

The Organizational meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Benzie County was called to order by Clerk Jordan at their offices in Honor, Michigan on Thursday, January 8, 2015 at 9:30 AM.

Present:       Commissioner Nuske  
                  Commissioner Rosa  
                  Commissioner Mick  
                  Manager/Engineer Jamison  
                  Superintendent Schaub  
                  Clerk Jordan

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to nominate Comm Nuske as Chairman. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

The meeting turned over to Chairman Nuske.

Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Mick to elect Comm Rosa as Vice Chairman. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

The 2015 meeting schedule was accepted as presented.

Resolution 2015-01 Bank Depositories was presented by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Resolution adopted.

Resolution 2015-02 ACH Electronic Transfer Transactions was presented by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Rosa. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Resolution adopted.

The Organizational Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 AM.

The Regular Meeting of the Road Commission was opened by Chairman Nuske at 9:45 AM.

Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Mick to approve the agenda adding an EFT for Brenner Oil and 2015 Trucks. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of the regular meeting on December 18, 2014 were accepted as presented.

Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Rosa to pay bills # 41670 to # 41711 for the amount of \$ 74,311.49 and Payrolls 52 & 53 for \$ 54,707.21. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to authorize the EFT to Brenner Oil in the amount of \$ 21,807.48 and to pay the next invoice not yet received. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to authorize the EFT to MERS in the amount of \$ 29,857.39. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Superintendent's report** - Brad talked about snow and water issues around the county.

**Public Input:** None

**Standing Guest:** Coury Carland, County Commissioner introduced himself to the board.

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Trucks and Equipment bid extension - Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Rosa to accept the request from Grand Traverse Diesel to extend their 2014 bid for 2 Western Star heavy duty tandem-axle trucks through 2015. The trucks will cost \$115,740. each. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Rosa to accept the request from Truck & Trailer Specialties to extend their 2014 bid for equipment and installation of equipment on 2 Western Star trucks, with the Road Commission supplying parts as specified in Spec #2 at the cost of \$49,441. each. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Bridge inspection bid extension-Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Rosa to extend the 2014 bridge inspection bid price from Bradley A. Link Engineering for the 2015 calendar year. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Rescind Safety glasses policy #313-Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Mick to rescind Road Commission policy #313, Safety Glasses. This has been replaced by a yearly \$125 stipend to employees for safety glasses and/or safety boots as outlined in the USW 14557 CBA. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Material Bids - Project and material bids will be accepted until March 5th. Bids will be opened and read at the Road Commission on March 5th at 1:00 PM. Manager Jamison will review and bring her recommendations to the meeting on March 12 for Board approval.

**Correspondence/Information:**

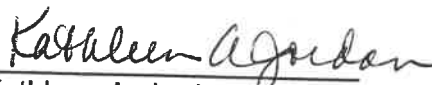
Benzie Co Showcase - The Road Commission will have a table at the Showcase on Feb 14th.

Cole vs Benzie Co-Update on the Road Commission's appeal.

**Public Input:**

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM

  
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 W. John Nuske, Chairman

  
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 Kathleen A, Jordan, Clerk

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Benzie County was called to order by Chairman Nuske at their offices in Honor, Michigan on Thursday, January 22, 2015 at 9:30 AM.

Present: Chairman Nuske  
Vice Chairman Rosa  
Commissioner Mick  
Manager/Engineer Jamison  
Clerk Jordan  
Superintendent Schaub

Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Rosa to accept the agenda as amended, adding the first quarter report from Ron Wohlford, CPA and a Brenner Oil EFT for \$14,801.55. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of the organizational meeting of January 8, 2015 were approved as presented.

The minutes of the regular meeting on January 8, 2015 were accepted as presented.

Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Rosa to pay bills # 41712 to # 41752 for the amount of \$ 62,411.21 and Payroll # 1 for \$ 56,125.92. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Nuske to authorize the EFT to Brenner Oil in the amount of \$ 14,801.55. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Superintendent's report** - Brad attended meetings at Crystal Lake Twp and Benzonia Twp to ask for monetary support for drainage issues at Lobb Rd @ S. Shore, Cedar St, and Bixler Rd. Both townships were agreeable to contributing.

**Public Input:** Ron Evitts-No passing signs on the west side of CR 669 are reversed and need to be corrected. Ed Fay asked about traffic control devices under the jurisdiction of the villages.

**Standing Guest:** Coury Carland - County Commissioner-Brought the Commissioners up to date on the county business.

**New Business:**

CRAM ballot - Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm to cast a vote for Doug Robidoux from Mason Co for the Board of Directors' seat that is open. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.


**Ron Wohlford:** Letter from Ron Wohlford, CPA regarding the first quarter of 2015.

**Correspondence/Information:** Manager Jamison informed the board of the developments with Cole vs Benzie Co.

**Public Input:** Ron Evitts-Wanted to know where the wood went from the state land on Haze Rd; How much will the weight limit increase when the Woirel Bridge (Reynolds Rd) is repaired?

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 AM

  
W. John Nuske, Chairman

  
Kathleen A, Jordan, Clerk

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Benzie County was called to order by Chairman Nuske at their offices in Honor, Michigan on Thursday, February 12, 2015 at 9:30 AM.

Present: Chairman Nuske  
Vice Chairman Rosa  
Commissioner Mick  
Manager/Engineer Jamison  
Clerk Jordan  
Superintendent Schaub

Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Rosa to accept the agenda as amended, adding correspondence, MERC charges, MDOT Annual Elected Officials and Brenner Oil EFT for \$ 19,177.74 and an update on the Cole vs Benzie Co appeal. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The minutes of the regular meeting on January 22, 2015 were accepted as presented.

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to pay bills # 41713 to # 41806 for the amount of \$ 123,827.32 and Payroll # 2 & 3 for \$ 108,217.26. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Nuske to authorize the EFT to Brenner Oil in the amount of \$ 32,924.81. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Nuske to authorize the EFT to MERS in the amount of \$ 31,114.45. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Superintendent's report** - Brad is looking into a municipal lease for a loader. Both of our loaders have high hours on them.

**Public Input:** Kay Bond - Appreciates the board addressing their request for a seasonal road upgrade.

**Standing Guest:** Gary Sauer - County Commission Liaison-Brought the Commissioners up to date on the county business.

**New Business:**

Reynolds Rd Bridge- Link Engineering Services - Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Rosa to enter into a contract with Link Engineering Services to design the Reynolds Rd (Woirol) Bridge. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

We were awarded a grant from the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians for \$9,300 to upgrade the Reynolds Rd Bridge. We will ask Colfax Twp to contribute since this is the main route to Grass Lake Campground they maintain.

Homestead Twp request for annual Clean-Up Day, May 16th. - Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to allow Homestead Twp to use the Road Commission yard for their spring cleanup on May 16, 2015 from 8 AM to 12 PM with appropriate insurance in place. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Michigan State Police-Spring Weight Restriction patrol - Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Mick to forego contracting with the Michigan State Police Weigh Master for patrol during spring weight restrictions. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Act 51 Report - Motion by Comm Rosa and Supported by Comm Mick to accept the FY 2014 Act 51 report as presented. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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Request for Seasonal Rd change - Randy and Kay Bond were present and asked for a seasonal road upgrade for approximately 500' on Aylsworth Rd, East of Pioneer Rd. for winter snowplowing. Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Rosa to authorize an estimate for an upgrade. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

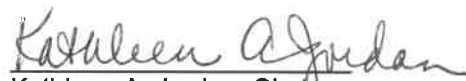
**Correspondence/Information:**

MDOT Annual Rural and Tribal Elected officials Meeting, Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 10:00 AM  
Cole vs Benzie Update

**Public Input:** Ron Evitts - Ron needed clarification on how Appendix A works with the Local Road Policy.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM

  
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W. John Nuske, Chairman

  
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Kathleen A, Jordan, Clerk

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Benzie County was called to order by Chairman Nuske at their offices in Honor, Michigan on Thursday, February 26, 2015 at 9:30 AM.

Present: Chairman Nuske  
Vice Chairman Rosa  
Commissioner Mick  
Manager/Engineer Jamison  
Clerk Jordan  
Superintendent Schaub

The agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes of the regular meeting on February 12, 2015 were accepted as presented.

Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Rosa to pay bills # 41807 to # 41842 for the amount of \$ 57,046.75 and Payroll # 4 & 4A for \$ 70,231.35. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to authorize the EFT to Brenner Oil in the amount of \$ 38,337.88. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Superintendent's report** - Due to the extreme cold, we are using more sand than salt. He would like to look into leasing a loader in 2016.

**Public Input:** None

**Standing Guest:** Gary Sauer - County Commissioner Liasion-Brought the Commissioners up to date on the county business.

**New Business:**

**2016 Safety projects** notification-We awarded the safety grants for 2016 that we applied for. We will receive \$525,000 for tree removal on 26 miles of primary roads, and \$23,000 solar lighting for signs at Ely Rd at Fewins Rd. Both projects will require match funds.

**Burnt Mill Bridge**-Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Rosa to accept the plans for the Burnt Mill Bridge over Woodcock Creek and authorize Manager Jamison to sign. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Correspondence/Information:**

Updates: Deadstream Rd - Mgr Jamison attended a joint meeting with Benzonia Twp and Lake Twp to discuss the proposed bike path grant.


