The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Benzie County was called to order by Chairman Rosa at the Road Commission office in Honor, Michigan on Thursday **April 11, 2024** at 9:30 a.m.

| Present: | Chairman Robert Rosa |
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| | Member Paul Beechraft |
| | Finance Manager/Clerk Joe Nedow |

Vice-Chairman James Bowers Manager Troy Hinds

Guests attending: County Commissioners Gary Sauer.

Motion by Commissioner Beechraft supported by Commissioner Bowers to amend today's agenda to include going into closed session to discuss the possibility of a union agreement. Discussion: None.

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

The revised agenda was then approved as presented.

The March 28, 2024 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

Motion by Commissioner Bowers supported by Commissioner Beechraft to pay bills #53387 thru #53420 for \$537,533.56 and approve Payrolls #14 and #15 for \$65,092.47. Discussion: None.

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

Cash Summary: Reviewed as presented.

Work Reports: Manager Hinds provided updates on the following:

-Platte River school: the power has been shut off and the well capped. Building demolition is anticipated to start within two weeks.

-Fewins Roads bridge: steel for reinforcing the abutment has been ordered and the seasonal portions of Fewins and Oakly Roads have been improved to enough to use as a bypass route if need be.

-Reynolds Road bridge site is being cleared with a June start date, with the project expected to be completed by November.

-Hinds reported the foreman interviews have concluded with a decision being made soon.

-Final adjustments have been made to the new facility design and Hinds expects to have the engineering estimate by June 1st.

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

Public Input: None:

Appointments: None.

Item Before the Board:

Follow up discussion – new facility funding:

Discussed email dated April 4, 2024 from Robert Bendzinski of Bendzinski & Company Municipal Finance Advisors outlining the timeline sequence of events as discussed at the March 28th Board meeting, and the actions needed to include the bond millage proposal on the November ballot for voter approval. Bendzinski had offered to attend the April 23, 2024 Benzie County Board meeting to introduce the ballot proposal to the County Board. After further discussion, all three Board members agreed to attend the April 23rd County Board meeting along with staff and Bendzinski to request support/approval for including a bond-millage proposal on the November general election ballot.

Public Input: Comments were offered by Sauer regarding the NW Michigan College ballot proposal that will be on the November ballot.

Closed session - union contract negotiations:

Hinds reported the union membership had voted to accept the terms and conditions negotiated between the Board's negotiating committee and representative of the Technical, Professional and Office-workers Association of Michigan and he is therefore recommending going into closed session to discuss the Road Commission Board ratifying the

tentative agreement. Final signing of the agreement, which would go into effect on July 1, 2024 is dependent upon updating the contractual terms and conditions by both parties.

Motion by Commissioner Bowers supported by Commissioner Beechraft to go into closed session to discuss ongoing union contract negotiations.

Discussion: None.

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

Chairman Rosa then recessed the regular meeting and the Board went into closed session at 10:37 a.m.

At 11:16 a.m. the Board came out of closed session and Chairman Rosa reconvened the regular meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Bowers supported by Commissioner Beechraft to accept the terms and conditions included in the new three-year union contract between the Road Commission and the Technical, Professional and Officeworkers Association that would go into effect on July 1, 2024. Discussion: None.

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

Correspondence/Informational/Discussion: None.

Board Round Table: None

With no more business to discuss, Chairman Rosa adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

Robert Rosa, Chairman

Joel Nedow, Clerk