

THE BENZIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
February 10, 2015

The Benzie County Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 10, 2015, 448 Court Place, Government Center, Beulah, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Vance Bates at 9:00 a.m.

Present were: Commissioners Bates, Carland, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke
Absent: Excused: Griner

The invocation was given by Commissioner Bates followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Agenda:

Motion by Walterhouse, seconded by Sauer, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Griner Motion carried.

Minutes:

Motion by Tucker, seconded by Warsecke, to approve the regular session minutes of January 27, 2015 as presented. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Griner Motion carried.

9:02 a.m. Public Input –

Ryan King, Benzonia, spoke regarding the Parks & Rec budget; asks why there are seven commissioner seats for only 17,000 residents.

9:05 a.m.

ELECTED OFFICIALS & DEPT HEAD COMMENTS:

Ron Berns, 911 Director, spoke regarding the Mental Health Coalition and Smart 911 which creates a platform for schools too; the cost is \$3,375.00 per year per position and they would allow us three licenses but only charge for two; he feels this is a lot of money for only 17,000 resident and we would have no idea who has been signed up – not even a number.

Jaime Croel, Animal Control Officer, stated that they were having a slower season until yesterday; they are working on painting the kennels; spoke regarding the dog that was saved in Lake Michigan – she has gained national attention.

Frank Post, Emergency Management, presented his January 2015 monthly report and stated there would be ICS 400 training on February 21 and 22 in Beulah; we received two Grand Traverse Band Revenue Grants for ARES/RACES and the CERT program; Public Official workshop will be held on February 25 @ 5 p.m.; he presented some minor changes to the Emergency Action Guidelines. Motion by Walterhouse, seconded by Sauer, to approve the changes to the Emergency Action Guidelines, and authorize the chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Griner Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Comm Tucker reported that she attend the Snow Pine Fest in Lake Ann with a good turnout; Almira Township met last night and adopted the mitigation plan and will adopt the budget at their next meeting.

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Comm Sauer reported that the Veterans Affairs Committee is working on selling bricks for the Veterans Memorial Park – it will be very impressive for the county. He also stated that as a new comer he stated that everyone has been exceptionally nice to him with their professionalism and helpfulness – thank you to everyone.

Comm Carland reported that the Benzie Showcase is scheduled for this weekend and it will be cold; attended the COG meeting yesterday until 7:30 p.m. – he is glad that he has been appointed to serve on that committee; he has USDA Broadband Grant information and would like to apply next year.

Comm Walterhouse reported that Homestead Township met on February 2 for 3-1/2 hours and most of their meeting was spent on their budget – they will adopt it next month.

Comm Warsecke reported that Inland Township met last night and also worked on their budget; they held a chili cook off last week; he is working with the fire chief to get the number of calls they took in 2014.

Comm Bates reported on the Snow Pine Fest – it was an all-day event and went really well; Lake Township met with Doug Durand at Council on Aging speaking – he would encourage all commissioners to ask Doug to speak at their township meeting – he is a great asset.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT - Karl Sparks

Retiring Sergeants: Motion by Walterhouse, seconded by Warsecke, to approve the funding of two pistols by retiring sergeants Fallowfield and Baesch, while allowing them to keep the pistols they have used for many years in service to Benzie County. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Sauer, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: Tucker Exc: Griner Motion carried.

The Benzie Showcase Winterfest this weekend; the Strategic Plan has been presented to the new Commissioners and will be brought to this board for approval on February 18.

Cremation Permits: This fee is being charged by Grand Traverse County now at a rate of \$50.00 per cremation; Leelanau chose not to charge a fee.

Motion by Bates, seconded by Tucker, to accept the Wyant quote of \$52,593 for the purchase and installation of a Service Array Network Server to upgrade our existing server hardware for CAD, Mobile and RMS Systems. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Griner Motion carried.

Motion by Bates, seconded by Warsecke, to borrow \$26,296.50 from the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund to complete payment for the purchase and installation of a Service Array Network Server, to be budgeted for repayment in 2015-2016 by 911/Dispatch the Jail, and Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$8,765.50 each. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Griner Motion carried.

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FINANCE

Motion by Walterhouse, seconded by Tucker, to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$1,201,822.58 as presented. Roll Call Ayes: Bates, Carland, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Griner Motion carried.