ULP hearing rescheduled - Original hearing date was cancelled by the union. It has been tentatively rescheduled for April 1, 2015

Cole vs Benzie Co - No update

**Public Input:** None.

Meeting adjourned at 10:12 AM

  
W. John Nuske, Chairman

  
Kathleen A, Jordan, Clerk

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Benzie County was called to order by Chairman Nuske at their offices in Honor, Michigan on Thursday, March 12, 2015 at 9:30 AM.

Present: Chairman Nuske  
 Vice Chairman Rosa  
 Manager/Engineer Jamison  
 Clerk Jordan  
 Superintendent Schaub

Excused: Comm Mick

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Nuske to approve the agenda as amended, deleting the Road Takeover Resolution. Ayes: Nuske and Rosa. Excused: Mick. Motion carried.

The minutes of the regular meeting on February 26, 2015 were accepted as presented.

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Nuske to pay bills # 41843 to # 41874 for the amount of \$ 28,307.07 and Payroll # 5 for \$ 48,959.73. Ayes: Nuske and Rosa. Excused: Mick. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Nuske to authorize the EFT to Brenner Oil in the amount of \$ 20,905.97 and \$ for an invoice yet to be received. Ayes: Nuske and Rosa. Excused: Mick. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Nuske to authorize the EFT to MERS in the amount of \$31,191.02. Ayes: Nuske and Rosa. Excused: Mick. Motion carried.

**Superintendent's report** - There were several frozen drains around the county, including our parking lot. We hired PCS to hot-water jet them to get them unthawed.

**Public Input:** There were several property owners on Deadstream Rd present who addressed the board regarding the upcoming resurfacing of Deadstream Rd. Almost all present opposed the project for varying reasons like tree removal, the clearing area, and traffic issues. However, the Road Commission has received correspondence representing both support and opposition for this project.

**Standing Guest:** Gary Sauer - County Commissioner Liaison-Brought the Commissioners up to date on the county business.

**New Business:**

Deadstream Rd contract- Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Nuske to enter into a contract with Elmers for the Deadstream Rd project. Roll call, Rosa: Aye. Nuske: Aye: Excused: Mick. Motion carried.

Bid Award recommendations – Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Nuske to accept the manager's recommendations and award the bids as follows:

- \* 2NS Sand - Elmers
- \* 22A Gravel - Elmers and Al's Aggregate
- \* 21AA Recycled - Accept all bids
- \* 23A Modified - Al's Aggregate
- \* 1/4" Natural Stone - Cliff's Sand & Gravel
- \* Overrun Stone - Reject all bids for 1000 cyds

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(Bid awards continued):

- 2500 cyds - Al's Aggregate
- \* Screened Topsoil - Al's Aggregate
- \* Emulsion - HFRS-2 and SS-1H to Asphalt Materials  
Alternate material-Reject all bids
- \* HMA - Accept all bids
- \* 9 ft. Wing blades - Truck & Trailer Specialties
- \* Cold Patch CP6 & CP7 - Ace-Saginaw
- \* CMP-CCP - Accept all bids
- \* Riprap Stone - 3" - >16" - Kasson Sand & Gravel
- \* Guardrail - J & J Contracting
- \* Fuel - Brenner Oil
- \* Brine - 26% and Storage in Honor Pit - Beckman Productions  
32% and 38% - Reject all bids
- \* Tree Removal - The Tree Wiseman
- \* Stump Removal - Grants Stump Removal
- \* Brownell Rd - Elmer's
- \* Burnt Mill Bridge materials - Krenn Bridge
- \* Chip & Fog Seal project - C & C Contractors
- \* HMA Wedging/Skip Paving - ATP Precision Paving
- \* M-22 Drainage Improvements - AJ's Excavating
- \* Catch Basin Cleanouts - Pollution Control Service

Ayes: Nuske and Rosa. Excused: Mick. Motion carried.

Co-Op student – Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Nuske to execute a contract with TBA for a student to help with welding. Ayes: Nuske and Rosa. Excused: Mick. Motion carried.

Permit from Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division - Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Nuske to waive the fee for the permit. Ayes: Nuske and Rosa. Excused: Mick. Motion carried.

Benzonia Township contract – Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Rosa to enter into a contract with Benzonia Twp for the work being done on Narrow Gauge and Hoadley Rds. Ayes: Nuske and Rosa. Excused: Mick. Motion carried.

RACES (Amateur Radio Operators) request for radios – Motion by Comm Nuske and Comm Rosa to offer our old radios and repeater to RACES for \$1.00. Ayes: Nuske and Rosa. Excused: Mick. Motion carried.

**Correspondence/Information:**

Updates:      Deadstream Rd - Road will be closed to through traffic.  
                   Cole vs Benzie County  
                   Commissioners Seminar 4/12-14/15  
                   Truck Driver position - We will be advertising for a truck driver.

**Public Input:** Gary Sauer - Open Meetings act workshop on March 16; FOIA changes workshop will be set before the law changes; Several spoke again in opposition to the Deadstream Rd project; Bill Robinson is looking into the flashing speed signs.



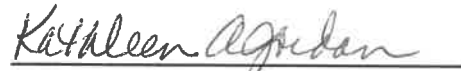
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Closed Session: Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Nuske to enter into closed session at 10:45 AM for the purpose of discussion with attorney Tom Derderian regarding USW Grievance # 2015-01

Re enter regular session at 11:40 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 11:41 AM

  
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W. John Nuske, Chairman

  
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Kathleen A. Jordan, Clerk

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Benzie County was called to order by Chairman Nuske at their offices in Honor, Michigan on Thursday, March 26, 2015 at 9:30 AM.

Present: Chairman Nuske  
Member Mick  
Manager/Engineer Jamison  
Clerk Jordan  
Superintendent Schaub  
Excused: Vice Chairman Rosa

Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Nuske to approve the agenda as amended adding an update on the Co-Op student and a logging request. Ayes: Nuske and Mick. Excused: Rosa. Motion carried.

The minutes of the regular meeting on March 12, 2015 were accepted as presented.

Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Nuske to pay bills # 41875 to # 41905 for the amount of \$ 55,851.78 and Payroll # 6 for \$ 51,359.11. Ayes: Nuske and Mick. Excused: Rosa. Motion carried.

**Superintendent's report:** Lots of tree cutting going on. We rented a rock tub from Leelanau CRC to move the process along.

**Public Input:** None

**Standing Guest:** Gary Sauer - County Commissioner Liasion-Brought the Commissioners up to date on the county business.

**New Business:**

- 10:00 AM - Keith Bonney applied for a permit to install name signs on seasonal roads around the Turtle Lake Campground. Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Mick to issue the permit to allow Keith to place seasonal road name signs in Inland and Colfax Twps at his expense, supply him with used sign posts and to waive the permit fee. Ayes: Nuske and Mick. Excused: Rosa. Motion carried.

- Resolution 2015-03 - Road Takeover- Resolution 2015-03, was presented by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Nuske to take into the county road system, a road to be known as Railroad Point Trail in Sec 21, T26N, R15W, Benzonia Twp, a distance of 1,564.86 ft . Ayes: Nuske and Mick. Excused: Rosa. Motion carried.

- Certification maps cover page signed by Comm Nuske.

- USW contract signature pages-. The original signature pages were lost and the signature page was revised and provided by the union representative.

- Contract amendment for Burnt Mill timber bridge to include construction inspection - Motion by Comm Nuske and supported Comm Mick to accept the contract amendment for the Burnt Mill timber bridge and authorize Eng/Mgr to sign. Ayes: Nuske and Mick. Excused: Rosa. Motion carried.

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- Crystal Mountain Resort - Request to use King, Dair Mill, Joyfield, Longstreet, Lowden, Stone, and CR 602 for the North Mitten Race (Half Marathon & 10K) Sunday, May 24. Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Mick to allow Crystal Mountain to use the named roads for their North Mitten Race on Sunday, May 24. They must handle all traffic control and may not close any road. Ayes: Nuske and Mick. Excused: Rosa. Motion carried.

- Upper Platte River clean up by the Boardman River Sweep-Dumpster request. Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Mick to allow the Boardman River Sweep organization to place a dumpster at the Road Commission for the river cleanup. Ayes: Nuske and Mick. Excused: Rosa. Motion carried.

- Logging-Flees wants to log King Rd and cross Wallaker Rd (a paved –non Class A road) to get to US31. Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Mick to allow Flees Logging to cross Wallaker Rd at King Rd, to pay for inspections before and after the project and to pay for any damage to the pavement. Comm Nuske also noted that requests like these will be handled case by case and that we are not setting a precedent. Ayes: Nuske and Mick. Excused: Rosa. Motion carried.

**Correspondence/Information:**

- Michigan Township Association meeting April 17 at 4:00 PM at Benzie Central
- Equipment disposal-Disposing of trucks #374 & #382
- Seasonal employees-Seasonal employees will be done on April
- Co-op students - We were unable to find a suitable student for what we needed.

**Public Input:** Bill Robinson asked about maintenance on seasonal roads; Gary Sauer asked about the stumps on Herring Rd.

Meeting adjourned at 10:23 AM



W. John Nuske, Chairman



Kathleen A, Jordan, Clerk

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Benzie County was called to order by Chairman Nuske at their offices in Honor, Michigan on Thursday, April 9, 2015 at 9:30 AM.

