

THE BENZIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
June 23, 2015

The Benzie County Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 23, 2015, at the Benzie County Government Center, 448 Court Place, Beulah, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Vance Bates at 4:00 p.m.

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

The pledge of allegiance and invocation was led by Comm Griner.

Agenda:

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

Minutes:

Motion by Walterhouse, seconded by Sauer, to approve the regular session minutes of June 9, 2015 as presented. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker and Walterhouse Nays: None Exc: Warsecke Motion carried.

4:02 p.m. Public Input – None

4:04 a.m. PUBLIC HEARING – Crystal Mountain CDBG

Motion by Bates, seconded by Carland, to open the public hearing. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker and Walterhouse Nays: None Exc: Warsecke Motion carried

Laura Galbreith, Venture North explains Part 1 application for \$463,000 – this is the citizens' opportunity to ask questions or to comment; primary focus of CDBG is to eliminate blight. Crystal Mountain plans to hire 48 full time workers over the next two years; the total cost of the project will be \$10 million; it will include mixed use commercial and residential of 27,000 additional square feet; this grant will help with infrastructure improvements; there will be no displaced persons as a result of this expansion. There is a 10% minimum contribution -- \$46,300 local unit contribution which Crystal Mountain will cover those costs. There will be 15 days to look at Part 1 application at the County Administrator's Offices, Monday – Friday.

Kirk Davidson, Crystal Mountain, explains the plans and drawings to the public.

4:11 p.m. Public Hearing – No comments from the 28 people in the audience.

Laura stated that after July 15 she will come back with a resolution to move forward and then the environmental review.

Motion by Griner, seconded by Bates, to close the Public Hearing. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker and Walterhouse Nays: None Motion carried.

ELECTED OFFICIALS & DEPT HEAD COMMENTS:

Sheriff Schendel together with JA Dan Smith, recognize employees: Sgt. Chris Woods, Corrections Deputy Carissa Pike, Deputy Joel Hutchinson and Road Patrol Deputy Matthew Weaver.

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Doug Durand, Council on Aging, stated that they still have fresh food booklets from the farmers market available for the seniors; PA system has been installed and working great; 6/15 at Thompsonville for their summer fest; May HDM was down as well as the congregate sites.

2% grant application: Motion by Griner, seconded by Walterhouse, to approve the 2% application to the Grand Traverse Band on behalf of Council on Aging, authorizing the chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker and Walterhouse Nays: None Motion carried.

Jaime Croel, Animal Control, presented the May 2015 monthly report; reported on request to purchase a new truck – this is part of the Finance Consent Calendar.

Marlene Wood, Recycling Coordinator, reported that the next Household Hazardous Waste is July 11 in Frankfort and they will be accepting tires at no charge; then again on August 8 in Honor but no tires will be accepted; August 29 they will again accept tires; she continues to clean up illegal dump sites with the DNR.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Comm Tucker reported on the Benzie Transportation Authority and the Friends of the Benzie Transportation Authority are working on promoting the millage; the new director has saved over \$45,000 over the period of time he has been with the Benzie Bus.

Comm Carland reported that he attended the Housing Summit in Traverse City last Friday; also attended the monthly Chamber meeting.

Comm Griner stated regarding the Maples that we need to get that building open; the housing summit was really good; Northern Michigan Counties went to Onaway to the Industrial Arts Welding School; he heard the Mayor of Detroit speak in Traverse City.

Comm Walterhouse stated that he attended two finance meetings; Buildings and Grounds; two Homestead Township meetings; over 2,300 people have medical marijuana cards in Benzie County; Homestead Park is up and running – he has been park manager for 38 years.

Comm Sauer has nothing.

Chairman Bates reported that Platte Township held their clean-up day – they hold it alternating years; ALS met with discussion regarding the strategic plan.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT - Karl Sparks

- Buildings & Grounds Consent Calendar:
Motion by Walterhouse, seconded by Griner, to adopt the June 10, 2015 Building and Grounds Consent Calendar items 1 – 3 as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker and Walterhouse Nays: None Exc: Warsecke Motion carried.
- Buildings & Grounds subcommittee to work with Merit and Wyant regarding technology savings – meeting is scheduled for July 1.

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- Budget hearings are now in progress; he asks the board to turn in budget binders from last year and they will be reused.
- Board of Commission budget -- you are very close to the wire and you need to watch it.

FINANCE

Motion by Tucker, seconded by Carland, to approve payment of the bills from June 10, 2015 to June 23, 2015 in the amount of \$164,286.94 as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker and Walterhouse Nays: None Exc: Warsecke Motion carried.

Michelle Thompson, County Treasurer, provided the Annual Land Sale Report.

Motion by Walterhouse, seconded by Griner, to accept the Land Sale Report through 2013 as presented. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker and Walterhouse Nays: None Exc: Warsecke Motion carried.

