

THE BENZIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
July 14, 2015

The Benzie County Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 14, 2015, at the Benzie County Government Center, 448 Court Place, Beulah, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Roger Griner at 9:00 a.m.

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

Absent: Excused: Bates

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

Agenda:

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

Minutes:

Motion by Sauer, seconded by Tucker, to approve the regular session minutes of June 23, 2015 as presented. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Bates Motion carried.

9:03 a.m. Public Input

Jay Darling, Crystal Lake Township, spoke regarding the airport and the lack of funding due to non-compliance with proper SOM applications; lack of fueling for turbo aircrafts.

9:06 a.m. Public Input Closed

ELECTED OFFICIALS & DEPT HEAD COMMENTS:

Marlene Wood, Recycling Coordinator, stated that they had another successful Hazardous Waste collection; August 29 we will have two more semis for tires; August 8 is the next Household Hazardous Waste clean-up date scheduled at the Road Commission; FY 2014 report.

Burt Gale, Building Official, provided the June 2015 Building Code and Safety Enforcement report and stated that the numbers are above 2013 but just under 2014; preliminary drawings have been received from Crystal Mountain for their expansion project.

Sheriff Schendel, stated that Troy Lamerson was sworn in as Undersheriff last week.

Troy Lamerson, Undersheriff, stated that the last road patrol position has been filled – 6 of 10 are new this year; they are also fully staffed in the jail; he stated that the making of meth is moving into Benzie County.

Sheriff Schendel also stated that he will be working with Colin at the Record Patriot to introduce all new deputies by way of the paper; they will hold the second meeting of the Sheriff Coalition tomorrow to start discussions on ways of dealing with the substance abuse problems.

Frank Post, Emergency Management, provided the June 2015 report; 10 CERT members were dispatched to Frankfort for the fireworks.

Animal Control report for June 2015 received.

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Veterans Affairs minutes of June 1, 2015 received.

Craig Johnson, EMS, stated they had a busy 4th of July – which was not much different than prior years; the call volume is average; the old Echo unit is going up on the MiBid shortly for sale.

Ron Berns, 911 Central Dispatch, reported that he has received the estimate from Motorola and the 911 Advisory Board says do not send to the BOC – it is too much money, with the cost being over \$700,000; Ron asks to put up a test with Grand Traverse Communications to get a cost estimate. The Board of Commissioners voiced permission to proceed.

A copy of a letter was received from the Council on Aging to the Grand Traverse Band, bringing them up to date with the grant which was received in 2014.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Comm Carland reported that he attended the Village of Benzonia meeting last week; he also attended a Merit meeting a couple of weeks ago to discuss the phone system here at the government center; July 23 there will be a Merit conference in Grayling and he is planning to attend; at the Beulah meeting, they voted to approve a food truck in the Village.

Comm Tucker stated that she has been busy with budget meetings; Coury has been attending the Airport Authority meetings for her; Almira Township is looking to allow a flea market to take place.

Comm Walterhouse stated that he attended the Land Bank meeting; they have good things going on.

Comm Sauer reported that the Road Commission hired Matt Skeels as the new manager; the survey has been completed for the Veterans memorial and they hope to break ground in the fall, depending on their 2% grant application.

Comm Warsecke has nothing to report.

Comm Griner stated that his sister was crowned Senior of the Year at the Cherry Festival – Barb Mikowski; he attended the Point Betsie meeting – that is a very popular place; July 28 he and Vance will meet with the Director of the DNR; the North Flight board joined with Spectrum to have a helicopter in Traverse City.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT - Karl Sparks

- Crystal Mountain grant update – there are some issues going forward so they are looking at it.
- Web site design.
- Administrator search update – we have 13 applicants at this point.
- A letter was received from MMRMA regarding the Employment Practices Workshop that was held; we also have two communications workshops and three sexual harassment workshops scheduled.
- MERS actuarial presented – the board asks Karl to have them come before the board – he will schedule it.