Present: Chairman Nuske  
Vice Chairman Rosa  
Member Mick  
Manager/Engineer Jamison  
Clerk Jordan  
Superintendent Schaub

Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Rosa to amend the agenda adding employee time off and full time employees as amended. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

The minutes of the regular meeting on March 26, 2015 were accepted as presented.

Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Rosa to pay bills # 41906 to # 41943 for the amount of \$ 169,312.58 and Payroll # 7 for \$ 44,603.42. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to pay the EFT for Brenner Oil for \$18,208.436. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to pay the EFT for MERS for \$ 31,025.88. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

**Superintendent's report** - Employee threatened by a motorist on Sutter Rd; Would like to order signs for millage projects; Will be meeting with Schmuckal Oil in the near future regarding fueling options.

**Public Input:** Ron Evitts, Colfax Twp Supervisor - Would like information on zoning signs.

**Standing Guest:** Gary Sauer - County Commissioner Liasion-Brought the Commissioners up to date on the county business.

**New Business:**

- **Employee advanced time off** - Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Rosa to advance sick leave time earned to an employee who has a family emergency, but this is not to set a precedence of advancing time off and that each situation will be reviewed by management and the board. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

- **Full time employees**-We will need to hire at least 2 drivers.

- **EAP contract with Catholic Human Services**-Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to enter into an agreement for one year with Catholic Human Services for our Employee Assistance Program. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

- **Update Policy Manual** - Staff will revise 5-10 policies for each meeting until the manual is up to date.

- **Road Commission deed restriction**-Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Rosa to approve the deed restriction for the Road Commission property and authorize Comm Nuske to sign. The deed will be recorded by GRT, Inc. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

- **DEQ Closure report for Underground Storage Tank Leak** clean up provided by GRT, Inc. Motion by Commissioner Mick and supported by Comm Rosa to authorize Manager Jamison to sign the closure report required by the DEQ. The clean up documents may be audited by the DEQ, but if not, the closure will be completed within 90 days. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

**Set public hearing** for changes to the Seasonal Road System - Public hearing set on May 21, 2015 at 10:00 AM.

**Correspondence/Information:**

- Deadstream Rd update-Elmer's will be back on site on April 13.
- ULP charge - Charge was dropped by the USWA
- Employee parking lot changes-Blocking off a portion of the employee parking lot to prevent recyclers from using the parking lot as a pass though. Signs that were put up to discourage usage have been ineffective.
- Summer seasonal workers-We will hire 2 and raise the hourly pay to \$11.00/hour.

**Public Input:** Al Brown thanked the board for awarding bids to him and he would like to help us manage our pit; Ron Evitts would like us to reclaim the shoulders of the gravel roads and commented on the parking lot changes.

Meeting adjourned at 10:46 AM



W. John Nuske, Chairman



Kathleen A. Jordan, Clerk

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Benzie County was called to order by Chairman Nuske at their offices in Honor, Michigan on Thursday, April 23, 2015 at 9:30 AM.

Present: Chairman Nuske  
 Vice Chairman Rosa  
 Member Mick  
 Manager/Engineer Jamison  
 Clerk Jordan  
 Superintendent Schaub

Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Rosa to amend the agenda adding summer work schedule, proposed detour and Brenner Oil as amended. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

The minutes of the regular meeting on April 9, 2015 were accepted as presented.

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to pay bills # 41944 to # 41972 for the amount of \$ 79,127.73 and Payroll # 8 for \$ 42,341.80. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to pay the EFT for Brenner Oil due on 5/1/15. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

**Superintendent's report** - We have hired one new employee and still need two more; Tucker Rd culvert options; Sold old trucks for \$6,535; Two new arrow boards purchased.

**Public Input:** None

**Standing Guest:** Gary Sauer - County Commissioner Liasion-Brought the Commissioners up to date on the county business.

**New Business:**

**Summer Work Schedule** - We will be going to 4 - 10 hour days beginning on June 1 until September 7.

**Detour** - MDOT would like to use Grace Rd for detour for M-115 construction next year.

**Resolution 2015-04** - Resolution presented by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Rosa in support of the Critical Bridge Fund grant application for the Nostwick Rd bridge. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

**Resolution 2015-05** Resolution presented by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Mick in support of the Critical Bridge Fund grant application for the Reynolds Rd (Woirel) bridge. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

**Platte Twp - Aral Rd** culvert replacement - Motion by Comm Rosa and supported Comm Mick to enter into a contract with Platte Twp for replacement of the culvert on Aral Rd between Blohm Rd and M-22. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

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**Policy review** - The Board reviewed policies 101-110.

**Correspondence/Information:**

ULP charge

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**Public Input:** John Zirkel-Deadstream Rd looks great. He would like telephone and cable boxes set back and he doesn't want to look at logs all summer. He will work with Lake Twp to make sure that the logs that are neglected this summer will be taken care of.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 AM

  
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W. John Nuske, Chairman

  
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Kathleen A. Jordan, Clerk

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Benzie County was called to order by Chairman Nuske at their offices in Honor, Michigan on Thursday, May 7, 2015 at 9:30 AM.

Present: Chairman Nuske  
 Vice Chairman Rosa  
 Member Mick  
 Manager/Engineer Jamison  
 Clerk Jordan  
 Superintendent Schaub

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to amend the agenda adding 2 encroachment permits, MERS 457 and closed session. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

The minutes of the regular meeting on April 23, 2015 were accepted as presented.

Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Rosa to pay bills # 41973 to # 42006 for the amount of \$ 617,940.61 and Payroll # 9 for \$ 37,967.14. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to pay the EFT for Brenner Oil for \$19,236.37. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to pay the EFT for MERS for \$30,960.46. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

**Superintendent's report** – We need 1 truck drivers and mechanic. We have a Cat loader and JD loader demos in the pit. Our new trucks are at T & T for outfitting. Deadstream Rd is paved. Brownell is being paved today. MDOT is looking at sending their crews to repair the catch basins that are failing on US 31 from the township hall to Ely Rd.

**Public Input:** Ron Evitts, Colfax Twp Supervisor said that Miller Rd looks great with the trees gone.

**Standing Guest:** Gary Sauer - County Commissioner Liasion-Brought the Commissioners up to date on the county business regarding the Maples and the Veterans Memorial.

**New Business:**

**Encroachment permits** - Pt Betsie bench – Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to allow a memorial bench to be placed in the ROW at Pt Betsie road end, providing adequate insurance is provided and there is no cost or responsibility to the Road Commission. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

Herron Rd – Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Mick to allow a drainfield in the ROW at 3101 Herron Rd providing it does not extend beyond the existing drainfields already in place. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

**Second Qtr report** - Ron Wohlford was here in April and completed the 2nd quarter financial report. We are right where we need to be and no budget amendments are necessary at this time.

**Resolution 2015-06 Goose Rd** – Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to adopt Resolution 2015-06 Contract with MDOT for Goose Rd. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Resolution adopted.



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**Resignation from Manager Jamison** - Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Rosa to accept resignation from Manager Jamison and to release her from her obligations in less than 60 days if it's possible. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

Reviewed policies 103, 110-114.

**Correspondence/Information:**

MERS offers a 457 Deferred Compensation plan

Gudemoss Rd culvert and Burnt Mill bridge will be advertised.

Manager will place an ad for construction engineering for Goose Rd project.

Advertise for a mechanic and truck driver

**Public Input:** John Zirkel - Deadstream Rd looks great. Ron Evitts - There is a stop sign at Landis and Weldon that has been hit. Gary Sauer - Elberta Resort Rd complaints. He would like an estimate to repair.

**Closed Session:** Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Nuske to enter into closed session at 10:43 AM at the request of a potential applicant to consider an appointment to a management position. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

Re-enter regular session at 12:11 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 12:12 PM.



W. John Nuske, Chairman



Kathleen A, Jordan, Clerk

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Benzie County was called to order by Chairman Nuske at their offices in Honor, Michigan on Thursday, May 21, 2015 at 9:30 AM.

Present: Chairman Nuske  
Member Mick  
Manager/Engineer Jamison  
Clerk Jordan  
Road Foreman Fasel  
Excused: Vice Chairman Rosa

Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Mick to amend the agenda adding Loader lease purchase and encroachment permit. Ayes: Nuske and Mick. Excused: Rosa. Motion carried.

The minutes of the regular meeting on May 7, 2015 were accepted as presented.

The minutes from the closed session on May 7, 2015 were accepted as presented.

Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Nuske to pay bills # 42007 to # 42043 for the amount of \$ 319,273.17 and Payroll # 10 & 10A for \$ 46,757.21. Ayes: Nuske and Mick. Excused: Rosa. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Nuske to pay the EFT for Brenner Oil for \$22,152.19. Ayes: Nuske and Mick. Excused: Rosa. Motion carried.

**Superintendent's report** – Scott Fasel brought the Board up to date on brining.

**Public Input:** Ron Evitts, Colfax Twp Supervisor asked about closed session minutes; Bill Robinson, Lake Twp Supervisor thought Deadstream Rd looked great and has not had one negative comment; John Zirkel agreed with Bill; Sally Casey stated that Elmers crew were a class act, considerate and respectful and did a great job.

**Standing Guest:** Gary Sauer - County Commissioner Liaison-Brought the Commissioners up to date on the county business.

