

The **organizational** meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Benzie County was called to order by Clerk Kolinske at the Road Commission offices in Honor, Michigan on Thursday January 9, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

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

Manager Matt Skeels
Clerk Jennifer Kolinske

Motion by Commissioner Bowers and supported by Commissioner Mick to elect Commissioner Rosa as the 2020 Chairman. Ayes: Rosa, Bowers and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Mick and supported by Commissioner Rosa to elect Commissioner Bowers as the 2020 Vice Chairman. Ayes: Rosa, Bowers and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Bowers and supported by Commissioner Mick to accept the presented meeting schedule as amended. Ayes: Rosa, Bowers and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Resolution 2020-01 Bank Depositories for 2020 - Motion by Commissioner Bowers and supported by Commissioner Rosa to approve Resolution 2020-01 Bank Depositories for 2020 as presented. Ayes: Rosa, Bowers and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Resolution 2020-02 EFT-Electronic Financial Transactions for 2020 - Motion by Commissioner Bowers and supported by Commissioner Mick to approve Resolution 2020-02 EFT-Electronic Financial Transactions for 2020 as presented. Ayes: Rosa, Bowers and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Mick and supported by Commissioner Bowers to adjourn the organizational meeting at 9:40 a.m. Ayes: Rosa, Bowers and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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 January 9, 2020 at 9:41 a.m.

The agenda was accepted as presented.

The December 19, 2019 minutes were accepted as presented

Motion by Commissioner Bowers and supported by Commissioner Mick to pay bills #46796 to #46837 in the amount of \$277,056.57 and Payroll #26, 26a and 2020 #1 for \$131,462.13. Ayes: Rosa, Bowers and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Cash Summary: Clerk Kolinske presented the Cash Summary to the board.

Work Summary:

Mike Johnson Shop Foreman/Facility Manager – N/A

Scott Fasel Superintendent – N/A

Matt Skeels Manager – Our mechanic who was out on Short Term Disability has returned to full duty work as of January 2, 2020 and is currently working on getting his CDL License. He will need to schedule an additional surgery in the near future and hopes to only be out for a couple of weeks. We have extended an offer to our Seasonal Mechanic's Helper for full-time employment if he can pass all four of his mechanic's license tests by April 1, 2020. Still having issues with the lighted stop signs at Reynolds and Cedar Run Roads. Moving forward to see what it will cost to run electric to the signs. We

received grant funding for signage at Reynolds/Cinder and Pond/Grace Roads. Betsie Valley Trail is concerned that they might not be able to open causeway this next year and would need to reroute. If this is the case, they may need BCRC to help with temporary signage.

Standing guest: Gary Sauer, County Commissioner – Mentioned he is hoping that the Betsie Valley Trail will continue to work with BCRC this year. Commissioners voted to release attorney/client privilege regarding millage language for Maples. Elberta Clerk resigned. Discussions continue on Headlee rollback. Watervale Inn is requesting to have an excavator parked at the outlet so that they can keep it dug-out this year. Discussions continue to arise regarding concern about water levels on Lake Michigan.

Public Input – Sherry Taylor-Homestead Township, mentioned that Commissioners have the ability to phone conference in for meetings. Ron Evitts-Colfax Township, questioned why our Superintendent does not attend the full board meetings anymore. He also stated that he has brought up many issues that he is waiting for a response on.

Items Before the Board:

Primary/Local Millage Projects 2020 - Motion by Commissioner Bowers and supported by Commissioner Mick to approve the Primary and Local Millage Project list for 2020 as presented. Ayes: Rosa, Bowers and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried

Honor Bank CD Renewal - Motion by Commissioner Rosa and supported by Commissioner Bowers to renew our Honor Bank CD of \$250,000 plus any earned interest for five months with Honor Bank at an interest rate of 1.70%. Discussion followed regarding having the Clerk look at other local banks/credit unions for their rates between now and June 2020 when this will be due for renewal again. Ayes: Rosa, Bowers and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence/Information/Discussion:

Sale of 2021 Federal Aid – Manager Skeels discussed our potential option of pooling our Federal Aid funds with Leelanau and Traverse City. This could be done in one of two ways: 1, All funds would be pooled and sold as one package or 2. Package could be offered with the option to split it up by County if there is a desire for only part of the packaged funds. Either way we will need a resolution to proceed forward with this process. Manager Skeels to discuss with Leelanau and Grand Traverse and then report back to the board.

Public Input: Commissioner Sauer asked what happens if the package doesn't sell? Manager Skeels stated that we have other options if there is no interested party for the Federal Aid funds.

Board Round Table: Administrative staff met with our engineer to start discussing building options. He suggested that we do some building tours of similar size Road Commissions to get some ideas on what we are looking for. Asked that we have details on square footages for office, truck parking, mechanic's shop, etc. before we meet again. Subway card for Nov-Dec 2019 period was given to Andrew Carter for taking the time to shovel the walkway here at the Road Commission. Leroy Reed contacted the Road Commission to discuss the possibility of using the walkway access to get equipment down on the beach at Lake Michigan to help shore-up some of the erosion issues. If allowed use, they would fix the current walkway when done and shore it up from the lake.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:45 a.m.