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- Buildings & Grounds Consent Calendar:
Motion by Walterhouse, seconded by Griner, to adopt the July 8, 2015 Building and Grounds Consent Calendar items 1 – 2 as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Bates Motion carried.

10:00 a.m. Break

10:09 a.m. Reconvene

HR AND PERSONNEL

Motion by Tucker, seconded by Warsecke, to adopt the June 23, 2015 HR Consent Calendar items 1 – 2 as presented. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Bates Motion carried.

FINANCE

Motion by Walterhouse, seconded by Tucker, to approve payment of the bills from June 24, 2015 to July 14, 2015 in the amount of \$545,320.63 as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Bates Motion carried.

Michelle Thompson, County Treasurer, stated that the Land Bank Authority has been very productive. She presented a series of emails regarding the Point Betsie – information only.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

EDC: Motion by Griner, seconded by Carland, to accept the resignation of Troy Terwilliger from the EDC with regrets and send a letter him of thank you. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Bates Motion carried.

Brownfield: Motion by Walterhouse, seconded by Sauer, to appoint Bill Merry to the Brownfield Authority, replacing Roger Griner, with a term to expire December 31, 2018. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Bates Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS

Area Agency on Aging: Motion by Tucker, seconded by Warsecke, to adopt Resolution 2015-018, Area Agency on Aging FY 2016 Implementation Plan, authorizing the chairman or county clerk to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Bates Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Transportation Authority Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation will be discussed at the July 28 meeting.
- Parks and Recreation minutes of May 18, 2015 received.
- Road Commission minutes of June 11, 2015 received.
- Solid Waste Advisory Committee minutes of January 7 and April 1, 2015 received.
- Networks Northwest Framework for Our Future: A Regional Prosperity Plan for Northwest Michigan received.
- 911 Service District Annual Accounting received.

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NEW BUSINESS – None

OLD BUSINESS – None

Comm Tucker stated that she attended the K-9 golf outing over the weekend.

Comm Carland stated at the Benzonia Township meeting they discussed the Platte Lake Conservation Society.

Comm Griner talked about the Maples issue.

10:45 a.m. Break

10:57 a.m. Reconvene

11:00 a.m. Elaine Wood, Networks Northwest

Ms. Wood provided the board with a written copy of their FY 2014 Annual Report and explained/discussed the report.

Motion by Carland, seconded by Tucker, to accept and place on file the Networks Northwest Annual Report for FY 2014 as presented. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke
Nays: None Exc: Bates Motion carried.

11:34 a.m. Public Input – None

Motion by Tucker, seconded by Sauer, to adjourn until the July 28, 2015 regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the Village of Thompsonville, or the call of the chair. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Bates Motion carried.

Roger Griner – Vice Chair

Dawn Olney, Benzie County Clerk

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1. Approved the agenda as presented.
2. Approved the regular session minutes of June 23, 2015 as presented.
3. Approved the Building and Grounds Consent Calendar items 1 – 2 as presented.
4. Adopted the HR Consent Calendar items 1 – 2 as presented.
5. Approved payment of the bills in the amount of \$545,320.63 as presented.
6. Accepted the resignation of Troy Terwilliger from EDC, with regrets and send a letter of thanks to him.
7. Appointed Bill Merry to the Brownfield Authority, replacing Roger Griner, with a term to expire December 31, 2018.
8. Adopted Resolution 2015-018, Area Agency on Aging FY 2016 Implementation Plan, authorizing the chairman or county clerk 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 apply to MMRMA for a grant for camera replacement at the Sheriff Dept as presented.
2. That we launch an RFP for a new phone system in the September/October timeframe, assuming we can make this cost neutral in the first year or realize some savings.

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Motion by Tucker, seconded by Warsecke, to approve HR Consent Calendar items as follows:

1. To approve the job descriptions for the Benzie County Equalization Director, as presented.
2. To allow Ryan Strom to carry over 54 hours of vacation time to be used within the next 60 days.