**New Business:**

**Encroachment permit** - Encroachment permit for 7155 Crystal Dr - Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Mick to permit the septic tank partially in the road right-of-way at 7155 Crystal Dr. Ayes: Nuske and Mick. Excused: Rosa. Motion carried.

**Loader Lease Purchase** - Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Nuske to enter into lease-purchase agreement with Michigan Cat for 5 years and to use our Case loader as a trade in. Ayes: Nuske and Mick. Excused: Rosa. Motion carried.

**Water Trail Plan for the Betsie River** - Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Mick to write a letter of support for the Water Trail Plan for the Betsie River. Ayes: Nuske and Mick. Excused: Rosa. Motion carried.

**Tire Collection** - Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Mick to allow the Benzie County Recycling Coordinator, Marlene Woods, to hold a separate tire collection here on August 29, 2015 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Ayes: Nuske and Mick. Excused: Rosa. Motion carried.

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**10:00 Seasonal Road Public Hearing** - Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Mick to open the Public Hearing Additions and Deletions to the Seasonal Road System at 10:00 AM. Ayes: Nuske and Mick. Excused: Rosa. Motion carried.

A few comments were made by the people who were present, but no objections were made to the additions or deletions proposed to the Seasonal Road Policy. Several of the roads proposed for status change were to bring them into line with our actual practices.

Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Mick to adjourn the Public Hearing at 10:11 AM. Ayes: Nuske and Mick. Excused: Rosa. Motion carried.

The following resolutions were presented by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Mick that

Resolution 2015-07, the following changes be made to the Seasonal Road System for the following roads in Almira Township:

Additions to the Seasonal Road System (Roads designated seasonal will not be maintained between November 1 and April 30):

Oakley Rd - T27 N, R13W, Sec 32, from CR669 east to Bowers Rd - .54 miles

Deletions from the Seasonal Road System:

Hooker Rd - T27N, R13W, Sec 30 & 31, from CR 669 west to Rayle Rd - .57 miles

State Rd - T27N, R13W, Sec 31, from Hooker Rd south west - .11 miles

Ayes: Commissioners Nuske and Mick. Excused: Commissioner Rosa. Resolution adopted.

Resolution 2015-08

WHEREAS, Railroad Point Trail located in Benzonia Township, - T26N, R15W, Sec 21 - Beginning at Mollineaux Rd. then .29 miles north, is a county road that has minimal or no use by motor vehicles during the months of November through April and,

WHEREAS, Railroad Point Trail has does not provide access to any buildings being used as a principal residence and,

WHEREAS, the grade variations, concealed obstructions, road alignment, or other topographical characteristics of Railroad Point Trail would increase the likelihood of damaging snow removal equipment or necessitate the use of equipment not normally used by the Benzie County Road Commission for winter maintenance.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Railroad Point Trail- T26N, R15W, Sec 21 - Beginning at Mollineaux Rd then .29 miles north, be added to the Seasonal Road System.

Ayes: Commissioners Nuske and Mick. Excused: Commissioner Rosa. Resolution adopted.

Resolution 2015-09, the following changes be made to the Seasonal Road System for the following roads in Homestead Township:

Additions to the Seasonal Road System (Roads designated as seasonal will not be maintained between November 1 and April 30):

Pioneer Rd - T26N, R14W, Sec 3 Beginning 1.34 miles (7,080ft) north of

US 31 to 1.76 miles (9,306 ft) north of US 31- .42 miles total

Deletions from the Seasonal Road System:

Pioneer Rd - T26N, R14W, Sec 10, 11, 2, and 3, Beginning .5 miles

(2,640ft) north of US 31 to 1.34 miles (7,080 ft) north of US 31- .84 miles total.

Ayes: Commissioners Nuske and Mick. Excused: Commissioner Rosa. Resolution adopted.

Resolution 2015-10, the following changes be made to the Seasonal Road System on the following roads in Inland Township:

Deletions from the Seasonal Road System:

Hulbert Rd - T26N, R13W, Sec 8 & 9 - 456' over creek.

Ayes: Commissioners Nuske and Mick. Excused: Commissioner Rosa. Resolution adopted.

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Resolution 2015-11, The following changes be made to the Seasonal Road System for the following roads in Weldon Township:

Additions to the Seasonal Road System (Roads designated as seasonal will not be maintained between November 1 and April 30):

Landis Rd - T25N, R14W, Sec 16, 17, 20, and 21 - Pioneer Rd west to Pine Rd - 1.8 miles

Haze Rd - T25N, R14W, Sec 35 & 36 - Leisure Drive north to the Betsie River bank - .1 miles

Haze Rd - T25N, R14W, Sec 35 & 36 - Partridge Trail south to the Betsie River bank - .12 miles

Haze Rd - T25N, R14W, Sec 13 & 14 - Wallin Rd south to Landis Rd - 1.0 miles

Haze Rd - T25N, R14 W, Sec 25 & 26 - Egan Rd, north 500' - .09 miles

Ayes: Commissioners Nuske and Mick. Excused: Rosa. Resolution adopted.

**Policy review** - Policies 115 through 120 were reviewed.

**Public Input:** - Craig Meredith - Wolf Rd bridge approach needs patching; Who owned the Black Bridge?  
Bill Robinson - Local Road Committee meeting is May 27.

Meeting adjourned at 10:26 AM.



W. John Nuske, Chairman



Kathleen A. Jordan

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Benzie County was called to order by Chairman Nuske at their offices in Honor, Michigan on Thursday, June 11, 2015 at 9:30 AM.

Present: Chairman Nuske  
Vice Chairman Rosa  
Member Mick  
Manager/Engineer Jamison  
Superintendent Schaub  
Clerk Jordan

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to amend the agenda adding Tucker Rd, Conservation Resource Alliance agreement, Request for handicapped child sign, and fuel tanks. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

The minutes of the regular meeting on May 21, 2015 were accepted as presented.

Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Rosa to pay bills # 42044 to # 42104 for the amount of \$ 744,043.81 and Payroll # 11 for \$ 40,829.47. Ayes: Nuske and Mick. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to pay the EFT for Brenner Oil for \$21,087.16. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to pay the EFT for MERS for \$31,249.95. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

**Superintendent's report** – MDOT Performance Based Maintenance; Tucker Rd; Long Rd erosion problem.

**Public Input:** Ron Chambers spoke regarding Haze Rd; Lynn Rochet spoke regarding Weldon Rd and road grading; Bill Robinson would like to know when Sutter Rd will be completed.

**Standing Guest:** Gary Sauer - County Commissioner Liasion-Brought the Commissioners up to date on the county business.

**New Business:**

**10:00 - John Schor** - He does not think that Haze Rd between Landis and Wallin should be a seasonal road. Many people in the area use the road as a more direct route to main roads. He thinks that the grading that was done last time, was inadequate and made the road worse. He would also like Road Commission employees to be held accountable for their work.

**Tucker Rd** - John and Craig Therrien were here to address the board on the proposed culvert removal. They are asking that the current culvert be replaced with one a little larger instead of removing the culvert and a portion of the road. Comm Nuske and Rosa agree that removing a portion of the road is not the preferred method if there are alternatives. Therriens will make contact with the DEQ to see if there are any other acceptable solutions.

**Encroachment Permit** - Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Nuske to approve the permit for the septic field encroachment at 3095 Herron Rd. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

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**MCRCSIP AND CRASIF** - Commissioners voted for trustees for each of the entities.

**Employee leave of absence** - Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Rosa to grant a 90 leave of absence to an employee, with the leave beginning no sooner than July 1, with an official date to be determined and grant the ability for the employee to extend the 90 day leave if necessary. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

**Award Bids** - Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Mick to award the bid for Construction Engineering for Goose Rd to Willams & Works for \$ 9,423.75. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Nuske to award the bid for Gudemoos Rd culvert replacement to AJ's Excavating for the amount of \$40,034.26. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Rosa to award the bid for construction of the Burnt Mill bridge to AJ's Excavating for \$93,162.84. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

**CRA/BCRC Cooperative agreement** - Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to enter into a cooperative agreement with Conservation Resource Alliance for the Burnt Mill bridge and the Gudemoos Rd culvert replacement. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

**Handicapped child sign** - A request was made by Chris Cooley Packer at 2943 Indian Hill Rd to have a handicapped child sign placed on Indian Hill between US 31 and Deadstream Rd. She lives on the southeast corner of Indian Hill and Deadstream Rds and is concerned about her child's safety living so close to the intersection. Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to allow the sign to be placed. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

**Fuel tank discussion** - Comm Rosa wanted to know the future plans for our fuel system. Brad thought that we had about a 5 year window in which to replace the existing tanks.

**Policy review** - Policies 121-124, 126 and 302 were reviewed. Policy review will be halted until a new manager is in place.

Public Input: Ron Evitts - Surprised at how quick the Seasonal Road signs went up. Ron Chambers would like to know if the Road Comm will purchase his property on Haze Rd.

**Closed session** - Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Nuske to enter into closed session at 11:10 AM per the request of an employee. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

Re-enter regular session at 12:48 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 PM.

  
W. John Nuske, Chairman

  
Kathleen A. Jordan, Clerk

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Benzie County was called to order by Chairman Nuske at their offices in Honor, Michigan on Thursday, June 25, 2015 at 8:30 AM.

Present: Chairman Nuske  
Vice Chairman Rosa  
Member Mick  
Superintendent Schaub  
Clerk Jordan

The agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes of the regular meeting on June 11, 2015 were accepted as presented.

