

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 August 27, 2020 at 9:32 a.m.

Present: Chairman Bob Rosa  
Vice-Chairman James Bowers  
Member Ted Mick  
Manager Matt Skeels  
Deputy Clerk Patricia Cote  
Finance Manager Joe Nedow

The agenda was accepted as presented.

The August 13, 2020 minutes were accepted as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Bowers and supported by Commissioner Rosa to pay bills #47414 to #47452 in the amount of \$456,844.73, Payroll #17 for \$56,912.51. Ayes: Rosa, Bowers and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

#### **Cash Summary:**

Commissioner Mick joined the meeting at 9:38 am.

#### **Work Summary:**

*Mike Johnson* – reported he has one mechanic out for 2 weeks or more for medical reasons. They are bringing the sanders in getting ready for winter. Our Prototype Truck is being built and it should be here in early December.

*Scott Fasel* – reported he is looking for One or more Mini-Excavators for the ROAD-eo that is scheduled to take place on September 10, 2020. He would like a diesel compactor for installing culverts. We have tried a few models, but he is not impressed with any of them so far. We're wrapping up Cinder Road and generating a lot of materials for our seasonals. We're making lists for next years' paving projects. The salt barn is half done being painted. Talked with Scott Brown about the clay issue. It was suggested that the next time we test we bring in our tester and their tester at the same time and test the same samples.

*Matt Skeels* – Re: the Pioneer Rd./King Rd. issue. DJ McQuestion cannot hire non-union workers. It has been suggested that they go ahead and pay the Elmers' workers union dues to avoid any violations.

**Standing guest: Gary Sauer, County Commissioner** – Gave a report on the latest meeting of the Benzie County Board of Commissioners as well as activities and events in and around the county. He stated that the MTF funds should continue. He gave us a thank you for fixing up Longstreet and Joyfield.

**Public Input:** Sherry Taylor stated that the millage is going to be back on the ballot in the fall and that schools are opening.

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

*Lisa Taber request to purchase 5 years of service from MERS* - Motion by Commissioner Bowers and supported by Commissioner Mick to approve the request with Joe Nedow or Matt Skeels able to sign the request. Ayes: Rosa, Bowers and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

*Cooperative Agreement between the Conservation Resource Alliance (CRA) and Benzie County Road Commission Re: Skinner Road culvert project.* Motion by Commissioner Bowers and supported by Commissioner Mick to approve and accept the proposal as presented. Ayes: Rosa, Bowers and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Correspondence/Information/Discussion:**

*Flu shots for employees* – Dr. May is coming in on September 28<sup>th</sup> to perform physicals for CDL Medical Card Renewals for a number of employees who have been impacted by COVID-19. He also offered to give employee flu shots while he is here. He does not bill our insurance, so he would ask \$30.00 per shot. We are researching other options that can bill our insurance.

**Public Input:**

Gary Sauer suggested the Health Department might be an option for flu shots.

**Board Round Table:**

Tentative 9/14/20 start to the Weldon Road Carter Creek Crossing NRCS funded project. The arch is to be delivered on 9/21/20 and it should take 2-3 weeks, weather dependent. We are hoping to get to the Carter Creek crossings at CR-669 and on Brownell Road, but they requested to do the Weldon Road crossing first.

John Mills just finished installing the new interior doors in the building. Some still need polyurethane.

Discussion of options for improving Esch Road. We need to remove the muck at the base of the hill and cut 10 feet off the top of the hill. Cost of the project is estimated at more than \$1 million, we have less than \$400 thousand. It is a primary road so we could match funds. The National Park Service would like us to pave the whole parking area, but we have only budgeted for 12 parking spaces.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

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Robert Rosa, Chairman

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Patricia Cote, Deputy Clerk