HR AND PERSONNEL - None

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Workforce Development: Motion by Bates, seconded by Walterhouse, to reappoint Betty Workman to the Workforce Development Board for a two-year term ending December 31, 2016 as requested. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Griner Motion carried.

9:45 a.m. Break

9:52 a.m. Reconvene

ACTION ITEMS

Fee Committee Consent Calendar:

Comm Carland removes item 4.

Comm Sauer removes item 3.

Motion by Bates, seconded by Tucker, to approve the Fee Committee Consent Calendar items 1, 2, 5 and 6 as presented. Roll Call Ayes: Bates, Carland, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Griner Motion carried.

#3: Motion by Bates, seconded by Tucker, to set the cremation permit fee at \$40.00 for each cremation permit with Karl Sparks to meet with the funeral directors. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, ~~Sauer~~, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: ~~None~~ Sauer Exc: Griner Motion carried.

#4: Motion by Bates, seconded by Warsecke, that the prisoner housing fee current per day rate be reduced from \$60.00 to \$35.00 until the account goes into default then, the rate will return to the \$60.00 per day, as requested by the Jail Administrator. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Griner Motion carried.

Ratio Report: This report will be published this week in the paper; information for the assessors to work on; the state will allow ranges between 49% – 50%.

Motion by Tucker, seconded by Carland, to approve the 2015 Tentative Ratio Report for Benzie County as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Griner Motion carried.

Board Rules: Term of appointment for commissioners serving on committees. Mr. Figura has reviewed this issue and provided wording for the board rules.

Motion by Sauer, seconded by Tucker, to adopt 4.127 replacement wording as presented, effective immediately. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Griner Motion carried.

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CORRESPONDENCE

- Parks & Recreation minutes of December 15, 2014 received.
- Benzie-Leelanau Health Dept minutes of January 22, 2015 received.
- MMRMA Letter and Distribution check.
- Solid Waste Advisory minutes of January 7, 2015 received.
- Veterans Affairs minutes of January 5, 2015 received.

Marlene Wood, Recycling Coordinator

Presents contract for electronics collection; we will have to pay to get rid of televisions and CRT monitors this year. They will weigh the item on site and will know the cost.

Motion by Tucker, seconded by Bates, to enter into contract with Valley City Electronics Recycling, Inc. for electronic collections in May, July and August of 2015, authorizing the chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Griner Motion carried.

The power point presentation will be re-scheduled.

Jim Evans, Planning Commission Issues

He discusses items that have transpired with the Planning Commission; some items have been brought to your attention before; not any one of these things are a big deal, but when you look at all of them together it is. These items need to be addressed and taken care of. The OMA violations are new – even with posting violations, the Planning Commission took full pay, with the exception of Poulisse.

This is the only commission that can handle this – even if it goes to circuit court, then it will come back to this board.

The secretary issue needs to be taken care of and he wants the public hearing process started. Chairman Bates will talk with Mr. Figura regarding this issue and the process.

Commissioner Committee Appointments: Comm Walterhouse will replace Comm Sauer on Centra Wellness; Comm Sauer will stay on Road Commission.

Human Resources	Sauer, Chair
Buildings/Grounds	Griner, Chair
Finance	Tucker, Chair
Technology	Warsecke, Chair

NEW BUSINESS – None

10:55 a.m. Public Input

Deb Lindgren spoke regarding the Planning Commission issues brought up by Mr. Evans. She stated that all information brought to you was from last year's business except two item. She says the Planning Commission secretary is appearing at the Joyfield meetings as a citizen, just as Mr. Evans says he is here.

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Comm Tucker states that Mr. Evans has come to us several times and Deb (Lindgren) has brought up some good points; she asks Chairman Bates if would it be fair to say that you will talk with Karl and then you and Karl talk with Mr. Figura and come back to us in March, we need to bring some closure to this.

Mr. Evans says he is here as a citizen – not a Joyfield Twp Board member and suggests that you also bring in Kurt Schindler regarding the OMA violations.

Public Input Closed

Motion by Tucker, seconded by Sauer, to adjourn until February 18, 2015 regular meeting or the call of the chair. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None
Exc: Griner Motion carried

Vance Bates – Chair

Dawn Olney, Benzie County Clerk

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