The closed session minutes of June 11, 2015 were accepted as presented.

Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Rosa to pay bills # 42105 to # 42140 for the amount of \$ 74,368.59 and Payroll # 12 & 12A for \$ 43,351.98. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to pay the EFT for Brenner Oil for \$ Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

8:30 AM - Interview by the Board with Matthew Skeels for the position of Manager. Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Mick to offer the position of Manager to Mr. Skeels, with a start date in approximately 3 weeks. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

**Superintendent's report** – MDOT has loaned the portable stop lights to us. We will be using them on US-31 for repairs at Veteran's Park and on M-22 where there is a spring bubbling up through the road. Our new trucks are ready for pick up.

**Public Input:** John Zirkel-We mowed the daisies down on Deadstream Rd again. Please cut this area later so the daisies have time to bloom and seed. Tree on Joyfield by Larry Lathwell's. Could we let him know what the plan is. He raised a couple of questions regarding the new manager.

Anne Noffsinger 12975 Brownell would like Weldon Rd south of Brownell Rd closed. There are several issues on the hill with runoff into the creek, their garage and yard.

Mark Roper, Almira Twp Supervisor - Fowler Rd west of Ole White Dr was brined in error.

**Standing Guest:** Gary Sauer - County Commissioner Liasion-Brought the Commissioners up to date on the county business.

#### **New Business:**

**Policy #125-** Freedom of Information Act policy. Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Rosa to adopt the Freedom of Information policy as required by law. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

**Mgr Jamison's contract for consulting** - Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Nuske to table this contract until we can get clarification on a couple of issues. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

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**Encroachment permit** for Crystal Dr - Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Mick to permit a 6' encroachment for a drainfield at a new build on Crystal Dr. requested by Midlake Builders. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

**10:00** - Tucker Rd - Present were John Therrien, Craig Therrien, Kim Balke (CRA) and Mark Roper (Almira Twp Supervisor) to discuss the Tucker Rd culvert removal/replacement plan. The last plan was to remove the culvert and restore the area to a natural state, which would include removing the roadbed completely. Therriens are opposed to this plan as are two of our Commissioners. The other plan would be to replace the current culvert with a 7' elliptical (cost: \$9000), which has been required by the DEQ. The DEQ has notified us that we have 30 days to remove the current culvert and until November to completely restore the area, regardless of which plan is put into place. Kim Balke from the Conservation Resource Alliance explained that once a road is compromised by high water, the site is flagged by the DEQ. The DEQ then determines how the problem will be corrected. Because of the short distance of the creek upstream, the site is not competitive for funding from the CRA. The Road Commission's Local Road Policy states that the costs for improvements is to come from the township or other parties. Mark Roper, Brad and the Therriens will work together to come up with a plan to fund the replacement of the culvert.

Public Input: Ron Evitts - Webers helped with the culvert on Carmean Rd.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM.

  
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W. John Nuske, Chairman

  
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Kathleen A, Jordan, Clerk



The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Benzie County was called to order by Chairman Nuske at their offices in Honor, Michigan on Thursday, July 9, 2015 at 9:30 AM.

Present: Chairman Nuske  
Vice Chairman Rosa  
Member Mick  
Superintendent Schaub  
Clerk Jordan

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to approve the amended agenda adding report from our CPA. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

The minutes of the regular meeting on June 25, 2015 were accepted as presented.

Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Rosa to pay bills # 42141 to # 42172 for the amount of \$ 179,870.04 and Payroll # 13 for \$ 40,403.52. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to pay the EFT for MERS for \$ 31,431.76. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

**Superintendent's report** – New trucks are here. The loader is at the dealer. We are purchasing it through a lease-purchase. The leak on M-22 is fixed.

**Public Input:** Bill Robinson-When is the next Local Road Committee; Russ Abate - Not happy with the ditch work on Crystal Dr. He feels there are safety and environmental issues. Ron Evitts wants someone to attend his township meeting to explain the Woirel Bridge improvements.

**Standing Guest:** Gary Sauer - County Commissioner Liaison-Brought the Commissioners up to date on the county business.

**New Business:**

**Administrative Personnel Policy review** - Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Rosa to adopt the revisions to the Administrative Personnel Policy. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried. Comm Rosa would like the Harassment Policy reviewed.

**Concrete Snowmobile Crossings** - We will use concrete on two snowmobile crossings. Plastic crossings are about \$3,300 and last about 2 years. Concrete is less expensive and will last up to 5 years possibly.

**Report from Ron Wohlford, CPA** - The 3rd quarter budget is right where it should be. He will be back in August to project the year end.

**Mgr Jamison's contract for consulting** - Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Nuske to accept Mgr Jamison's consulting contract, for one year until July 9, 2016, with the possibility of an extension, if necessary. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

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The ad for Engineering Technician is on the website.  
The new trucks are here

Tucker Rd Culvert replacement - Superintendent Schaub met with Mark Roper, Almira Twp Supervisor, and John Therrien to discuss the replacement of the Tucker Rd culvert. The DEQ is requiring a 7' squash culvert. Mark suggested that the Road Commission and Almira Twp share the cost of the culvert, which is approximately \$9,000. Therriens will contribute equipment and manpower for 2 days with the anticipated cost of about \$4500.

After much discussion, the following motion was made by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Rosa: Proceed as proposed with the Tucker Rd culvert improvement project with Almira Twp and the Therriens. The Therriens will provide in-kind services in equipment and labor for about 1/3 of the cost, and the Road Commission and Almira Twp will split the cost of the culvert. The Road Commission may provide manpower and equipment in addition to half of the culvert cost not to exceed a total contribution of \$5,000 to this project. Any overage will be at the Township's expense. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Nuske to amend Policy #901 to reflect a change to cost participation by the Road Commission for culverts, stream crossing and drainage improvements. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

Deadstream Rd abandoned ROW - A resident would like the Road Commission to Quit Claim deed abandoned right-of-way to him. He needs to present the board with a Quit Claim Deed.

Public Input: None

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM.

  
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W. John Nuske, Chairman

  
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Kathleen A. Jordan, Clerk

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Benzie County was called to order by Chairman Nuske at their offices in Honor, Michigan on Thursday, July 23, 2015 at 9:30 AM.

**Present:** Chairman Nuske  
Vice Chairman Rosa  
Member Mick  
Manager Skeels  
Superintendent Schaub  
Clerk Jordan

Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Rosa to approve the amended agenda adding MERS 457 Resolution, contracts for Tucker Rd. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

The minutes of the regular meeting on July 09, 2015 were accepted as presented.

Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Rosa to pay bills # 42173 to # 42210 for the amount of \$ 91,702.48 and Payroll # 14 for \$ 47,349.92. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to pay the EFT for Brenner Oil for \$14,696.12. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

**Superintendent's report** – We received the DEQ permit for Tucker Rd; Paving Goose today and extending the project to include the intersection; AJ's Excavating is working on Gudemoos Rd; Millage skip paving and wedging will begin on Aug 3rd or before; Curbs in Elberta are finished.

**Public Input:** Ron Chambers objects to the seasonal status of Haze Rd. Chuck Retallick questioned why aren't there rumble strips on all four approaches to Indian Hill and Deadstream Rd intersection.

**Standing Guest:** Gary Sauer - County Commissioner Liaison-Brought the Commissioners up to date on the county business.

#### **New Business:**

**Tucker Rd contracts** - Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to enter into a contract with Therrien Excavating and also Almira Twp for the replacement of the culvert on Tucker Rd. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

**MERS 457** - Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Rosa to adopt the resolution the MERS 457 Deferred Compensation Plan Document. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

**10:00 - John Schor** - Haze Rd - Mr. Schor objects to the seasonal status of Haze Rd between Wallin and Landis Rds. This adds 4 miles to his commute. Haze Rd sees quite a bit of traffic and making it seasonal benefits no one. State land loggers have torn it up repeatedly, making millions of dollars of profit for the state. They should be fixing the road for us.

**Crystal Drive** complaint from Russ Abate and William Fuller: Ditch near 6453 & 6415 Crystal Drive-We recently cleaned the vegetation in the ditch at these addresses at the owner's request.

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This ditch has been in existence for many years and is in line with all the other ditches on the north side of Crystal Drive. Comm Rosa has been to the site 3 times and doesn't think there is a problem. Once it greens up, it will look better. The board took no action.

**Benzie - Manistee Snowbirds** request for permit - Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Rosa to approve the permit for snowmobile use on county roads. The permit fee will be waived in exchange of 30 snowmobile maps. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

**2143 E. South Shore Dr** - Encroachment permit: Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Mick to approve the permit for a retaining wall at 2143 E. South Shore Dr. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

**Hooker Rd**-Request for estimate. Superintendent Schaub will prepare an estimate to upgrade this portion of Hooker Rd to remove it from seasonal status.

**Goose Rd** - Contract for Project Engineering with Williams & Works: Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to accept the contract with Williams & Works and authorize Manager Skeels to sign. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

**Local Road Policy #901 review**- Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Mick to amend the Local Road Policy adding Road Comm participation in Section C, part 6. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

**Resolution 2015-12** Lease Purchase Agreement with Caterpillar Financial was presented by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Rosa. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:**

Thank you from Chris Packer

Paul Bunyan meeting 8/20/15 - Matt and Ted will attend.