Amendment of Grant Project:

Motion by Tucker, seconded by Griner, to authorize letter to the DNR with copy of the deed transferring Memorial Park to Benzonia Township, authorizing chair to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker and Walterhouse Nays: None Exc: Warsecke Motion carried.

Finance Consent Calendar:

Motion by Griner, seconded by Sauer, to adopt the Finance Consent Calendar items 1 -10 from the May 27, 2015 meeting as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker and Walterhouse Nays: None Exc: Warsecke Motion carried.

HR AND PERSONNEL – None

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS – None

ACTION ITEMS

Truth in Taxation Resolution: Motion by Griner, seconded by Carland, to approve the Resolution 2015-017, Truth in Taxation as presented, authorizing the chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker and Walterhouse Nays: None Exc: Warsecke Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter from Hospice of Michigan received.
- Networks North Audit for FY 2014 received.

NEW BUSINESS – None

5:02 p.m. Break

5:20 p.m. Reconvene

5:20 p.m. Public Input – None

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Motion by Tucker, seconded by Griner, to adjourn until July 14, 2015 or the call of the chair. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker and Walterhouse Nays: None Exc: Warsecke Motion carried.

Motion by Tucker, seconded by Griner, go back into session. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker and Walterhouse Nays: None Exc: Warsecke Motion carried.

5:24 p.m. Peg Minster, Planning Commission Annual Report

She stated that from 2014 to date, they have held 12 regular meetings, 1 budget meeting, 3 special meetings and 5 work session; they contracted with Sarah Lucas @ Networks Northwest and it is in good progress. Will start working on the Master Plan update. She stated that a public input survey will be out in the next couple of weeks then will be out for 4 weeks to the public.

2015 goals are annual Bylaws review and update if needed. The annual report will go to all entities; they are planning only – no longer zoning.

5:30 p.m. Public Input – None

Motion by Tucker, seconded by Griner, to adjourn until the July 14, 2015 regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. at the Government Center or the call of the chair. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker and Walterhouse Nays: None Exc: Warsecke Motion carried

Vance Bates – Chair

Dawn Olney, Benzie County Clerk

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1. Approved the agenda as presented.
2. Approved the regular session minutes of June 9, 2015 as presented.
3. Public Hearing held regarding the Crystal Mountain CDBG application.
4. Approved the 2% application to the Grand Traverse Band on behalf of Council on Aging, authorizing the chairman to sign.
5. Adopted June 10, 2015 Building and Grounds Consent Calendar items 1 – 3 as presented.
6. Approved payment of the bills from June 10, 2015 to June 23, 2015 in the amount of \$164,286.94 as presented.
7. Accepted the Land Sale Report through 2013 as presented.
8. Authorized letter to the DNR with copy of the deed transferring Memorial Park to Benzonia Township, authorizing chair to sign.
9. Adopted the Finance Consent Calendar items 1 -10 from the May 27, 2015 meeting as presented.
10. Approved the Resolution 2015-017, Truth in Taxation as presented, authorizing the chairman to sign.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

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Motion by Walterhouse, seconded by Griner to approve the Buildings & Grounds Committee Consent Calendar as follows:

1. To authorize Emergency Management to move forward with a MMRMA grant application for camera purchase as requested.
2. To authorize Frank Post to look into bids for a camera project outside of the building.
3. To authorize Karl Sparks to advertise for cleaning services.

Motion by Griner, seconded by Sauer, to approve the Finance Consent Calendar items as follows:

1. To authorize the 2% Grant Application to the Grand Traverse Band for the Jail to be used for a new camera system.
2. To adopt the contract with CHC for inmate health care with Dan Smith to work out budget issues.
3. To authorize payment of \$2,100 to the MSP together with the next quarterly invoice, with dispatch to pay rent to the Sheriff to pay the bill through the end of the fiscal year.
4. To authorize Animal Control to purchase of a 2015 Dodge 1500 Short Box Quad Cab pick-up from Watson Benzie for \$23,115 as requested.
5. To authorize the Animal Control to sell the 2004 Ford Ranger pick-up on MiBid with a minimum bid of \$3,000.
6. To authorize the Animal Control to purchase 4 or 6 dog box topper for the new animal control truck as requested.
7. To adjust the 2014-15 budget for Circuit Court as follows:

Increase:		
101-131-812.00	Appeals Court – Legal Fees	\$ 9,900
101-131-802.00	Transcripts	\$ 6,000
Decrease:		
101-131-704.00	Wages – Court Reporter	\$12,000
101-131-712.10	Wages – Law Clerk	\$ 3,900
8. To authorize the 2% Grant Application to the Grand Traverse Band for the Benzie Area Christian Neighbors to be used toward the food pantry.
9. To decline the membership to NaCO.
10. To authorize that the mileage rate be increased to \$0.575 per mile, effective October 1, 2015.