

# BENZIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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## MEETING AGENDA

**April 23, 2024**

Frank F. Walterhouse Board Room, Governmental Center, Beulah, Michigan

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- 9:00 a.m.      CALL TO ORDER  
                  ROLL CALL  
                  INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
                  APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
                  TRIBUTE PRESENTED BY BOARD CHAIR: Volunteer Recognition and County  
                  Government  
                  APPROVAL and/or CORRECTION OF MINUTES – 4/9/24 Regular; 4/9/24 Closed  
                  PUBLIC COMMENT  
                  ELECTED OFFICIALS & DEPT HEAD UPDATES  
                  FINANCE – Approval of Bills  
                  OLD BUSINESS  
                  A) Approval of ARPA funds for Early Childhood.  
                  NEW BUSINESS  
                  A) Approval of the updated Introduction to Employment Policy.  
                  B) Consider adopting the Senior Services Millage Resolution.  
                  C) Consider reclassification results for Equalization.  
                  D) Consider reclassification results for Dispatch.  
                  E) Consider declaring Animal Control handgun surplus and authorize sale.  
                  F) Consider approving budget amendment related to ARPA funding.  
                  G) Consider approving an agreement extension with Dr Lois Goslinoski.  
                  H) Consider accepting a grant and authorize the related expenditures for  
                  Marijuana safety campaign.  
                  I) Approve budget amendment for vehicle repairs for Sheriff’s Office.  
                  J) Discussion regarding change to the Frankfort Recycling location.  
                  K) Consider approving Resolution supporting proposed building shoreline  
                  protection system for Point Betsie Lighthouse.  
                  COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS – EDC/BRA  
                  COMMISSIONER REPORTS –  
                  COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – Katie Zeits  
9:15 a.m.      CLOSED SESSION: Regarding Collective bargaining  
9:30 a.m.      PRESENTATION: Homestretch regarding a county housing project supported by ARPA

10:00 a.m. PRESENTATION: 2022-2023 Audit Report

10:30 a.m. PRESENTATION: Discussion regarding Road Commission's Bond Proposal  
PRESENTATION OF CORRESPONDENCE  
PUBLIC COMMENT  
ADJOURNMENT

**Times Subject to Change**

## PUBLIC COMMENT

**Purpose:** The Benzie County Board of Commissioners is a public policy setting body and subject to the Open Meetings Act (PA 267 of 1976). The Board also operates under a set of “Benzie County Board Rules (section 7.3)” which provides for public comment during their meetings. It continually strives to receive comment from the residents of the county and reserves two opportunities during the monthly scheduled meeting for you the public to voice opinions, concerns and sharing of any other items of common interest. There are however, in concert with meeting conduct certain rules to follow.

**Speaking Time:** Agenda items may be added or removed by the board but initially at least two times are devoted to Public Comment. Generally, however, attendees wishing to speak will be informed how long they may speak by the chairman. All speakers are asked to give their name, residence and topic they wish to address. This and the statements/comments will be entered into the public record (minutes of the meeting). Should there be a number of speakers wishing to voice similar opinions, an option for a longer presentation may be more appropriate for the group and one or more speakers may talk within that time frame. The Board will not be accepting public comment via zoom/online.

Group Presentations – 15 minutes  
Individual Presentations – 3 minutes

**Board Response:** Generally, as this is an “Comment” option, the board will not comment or respond to presenters. Silence or non-response from the board should not be interpreted as disinterest or disagreement by the board. However, should the board individually or collectively wish to address the comments of the speaker(s) at the approval of the Chair and within a time frame previously established, responses may be made by the board. Additionally, the presenter may be in need of a lengthier understanding of an issue or topic and may be referred to a committee appropriate to address those issues.

Public Comment is very important in public policy settings and is only one means for an interchange of information or dialogue. Each commissioner represents a district within the county, and he/she may be individually contacted should greater depth or understanding of an issue be sought. Personal contact is encouraged and helpful to both residents and the board.

**Commissioner Contacts:**

- District I – Bob Roelofs (Almira East of Reynolds Road).....231-645-1187
- District II - Art Jeannot (Almira Twp West of N. Reynolds Road, Platte Twp, Lake Twp East of Sutter Rd, and Inland Twp section 1-6, section 7 lying west of Maple City Hwy, north of US-31) .....231-920-5028
- District III – Karen Cunningham (Crystal Lake, Frankfort and Lake Twp, at Sutter Road going West) .....231-822-4067
- District IV – Rhonda Nye (Benzonia Twp, except for sections 31, 36 and 35 East of Case Road).....231-510-8804
- District V – Tim Markey (Homestead and Benzonia Twp sections 31, 36 and 35 West of Case Road).....231-822-4066
- District VI - Evan Warsecke (Colfax, Inland except sections 1-6, section 7 lying west of Maple City Hwy and North of US-31).....231-822-4065
- District VII - Gary Sauer (Blaine, Gilmore, Joyfield, Weldon) .....231-651-0647