Public Input: A member of the public stopped by to let us know that Esch Rd was in deplorable condition. John Schor commented on Reynolds Rd between Cinder & the Grass Lake Campground and also the Black Bridge site.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM.



W. John Nuske, Chairman



Kathleen A, Jordan, Clerk

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Benzie County was called to order by Chairman Nuske at their offices in Honor, Michigan on Wednesday, August 12, 2015 at 9:30 AM.

Present: Chairman Nuske  
Vice Chairman Rosa  
Member Mick  
Manager Skeels  
Superintendent Schaub  
Clerk Jordan

Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Rosa to approve the amended agenda adding overlay bids. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

The minutes of the regular meeting on July 23, 2015 were accepted as presented.

Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Mick to pay bills # 42211 to # 42262 for the amount of \$ 368,498.06 and Payroll 15 & 16 for \$ 82,388.15. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Nuske to pay the EFT for Brenner Oil for \$10,270.01. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Nuske to pay the EFT for MERS for \$32,205.55. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

**Superintendent's report** – Esch Rd was patched; Precision Paving has wedged and overlaid Herron Rd, and wedged Narrow Gauge and Wallin Rds.

**Public Input:** Ron Evitts, Colfax Twp asked about Adopt-A-Highway program and he likes the Millage signs.

**Standing Guest:** Cory Carland - County Commissioner Liaison-Brought the Commissioners up to date on the county business.

**New Business:**

Kim Balke - The CRA would like to address Red Creek next year.

**Annual Certification** of Employee-related Conditions-MDOT Form 2067 was signed by Chairman Nuske.

**Tucker Rd** - The culvert replacement project estimate is \$16,000. Therriens have agreed to contribute labor and equipment up to \$4,500, the Road Commission's maximum contribution is \$5,000. Almira Twp has only agreed to pay \$4,100 of the remaining \$6,500 toward the Tucker Rd culvert replacement project. The Local Road Policy was revised to allow Road Commission participation in culvert replacements, instead of the Townships having to bear the entire cost. Comm Rosa and Mgr Skeels will attend the Almira Twp meeting on 8/17.

**Weldon Rd abandonment**-A petition was received on August 3 from Ann Noffsinger of 12975 Brownell Rd to abandon a portion of Weldon Rd from Brownell Rd, south 900' to the top of the hill. All adjoining property owners signed the petition. Seven freeholders of property in Homestead Twp signed the petition to abandon. This portion of Weldon Rd has a steep hill, with Carter Creek crossing at the bottom.

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The Road Commission has been working with the CRA and the Emergency Manager to secure funding for improvements that are needed.

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Nuske to deny the abandonment of this portion of Weldon Rd. Abandoning the road would increase travel distance for the persons on the hill and the ramifications to Brownell Rd if there is a failure of the Carter Creek crossing are too great. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

**Overlay bids** - Bids were taken for a 3/4" Ultra Thin Overlay or a 1" alternate for Narrow Gauge, Wallin Rd and Hoadley Rd (millage projects) in place of chip seal. The chip seal bid was for \$76,185. Three bids were received. Elmers - 3/4" overlay = \$103,962.80; Reith Riley - 3/4" overlay (low volume) \$92,672.50; and ATP Precision Paving - 1" HMA Alternate - \$80,491.00. Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Nuske to award the bid for overlay to ATP Precision Paving. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Rosa to cancel the Chip Seal program for 2015. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

**Cole vs Benzie County** - Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Nuske to agree to the abandonment of the Cole's cross appeal as advised by Atty Henn. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:**

Meeting with Transportation Committee Chair, Rep Peter Pettalia on Thursday, Aug 13, at 9:00 AM at Grand Traverse Co Road Commission.

Cole vs BCRC - Cross appeal and gate installation - Consult with Atty Henn.

Paul Bunyan, August 20- Ted and Matt will attend.

Crystal Drive ditch update - Brad is working on an alternate fix

Esch Rd-Patched.

Public Input: John Zirkel would like to see the telephone boxes moved on Deadstream Rd; Comm Rosa would like to see more shoulder material on Goose Rd.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.

  
W. John Nuske, Chairman

  
Kathleen A. Jordan, Clerk

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Benzie County was called to order by Chairman Nuske at their offices in Honor, Michigan on Thursday, August 27, 2015 at 9:30 AM.

Present: Chairman Nuske  
Vice Chairman Rosa  
Member Mick  
Manager Skeels  
Superintendent Schaub  
Clerk Jordan

Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Rosa to approve the amended agenda fuel depot info. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

The minutes of the regular meeting on August 13, 2015 were accepted as presented.

Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Rosa to pay bills # 42263 to # 42304 for the amount of \$ 179,838.37 and Payroll 17 for \$ 42,553.22. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Nuske to pay the EFT for Brenner Oil for \$ 20,330.21. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

**Superintendent's report** – Long Rd/Deer Track Trail drainage issue has been fixed; We have a 30 yard dumpster in the Honor Pit to get rid of old treated guardrail posts; Wallin, Narrow Gauge and Hoadley Rds will be overlaid next week.

**Public Input:** Ron Evitts, Colfax Twp - Logger has torn up intersection, Reynolds Rd was not feathered when floated; They have not received their zoning signs yet but will let us know when they get them. John Zirkel asked about 1" overlay on Sutter Rd.

**Standing Guest:** Gary Sauer - County Commissioner Liaison-Brought the Commissioners up to date on the county business.

#### **New Business:**

**Restrictive Covenants** on Road Commission property - Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to accept the restrictive covenants that are required by the DEQ and to authorize Chairman Nuske to sign. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

Separation Agreement - Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Mick to accept the separation agreement with a former employee and to authorize Mgr Skeels to sign. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

#### **Correspondence and Information**

**Railroad Point Trail** - Brad met with the DEQ at the site. He will file a permit with the DEQ for the changes proposed..

**CRASIF** - CRASIF is looking into changing from a Group Fund to a Mutual Fund. It looks like this will be beneficial to Road Commissions. Voting on this issue will take place in March.


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**Fuel Depot** - The Road Commission will need to devise a plan for the future tank removal and/or replacement.

Public Input: Gary Sauer - Brad and Matt may want to attend the next Land Bank meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM.

  
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W. John Nuske, Chairman

  
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Kathleen A, Jordan, Clerk



The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Benzie County was called to order by Chairman Nuske at their offices in Honor, Michigan on Thursday, September 10, 2015 at 9:30 AM.

Present: Chairman Nuske  
Vice Chairman Rosa  
Member Mick  
Manager Skeels  
Superintendent Schaub  
Clerk Jordan

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to approve the amended agenda removing the 44 North Plan Amendment and adding the Nostwick Rd Bridge and culvert removal on Deer Track Trail. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

The minutes of the regular meeting on August 27, 2015 were accepted as presented.

Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Rosa to pay bills # 42305 to # 42337 for the amount of \$ 165,314.88 and Payroll 18 for \$ 39,226.85. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Nuske to pay the EFT for Brenner Oil for \$ 11,942.59. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Nuske to pay the EFT for MERS for \$ 31,439.66. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

**Superintendent's report** –The bridge inspector is putting together a plan to fix the Lindy Rd culverts at the Betsie River and would like to do soil borings; Burnt Mill Bridge is almost complete; CRA, NRCS and the GT Band are looking to fund the Carter Creek crossing on Weldon Rd and possibly pave the hill; Haze Rd - Red Creek is slated for next year; The DNR will contribute \$1,800 towards the Reynolds Rd bridge (Woirel Bridge); We put together a job description for a Mechanic's Assistant.

**Public Input:** Ron Evitts - Can the south side of Wallin Rd be ditched? Edge of the road was torn up by our trucks. Could we smooth out the ditch? John Zirkel - Dead maple tree on Joyfield Rd.

**Standing Guest:** Gary Sauer - County Commissioner Liaison-Brought the Commissioners up to date on the county business.

**New Business:**

**Nostwick Rd bridge** - The bridge has been load rated at 3 tons maximum. We have received a couple of bids between \$24,000 and \$29,000 to weld the trusses, but this will only be a temporary fix. The north headwall is tipped and both headwalls would need to be replaced at some point. Matt, Brad and Ron Evitts will meet with the property owners from the north side of the bridge to try to come up with a solution for ingress and egress.

**Deer Track Trail culvert removal** - There is a drain to the Betsie River off Deer Track Trail that has an undersized culvert. Brad would like to pull the culvert so the water can run unrestricted.

**Extension of Leave of Absence** - Jim Ames has asked for a 60 day extension on his leave of absence. This would take his leave to December 5th. Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Nuske to allow a 60 day extension provided that he will be available to work if needed,

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due to snow. His health insurance will be prorated for days worked. This allowance for a leave of absence is one time only and not meant to set a precedence. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Meeting date change** - The MERS Annual Conference is on October 8 & 9. Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Mick to change the October 8 meeting to October 7. The time and place remain the same. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**MERS Delegate** - Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Rosa to appoint Matt Skeels as the Officer Delegate for MERS. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Quit Claim Deed** - Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Mick to approve the Quit Claim Deed for the abandoned right-of-way on Deadstream Rd and will sign it after Mr. Packer moves his Millers Resort sign to the mutually agreed upon location. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Networks North Asset Management** - Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Nuske to contract with Networks North to create an asset management plan for the next 5 years. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Correspondence and Information - None**

Public Input: Gary Sauer mentioned that the next Parks and Rec meeting is on Sept. 28 at 5:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM.



