

THE BENZIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
July 28, 2015

The Benzie County Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 28, 2015, at the 14714 Lincoln Avenue, Thompsonville, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Vance Bates at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Agenda:

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

Minutes:

Motion by Griner, seconded by Sauer, to approve the regular session minutes of July 14, 2015 as presented. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer and Walterhouse Nays: None Abs: Tucker and Warsecke Motion carried.

Motion by Carland, seconded by Walterhouse, to approve the closed session minutes of July 22, 2015 as presented. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer and Walterhouse Nays: None Abs: Tucker and Warsecke Motion carried.

6:05 p.m. Public Input

Dennis McKee, Consumers Energy, informed the board and public of the new meters that will be installed and the time frame for doing so; it will be January or February of 2016 before they reach Benzie County to get started; 30 days prior to install a notice will be sent; 2 weeks in advance a letter will be sent prior to them coming out to install. It will take 3 – 5 minutes each to install the new meters.

6:10 p.m. Public Input Closed

6:10 p.m. Comm Tucker and Warsecke arrive

Motion by Griner, seconded by Bates, to approve the special meeting minutes of July 22, 2015 as presented. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

ELECTED OFFICIALS & DEPT HEAD COMMENTS:

Craig Johnson, EMS, reports for Ron Berns, 911 Central Dispatch, about the repeaters they are looking to install in Frankfort – they will use reserve funds for this cost – the equipment is being ordered.

EMS – all is well; they have had three cardiac arrest saves in the last 90 days. Congratulations to First Responders and Chief Rob Lozowski for their quick actions.

Doug Durand, Council on Aging, provided a monthly report; for June there were no changes; but about 4,000 more meals served this year; numbers each month continue to increase; they will hold a 5-year planning session with North Sky tomorrow night.

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COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Comm Carland reported that the end of the month is slower for him; he did attend a Merit Conference with the County Administrator last week.

Comm Walterhouse stated that he had six meetings since the last board meeting; all is going well; a tentative budget is set.

Comm Tucker has nothing to report.

Comm Griner stated regarding public health that they are putting together a program to cross pollinate the health services around the county; attended a DNR meeting to discuss plans for Benzie County; Crystal Lake Township will be building new offices.

Comm Sauer reported that he attended the Maples meeting today and there are many rumors going around; there seems to be concern that the Building Authority is not keeping the public informed; Veterans Affairs – the state of Michigan is trying to get their hands on the Veterans Trust Fund moneys – it is constitutionally protected.

Comm Warsecke reported that he attended the Inland Township meeting and reported that the fire department should be receiving their new tanker soon.

Comm Bates reported that ALS met on the 23rd; EDC has met and will meet again on August 21; he met this morning with the DNR regarding the water trail issues in the county.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT - Karl Sparks

- Completed the first round of the budget and compiling the results and awaiting the results of the jail millage. August 18 is the next budget meeting. 8/25 will be the Public Hearing to the BOC.
- Recent AG opinion regarding a building official needing to be a township employee – the information has been forwarded to Mr. Figura for his response regarding a county building official.
- August 19 meeting is scheduled to begin planning of the Fall summit; Ted Wood, Joyfield Township Clerk, is Chair for this year.

6:30 p.m. Laura Galbraith, Venture North

She updates the board with the progress of the CDBG application for Crystal Mountain; they will use private funds for infrastructure and CDBG funds for training.

Motion by Walterhouse, seconded by Griner, to adopt Resolution 2015-020 Community Development Block Grant Application, Crystal Mountain as presented, authorizing the chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

6:40 p.m. Matt Skeels, Benzie Co Road Commission Manager

Matt is the new Manager for the Road Commission; he informs the board of the roads which have been/will be worked on and the type of funds which are being used for the projects.

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He will keep the Sheriff, EMS and 911 informed of the road projects when they are ready to begin.

FINANCE

Motion by Tucker, seconded by Sauer, to approve payment of the bills from July 15, 2015 to July 28, 2015 in the amount of \$220,164.26 as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Michelle Thompson, County Treasurer, provided the board with a new report and asks the board to let her know if this form works for you or if you would like to see something different. She gave the board an update of the Land Bank Authority happenings.

Finance Consent Calendar:

Commissioner Sauer removes #2.

