



3. The Treasurer is authorized to enter into and execute on behalf of the Road Commission any contracts with any bank or trust company for the safekeeping or third-party custodianship of any of the Road Commission's securities as well as any contracts or repurchase agreements with any corporation for the purchase of any such securities which will be the subject of such safekeeping or third-party custodianship arrangements, on such terms and conditions as the County Treasurer shall require, and
4. The County Treasurer is authorized to rely on the continuing effect of this Resolution until amended or repealed by a subsequent resolution of this or a successor Board of County Road Commissioners.

Roll call vote: Rosa – aye; Bowers – aye and Beechraft – aye. Nays: None. – Resolution is hereby adopted.

Commissioner Rosa then closed the Organizational meeting at 9:40 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Benzie County was then called to order by Chairman Rosa at 9:41 a.m.

The agenda was accepted as presented.

December 28, 2023 regular meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Bowers and supported by Commissioner Beechraft to pay bills #53168 to #513199 in the amount of \$57,792.63 and Payrolls #1 and #2 for a combined \$113,281.82.

Discussion: None.

Ayes: Commissioners Rosa, Bowers and Beechraft. Nays: None. - Motion is hereby approved.

**Cash Summary:** Reviewed – no comments offered.

**Work Summary:** Reviewed as presented. Nedow asked the Board to consider discontinuing the report due to the repetitive nature of the content and asked to include a “staff reports” topic on future agendas so that staff can have the opportunity to provide an oral report if they wish.

**Standing guest: Gary Sauer, County Commissioner** – Presented an oral report for items/issues the Benzie County Board of Commissioners is dealing with as well as events that impact local government from around Benzie County.

**Public Input:** None.

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

##### **-Authorize Chairman to sign the 2024 Certification maps:**

Motion by Commissioner Bowers supported by Commissioner Beechraft to authorize the Chairman to sign/approve the 2024 State of Michigan Certification maps so that they can be submitted to Lansing.

Discussion: None.

Ayes: Commissioners Rosa, Bowers and Beechraft. Nays: None. - Motion is hereby approved.

##### **-Approve primary-road millage projects & review Local Road Committee choices for local-road millage projects for this year:**

Hinds reported this year's recommended primary road projects discussed at the January 9, 2024 Local Road Committee meeting are Reynolds Road (from Cedar Run Road to the county line); Reynolds Road (from US-31 to CR-610) Lake Ann Road (from US-31 to Village of Lake Ann limits), and Cedar Run Road (from Lake Ann Road to the Grand Traverse County line

Hinds added the Committee also selected the following local road paving projects: Fewins Road (from CR-669 to S. Reynolds Road); Brownell Road (From Weldon Road to Pioneer Road); Lamb Road (from US-31 to Fewins Road) and Barber Road (from Ole White Road to Reynolds Road). The grand total for all projects is estimated to be \$1,091,636.08 depending on asphalt and chip seal prices.

Motion by Commissioner Bowers supported by Commissioner Beechraft to accept staff's recommendation for this summer's primary road projects and to affirm the Local Road Committee's selection for local road projects as presented.

Discussion: None.

Ayes: Commissioners Rosa, Bowers and Beechraft. Nays: None. - Motion is hereby adopted.

**Correspondence/Information/Discussion:** Heard report from Manager Hinds on the following topics: next meeting of the Road Commission Safety Committee is set for March 9<sup>th</sup>; cost estimate for relocating Lincoln Road has been provided to Benzonia Township for their consideration; a proposed permit fee schedule has been drafted and is available for Board review; Hinds intends to post internally and externally for a replacement foreman position; the proposed CR-669 culvert lining proposal has met some resistance at the State regulatory level and Hinds informed the Board he hired engineer Brad Link to work through the proposal.

**Closed session:**

Motion by Commissioner Bowers supported by Commissioner Beechraft to go into closed session to discuss an offer by one of the defendants in the Crum Road lawsuit filed by the Road Commission.

Discussion: None.

Ayes: Commissioners Rosa, Bowers and Beechraft. Nays: None.

The Board then went into closed session at 10:40 AM.

At 10:55 AM the Board returned to open session.

Motion by Commissioner Bowers supported by Commissioner Beechraft, instructing their legal counsel to explore if accepting a settlement offer by one of the defendants in the Crum Road lawsuit would be in the best interests of the Benzie County Road Commission.

Discussion: None.

Ayes: Commissioners Rosa, Bowers and Beechraft. Nays: None.

With no more business to discuss, Chairman Rosa then adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

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Robert Rosa, Chairman

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Joel Nedow, Clerk