – Brining Issues – Manager Skeels shared an e-mail that we received from Beckman’s Manager Clint Cook that stated we shall split the cost of the additional brining they needed to do. This was never agreed upon. BCRC sent a sample to S.O.S. Analytical which came back showing 13% Calcium Chloride. Beckman’s awarded bid was for 26% Calcium Chloride. All bills for brining are being held until BCRC is able to resolve this issue.

Weldon/Haze Road Black Bridge Turn Around – Supervisor Ron Hitesman contacted Manager Skeels regarding garbage issues at the Black Bridge. Discussion followed regarding the possibility of creating a turn-around in that location so that a dumpster could be placed there and garbage trucks could access it. Manager Skeels will look into this possibility, however most likely will need to get in touch with the DEQ since the site is so close to the river.

**Public Input:** Ron Evitts mentioned that if a dumpster was put at Black Bridge there is the possibility that the truck could back down to the bridge to access it and also that the new owner of the Knudsen property has put a plastic chain with a padlock across the two-track between Nostwick & Reynolds Roads. He also mentioned the “no turn around” sign still needs to be removed on Nostwick Road. County Commissioner Sherry Taylor stated that she attended the last Village of Honor meeting and that they are waiting on BCRC’s board to make a decision regarding the extra inch of asphalt before they will approve the project. County Commissioner Sauer mentioned that the Village of Thompsonville will most likely accepted Molon’s bid for paving on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street within the Village if they receive their grant funds. Allen Leman thanked the BCRC board for using the tax payer dollars wisely.

**Board Round Table:** Administrative Assistant Cote mentioned the latest “Super Star” employee awards and that she thought the program was going very well, the board concurred.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:50 A.M.

Minutes approved 7/25/19.

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Robert Rosa, Chairman

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Jennifer L. Kolinske, Clerk