Motion by Bates, seconded by Warsecke, to approve the July 14, 2015 Finance Consent Calendar items 1, 3-12 as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion by Tucker, seconded by Griner, to approve #2 as follows: To enter into agreement with the Michigan Department of Corrections for the tether program for inmates on work release through September 30, 2015, authorizing the chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Budget Amendments:

Motion by Bates, seconded by Walterhouse, to amend the 2014-15 Betsie Valley Trail budget as follows:

Increase:

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| 230-000-957.30 | Landscape/Trail Maintenance | \$5,000.00 |
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Increase:

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| 230-000-539.00 | State Grants | \$5,000.00 |
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Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion by Bates, seconded by Sauer, to amend the 2014-15 Betsie Valley Trail budget as follows:

Increase:

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| 230-752-801.00 | Contracted Services – Construction | \$5,955.00 |
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| 230-000-957.30 | Landscape/Trail Maintenance | \$1,545.00 |
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Increase:

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| 230-000-585.00 | Local Match | \$7,500.00 |
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Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

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COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Airport Authority: Motion by Bates, seconded by Griner, to appoint Coury Carland as the primary appointee and Lisa Tucker as the alternate to the Airport Authority. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Benzie Home Health Care: Liaison appointment tabled at this time.

ACTION ITEMS

Benzie Transportation Authority: Motion by Sauer, seconded by Tucker, to adopt Resolution 2015-019, Amending the Benzie Transportation Authority Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation, authorizing the chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Bates Motion carried.

BVTMC: Motion by Griner, seconded by Walterhouse, to approve Amendment #2 to the Betsie Valley Trail Maintenance/Management 2014-2015, with the Department of Natural Resources. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Griner, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Abs: Carland Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- MMRMA letter regarding RAP grant funds.
- Road Commission minutes of June 25, 2015 received.
- Notice of Public Hearing for Long Lake Township.

NEW BUSINESS – None

OLD BUSINESS – None

7:15 p.m. Public Input – None

Motion by Tucker, seconded by Griner, to adjourn until the August 11, 2015 regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. at the Government Center, or the call of the chair. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

K. 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 July 14, 2015 as presented.
3. Approved the closed session minutes of July 22, 2015 as presented.
4. Approved the special meeting minutes of July 22, 2015 as presented.
5. Adopted Resolution 2015-020 Community Development Block Grant Application, Crystal Mountain as presented, authorizing the chairman to sign.

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6. Approved payment of the bills from July 15, 2015 to July 28, 2015 in the amount of \$220,164.26 as presented.
7. Approve the July 14, 2015 Finance Consent Calendar items 1, 3-12 as presented.
8. Approved to enter into agreement with the Michigan Department of Corrections for the tether program for inmates on work release through September 30, 2015, authorizing the chairman to sign.
9. Amended the 2014-15 Betsie Valley Trail budget in the amount of \$5,000.00 as presented.
10. Amended the 2014-15 Betsie Valley Trail budget in the amount of \$7,500.00 as presented.
11. Appointed Coury Carland as the primary appointee and Lisa Tucker as the alternate to the Airport Authority.
12. Adopted Resolution 2015-019, Amending the Benzie Transportation Authority Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation, authorizing the chairman to sign.
13. Approved Amendment #2 to the Betsie Valley Trail Maintenance/Management 2014-2015, with the Department of Natural Resources.

Motion by Bates, seconded by Warsecke, to approve the Finance Consent Calendar items as follows:

1. To approve the Snowmobile Law Enforcement Grant Application in the amount of \$22,430 as presented, authorizing the chairman to sign.
2. Removed from Consent Calendar.
3. To enter into contract with the Michigan Department of Corrections for housing of prisoners in county jails, as requested.
4. To amend the 2014-15 Child Care budget for June, as presented.
5. To amend the 2014-15 Child Care budget for July, as presented.
6. To amend the 2014-15 Law Library budget as presented.
7. To amend the 2014-15 Insurance Claims budget as presented.
8. To amend the Travel Policy as presented.
9. To amend the contract with DHHS Agreement Number: CSPA13-10002-1 with the Prosecuting Attorney, as presented, authorizing the Chairman to sign.
10. To amend the 2014-15 Fund 532 as presented.
11. To authorize the purchase of two recycle bins, not to exceed the budgeted amount.
12. To combine the reports for bills into one report, with the County Treasurer to be provided with the information.