W. John Nuske, Chairman



Kathleen A. Jordan, Clerk

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Benzie County was called to order by Chairman Nuske at their offices in Honor, Michigan on Thursday, September 24, 2015 at 9:30 AM.

Present: Chairman Nuske  
Vice Chairman Rosa  
Member Mick  
Manager Skeels  
Superintendent Schaub  
Clerk Jordan

The agenda was accepted as presented.

The minutes of the regular meeting on September 24, 2015 were accepted as presented.

Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Rosa to pay bills # 42338 to # 42371 for the amount of \$ 166,407.12 and Payroll 19 for \$ 42,491.60. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Nuske to pay the EFT for Brenner Oil for \$ 9,983.71. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

**Superintendent's report** – We will ask for bids for Lindy Rd culvert repair. Reynolds Rd bridge (Woirel Bridge) over the Betsie River is completed but won't reopen until Sept. 28. ATP presented the low bid for the paving on the US 31 bridge approach and M-22 paving over newly installed culvert. These two projects will be completed by 9/30. We will contact the residents on Nostwick Rd to meet with us to find a solution to the bridge problem.

**Public Input:** Ron Evitts - Tubes at the end of Long Rd need to be looked at. There is some erosion already. Would like the concrete removed from the ditch at the Woirel Bridge on Reynolds.

**Standing Guest:** Gary Sauer - County Commissioner Liaison-Brought the Commissioners up to date on the county business.

**New Business:**

**2015 Budget amendments** - Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Rosa to approve the 2015 budget amendments as presented. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

**Public Hearing - 2016 Budget** - Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to open the public hearing for purpose of discussing the proposed 2016 budget. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

Superintendent Schaub would like to see an additional \$500,000 put towards primary road improvements. We should also add a full time crew person in the spring. These suggestions will be revisited in the early spring.

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to close the Public Hearing. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

Resolution 2015-13, 2016 Proposed Budget was presented by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Resolution adopted.

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**Maintenance Contracts** - Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Rosa to enter into maintenance agreements with the villages, City of Frankfort, Almira Twp, County, GT Band and Benzie Schools. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

**Correspondence/Information**

Letter was sent to entities that fuel at our depot.  
Mechanics assistant job classification was created.


**Public Input:** None

**Closed session:** Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Nuske to enter into closed session at 11:20 AM to discuss Jones v BCRC settlement request. Discussing this in open session would have a detrimental financial effect on the Road Commission. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

Reenter regular meeting at 11:35 AM.

Meeting adjourned at 11:36 AM.

  
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W. John Nuske, Chairman

  
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Kathleen A, Jordan, Clerk

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Benzie County was called to order by Chairman Nuske at their offices in Honor, Michigan on Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at 9:30 AM.

Present: Chairman Nuske  
Vice Chairman Rosa  
Member Mick  
Manager Skeels  
Superintendent Schaub  
Clerk Jordan

The agenda was accepted as presented.

The minutes of the regular meeting on September 24, 2015 were accepted as presented.  
The minutes of the closed meeting on September 24, 2015 were accepted as presented.

Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Rosa to pay bills # 42372 to # 42413 for the amount of \$ 114,967.73 and Payroll 20 for \$ 38,716.74. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to pay the EFT for MERS for \$ 31,447.53. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

**Superintendent's report** – TC Coatings will be painting 3 bridges if the weather holds out; We bought a used loader from Leelanau CRC to keep in the Thompson Pit; 5 snowmobile crossings were re-done; Did a patch on Reynolds Rd south of US 31; Maxx patcher is put away; Trying a get a little more skip paving done in areas before the weather changes.

**Public Input:** Bill Robinson, Lake Twp Supervisor wanted us to be aware of a meeting about the Platte River outlet dredging that the NPS is holding on Oct 15th. Ron Evitts, Colfax Twp Supervisor would like a 3-ton sign put up on Nostwick Rd at Wallin Rd.

**Standing Guest:** Gary Sauer - County Commissioner Liaison-Brought the Commissioners up to date on the county business.

**New Business: 10:00 AM - Don Kempa** - Mr. Kempa provided pictures of signs that have been put up in Beechridge Subdivision. He feels that the signs are not necessary. The signs were not approved or installed by the Road Commission. The RC will notify the Beechridge Homeowners Association's president, Suzanne Adair and ask that the signs be removed or we will remove them and bill the Association.

**Lindy Rd culvert repair** - Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to allow pre-approval of bids for the Lindy Rd culvert repair, not to exceed \$75,000 and to require a performance bond from the contractor who is awarded the bid. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Rosa added that he would like the bridge engineer, Brad Link on the site during construction and to handle all density testing for the project.

**Quit Claim Deed** - Abandoned Deadstream Rd right-of-way/Dave Packer. Mr. Packer has moved the Miller's Resort sign back behind the clearing line of the Deadstream Rd. project that was completed in May. Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Commissioner Nuske to sign

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the Quit Claim deed for the strip of Deadstream Rd right-of-way abandoned in 1974 located in Section 8 of Homestead Twp. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**CRASIF Resolution** of support to convert to a mutual insurance company - Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Mick to support CRASIF conversion to a mutual insurance company in 2016. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Correspondence/Information:**

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**Release from Blue Bay Oil & Gas** - Terminated all Pooling and Unitization Agreements and the recorded amendments for the proposed Black Bridge Unit and released all oil and gas leases covering our property and /or mineral rights. No action necessary.

Meeting with property owners affected by the Nostwick bridge will be Monday, October 12, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the Colfax Twp hall in Thompsonville.

**Public Input:** Ron Evitts, status of Haze Rd; John Z, equipment rental.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM.

  
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W. John Nuske, Chairman

  
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Kathleen A, Jordan, Clerk

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Benzie County was called to order by Chairman Nuske at their offices in Honor, Michigan on Thursday, October 22 2015 at 9:30 AM.

Present: Chairman Nuske  
 Vice Chairman Rosa  
 Member Mick  
 Manager Skeels  
 Superintendent Schaub  
 Clerk Jordan

Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Rosa to accept the amended agenda adding AJs Excavating invoice, Snowbirds request, Sheriff's request and update on the Nostwick Rd Bridge meeting. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

The minutes of the regular meeting on October 7, 2015 were accepted as presented.

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to pay bills # 42414 to # 42455 for the amount of \$ 211,071.56 and Payroll 21 for \$ 41,670.28 Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to pay the EFT for Brenner Oil for \$ 22,181.14. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

**Superintendent's report** – Finding seasonal drivers and mechanics is difficult. We are looking at selling or trading in our chipping equipment.

**Public Input:** Ron Evitts - Colfax Twp

**Standing Guest:** Gary Sauer - County Commissioner Liaison-Brought the Commissioners up to date on the county business.

**New Business:**

**10:00 Robert & Susan Adair** - Beechridge 2 Treasurer and President - There are approximately 10 Children Playing signs that are in the road right-of-way in Beechridge subs. Adairs believe that these signs have helped control the speed of traffic in the subdivision. Because these signs are non-regulatory and not addressed in the MMUTCD manual, they need to be removed. They will remove all the signs and place them out of the 66' right-of-way. They also brought to our attention 2 areas of asphalt breakage (Easy St and Bent Pine) that should be repaired before winter.

**PE bids for 2016 Federal & Safety projects**

Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Rosa to award the PE bid to AJ's Excavating for the Fewins/Ely sign upgrade. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Rosa to award the PE bid for Tree & Vegetation Clearing to KPM Engineering. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Rosa to award the PE bid for Lindy Rd to KPM Engineering. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

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**Snowbirds request** - The Benzie Manistee Snowbirds and the DNR would like to use a small portion of Bendon Rd and Cinder Rd between Bendon Rd and the county line as part of the snowmobile trail to link Thompsonville to Interlochen. They are investigating the possibility of moving the trail off our road in the future, but would like to use these roads this year.

Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Rosa to give this a try for one season and that the Snowbird representatives return next year to reapply for permission, if an alternative route is not available. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

**Sheriff request to store boats** - Sheriff Schendel has asked that we store their boats for the winter. We have done this for several years with the stipulation that the Road Commission be held harmless for damage and the proper insurance is provided.

Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Mick to store the Sheriff Dept's boats this winter. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

**Correspondence/Information:**

**Lindy Rd culvert repair** at the Betsie River - The repair is coming along. Hallack Contracting has run into a few issues that have been addressed. They are pouring concrete today. The project is on schedule.

**Cole vs Benzie** - Briefs have been filed with the appellate court.

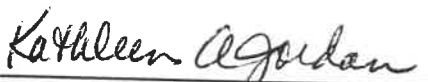
**Arbitration decision - FMCS 15-02085-6- Jones Termination** - The arbitrator ruled in favor of the Road Commission. Comm Nuske would like to commend Superintendent Schaub for his documentation of the events. Lawsuits against the Road Commission and Schaub were dismissed with prejudice.

**Tractor Purchase** - The tractor mower that was budgeted for 2016 is available on MI-Deal for about \$114,000, much less than the budgeted amount of \$150,000. Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Rosa to purchase the John Deere 6110M Cab Tractor with the Diamond DBM-C-P boom mower for \$ 114,233.34 through the MiDeal Purchasing Program. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

Public Input: John Zirkel-brushcutter on Deadstream

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM.

  
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 W. John Nuske, Chairman

  
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 Kathleen A. Jordan, Clerk



The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Benzie County was called to order by Chairman Nuske at their offices in Honor, Michigan on Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at 9:30 AM.

Present: Chairman Nuske  
Vice Chairman Rosa  
Member Mick  
Manager Skeels  
Superintendent Schaub  
Clerk Jordan

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to accept the amended agenda adding equipment purchase. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

The minutes of the regular meeting on October 22, 2015 were accepted as presented.

Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Nuske to pay bills # 42456 to # 42532 for the amount of \$ 174,597.00 and Payroll 22 & 23 for \$ 84,038.03 Ayes: Nuske and Mick. Abstain: Rosa. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to pay the EFT for Brenner Oil for \$ 30,809.52. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to pay the EFT for MERS for \$ 31,395.79. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

**Superintendent's report** – Seasonal drivers were difficult to find this year. Six of them have started already, and one is starting in a week or so. It would be nice to have one more.

**Public Input:** Ron Evitts - Colfax Twp - Thurman and Bentley Rds are getting alot of use from grouse hunters.

**Standing Guest:** Gary Sauer - County Commissioner Liaison-Brought the Commissioners up to date on the county business.

**New Business:**

**10:00 Kay Bond - Aylsworth Rd** - Ms Bond believes that the estimate to open up 500' of seasonal road is too much compared to the 2006 estimate of 260' that her neighbor had opened up. She asked that we compare the estimates and show her in writing why her estimate seems so much higher. Brad explained that one of the main expenses are the many stumps that need to be removed. The estimate from 2006 did not include any stump removal. The Road Commission will review the estimate for her and respond in writing.

**10:15 - Permit for 7249 Deadstream** - Mr Stephenson asked the board for a variance on the width of their 'driveway'. Previously, this entire area was covered with limestone. With the repaving of Deadstream Rd, there was a considerable drop off the edge of the road. The entry to their property is about 70' wide and they have placed permeable pavers alongside the road to minimize the slope and allow for parking in this limited area. Our regulations call for a maximum of 30' for residential driveways. Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm

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Mick to allow the extra width and permeable pavers. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

**10:30 John Schor- Haze Rd** - Mr. Schor feels that the logging companies that are destroying our roads should be paying to fix them. He feels that the Road Commission has been remiss by not having a policy that requires that roads be bonded during logging operations. The Road Commission will research logging policies of other road commissions and develop a policy.

Mr. Schor also felt that Haze Rd between Landis and Wallin Rds should never have been put on Seasonal Road status. He would like it removed from Seasonal status. Although contrary to our policy, the board has agreed to hold a public hearing to remove that portion of Haze Rd from Seasonal status, without the required upgrade responsibility agreed upon.

**Permit from Michigan Logos** - Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Rosa to approve the permit from Michigan Logos to install a Tourist Oriented Directional Sign on Reynolds Rd approaching Maple St for Lake Ann Brewery. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

**Permit from Long Lake Twp** - Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to allow Long Lake Twp to place a Cedar Run Creek Natural Area sign on the seasonal portion of Tucker Rd and to waive the permit fee. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

**Request from Benzie Recycling** - Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Mick to allow the Benzie County Recycling Program to conduct a Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Event on Saturday, July 23, 201~~5~~<sup>16</sup> providing adequate insurance is in place. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried. *Kag*

**Health Insurance** - Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Nuske to require employee contributions for health care premiums to follow the Hard Cap rule for 2016. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

**Administrative wages** - Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Nuske to increase the wages of the administrative staff by 2.5% with the exception of the payroll clerk who will see a \$ 1.00/hour increase due to additional responsibilities, effective November 16, 2015. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Cole vs Benzie County** - Our attorney, Bill Henn has asked if the Board wants Coles to plant the trees required on the Crystal Lake property. The Board would like to wait until spring at this time. Instead of paying for a survey to determine if the gate Cole installed is on his property or county property, they would like us to start the process of placing a culvert in the ditch for trail access. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Nostwick Rd Bridge** - Matt provided the commissioners with copies of correspondence to Ellen Knudsen, Ron Evitts and Brad Link regarding the Nostwick Rd bridge. He is continuing to work with residents to provide access to properties by heavy trucks over the winter. Brad Link's letter regarding rail car bridges was discussed and further detailed information will be provided including meeting w/ MDEQ regarding permitting requirements.

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**Equipment purchase** - Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to purchase the Cat excavator from Michigan Caterpillar for the cost of \$153,450 which includes the trade in value of the old excavator, tar distributor, chip spreader and trailer for \$104,500. Brad will meet with the Cat salesman to go over the trade-in information. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

**Correspondence/Information:**

**MDEQ** - Approval of Closure Report on the underground storage tank release.

**MERS** - MERS is restructuring their calculation processes to bring required contributions into line with actual results to begin to solve the unfunded liabilities. Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Nuske to apply refunds, not previously budgeted, to MERS to make an effort to reduce the unfunded liability. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

**Fuel System Update** - Matt, Brad and Mike Johnson met with the purchasers of Buds to outline fuel usage and needs of the Road Commission and other municipalities.

**MTF** funding increase-information only.

**Public Input:** None

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 PM.

  
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W. John Nuske, Chairman

  
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Kathleen A, Jordan, Clerk

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Benzie County was called to order by Chairman Nuske at their offices in Honor, Michigan on Thursday, December 17, 2015 at 9:30 AM.

Present: Chairman Nuske  
Vice Chairman Rosa  
Member Mick  
Manager Skeels  
Superintendent Schaub  
Clerk Jordan

The agenda was accepted as presented.

The minutes of the regular meeting on November 17, 2015 were accepted as presented.

Motion by Comm Mick and supported by Comm Nuske to pay bills # 42533 to # 42608 for the amount of \$ 230,460.27 and Payroll 24 & 25 for \$ 99,464.41. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to pay the EFT for Brenner Oil for \$ 15,531.93. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Mick to pay the EFT for MERS for \$ 103,398.11. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

**Superintendent's report** – No report

**Public Input:** None

**Standing Guest:** Gary Sauer - County Commissioner Liaison-Brought the Commissioners up to date on the county business.

**New Business:**

**Michigan State Police** - Contract to patrol during spring weight restrictions. Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Mick to decline entering into a contract with the MSP for 2016 weigh master patrol. Ayes: Nuske and Mick. Abstain: Rosa. Motion carried.

**Engineering Services** - Management will send out a request for qualifications to several engineering firms.

**Recycling Agreement** - Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Mick to enter into a two year agreement with Benzie County for placing and maintaining recycling containers on Road Commission property. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

**Meeting date** - Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Rosa to set the first meeting of 2016 on Wednesday, January 13, 2016. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

**Clerk - Unused vacation** - Motion by Comm Nuske and supported by Comm Rosa to allow the Clerk to roll unused vacation time into 2016 with the understanding that it be used up by March 31, 2016. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

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**Valley Rd drainage project** - Valley Rd has several driveway and cross road culverts that are undersized. Collision Creek runs alongside the road and under several driveways. After heavy rains, the road and some driveways wash out. It will be a project of considerable size to replace the existing 18" culverts with larger culverts to handle the amount of water that flows. Homestead Twp is willing to work with us financially. We will start at the bottom (near US-31) in 2016 and replace the first 5 culverts.

**Correspondence/Information:**

**Bridge Updates**

**Lindy Rd** culvert repair project is completed. Total cost was about \$100,000.

**Nostwick Rd Bridge** - Met with Jeff Silagy from MDEQ. He isn't so sure about the rail car option. He thought using MelMar Lane would be a better option and doesn't think placing 2 culverts at the stream crossings to be a problem. John Schor thought we should get a second opinion. He also thought that we could condemn the bridge and rebuild it.

**Black Bridge** is still on the state's inventory website. We will look into getting it removed.

**River Rd** culverts just outside of the Village of Benzonia not on the state's bridge inventory. We are going to look further into this to see if it should be on the inventory.

**Haze Rd/Red Creek** crossing - CRA is planning to replace this crossing in 2016.

**2016 Federal projects** - All three projects are on go. The tree cutting project probably won't get going until October 2016.

**Logging policy update** - We researched other Road Commissions and whether or not they had a logging policy. None have a written policy.

**Excavator purchase** - Motion by Comm by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Nuske to void the sale agreement with Michigan Cat for the excavator purchase due to the error in the trade-in value. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm Rosa and supported by Comm Nuske to accept the offer of a new Volvo Excavator from Alta Equipment for \$184, 215.00 with the understanding that the staff will review the trade-in and buy-back values before signing. Ayes: Nuske, Rosa and Mick. Motion carried.

**Unpaid leave/leave of absence** - This will need to be clarified before the next contract.

**HB 5016** - Matt has written a letter in opposition of HB 5016.


**Public Input** - John Schor - Snowbirds made a mess with the sickle bar mower; Blockage of the creek east of Pioneer and north of Landis is jeopardizing the Betsie Valley Trail;

Ron Evitts - Snowbirds need to be reminded that their signs need to be turned away from the roads so that they are not mistaken for a road sign; Large hole in Dair Mill about 100' off M-115.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.



W. John Nuske, Chairman



Kathleen A. Jordan, Clerk