

## THE BENZIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 11, 2015

The Benzie County Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, August 11, 2015, at the Benzie County Government Center, 448 Court Place, Beulah, Michigan.

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

Present were: Commissioners Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke  
Absent: None

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

### **Agenda:**

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

### **Minutes:**

Motion by Sauer, seconded by Carland, to approve the regular session minutes of July 28, 2015 as presented. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

9:02 a.m. Public Input – None

### **ELECTED OFFICIALS & DEPT HEAD COMMENTS:**

Sheriff Schendel recognizes Sgt. Mark Ketz and Deputy Joe Send with a Life Saving Commendation.

Dan Smith, Jail Administrator, says thank you to the board and everyone for their support in getting the jail millage passed.

Marlene Wood, Recycling Coordinator, stated that the third and final household hazardous waste clean-up was completed on Saturday; there will be two tire clean-ups this month; will work with the Land Bank to clean-up a residence with over 700 tires; Village of Thompsonville has taken us off of probation and has signed a two-year lease to continue the recycling site in Thompsonville – she requests approval of the lease from this board.

Motion by Griner, seconded by Tucker, to enter into a lease agreement with the Village of Thompsonville for recycling services, authorizing the chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Bert Gale, presented the July 2015 Building Code & Safety Enforcement report; Bert stated that they are dealing with one code enforcement issue and will meet with Karl to get things rolling.

Grant application from Frank Post – carried over to the August 28 meeting.

Amy Herczak, Chief Deputy Treasurer, requested approval of the Remonumentation Grant.

Motion by Walterhouse, seconded by Bates, to enter into the Remonumentation Contract with Crystal Surveying, LLC, authorizing the chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

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### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Comm Carland reported that he attended the Village of Benzonia meeting and they are looking to do some office upgrades; went to Grow Benzie and learned about pickle making; attended the Networks NW meeting and there was discussions regarding health care; referred to the MML article regarding internet service.

Comm Tucker says thank you to Dan Smith; congratulations to Mark and Joe; August 22 Lake Ann Music in the Park; Burnett Park fund raising; Grow Benzie.

Comm Walterhouse has nothing to report.

Comm Griner reported on the coalition with the Sheriff and both schools, Benzie Central and Frankfort Elberta.

Comm Warsecke reported that he attended the Inland Township meeting and their fire truck should be here by the end of the month.

Comm Sauer reported that he attended the Blaine, Joyfield and Village of Thompsonville meetings – Blaine will hold their annual picnic this weekend; Thank you to Coury for attending the Road Commission meeting tomorrow; local roads committee will meet August 26 @ 2 p.m. to discuss road projects for 2016.

Chairman Bates reported that Marlene has recycling containers that she will provide for any events that are being planned, just let her know; August 22 Music in the Park in Lake Ann is 4:00 – 11:30 pm; Almira Township has moved their meeting to August 17 due to this being fair week; nine people will be interviewed for the County Administrator's position.

### **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT** - Karl Sparks

- Professional Development – August 28 – 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. – Communication presented by MSUE.
- RFP for phone system is ready to go out this week.
- He will attend the Planning Commission meeting on Thursday night and they will talk about where they are going.
- Benzie Home Health Care --- he is on the agenda and will talk about their services and coordinating with Council on Aging for services.
- TPOAM negotiations scheduled for August 27 @ 3 p.m.
- Cleaning Bids – two have been received and will be opened tomorrow at Buildings/Grounds.

### **FINANCE**

Motion by Walterhouse, seconded by Carland, to approve payment of the bills from July 29, 2015 to August 11, 2015 in the amount of \$1,261,551.26, as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

### **HR AND PERSONNEL** – Consent Calendar

Comm Tucker removes item #1.

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Motion by Bates, seconded by Sauer, to approve the July 28, 2015 HR Consent Calendar item 2 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 HR Consent Calendar item 1 as follows: To continue association with MMRMA and not pursue further risk management at this time. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

## **COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS – None**

## **ACTION ITEMS**

Remonumentation Contract: Handled earlier in the meeting.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Benzie-Leelanau Health Dept minutes of July 23, 2015 received.
- Crystal Lake and Little Platte Lake elevation reports for July 2015 received.
- Notice of Public Hearing for Long Lake Township received.
- Information received from Conservation Resource Alliance.

## **NEW BUSINESS – None**

9:47 a.m. Break

10:06 a.m. Reconvene

Motion by Bates, seconded by Griner, to enter closed session to discuss case 14-398-GC, BC/BS of MI vs Benzie County Inmates, with Attorney Lisa Vogler, County Administrator Karl Sparks, County Clerk Dawn Olney, Sheriff Schendel and Dan Smith, Jail Administrator. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

10:30 a.m. Re-enter Open Session

Motion by Bates, seconded by Carland, to accept the recommendation of counsel in case 14-398-GC as discussed in closed session. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker and Walterhouse Nays: Warsecke Motion carried.

10:32 a.m. Public Input – None

Motion by Tucker, seconded by Warsecke, to adjourn until the August 25, 2015 regular meeting at 4:00 p.m. at the Government Center or the call of the chair. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried

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1. Approved the agenda as presented.
2. Approved the regular session minutes of July 28, 2015 as presented.
3. Approved to enter into a lease agreement with the Village of Thompsonville for recycling services, authorizing the chairman to sign.
4. Approved to enter into the Remonumentation Contract with Crystal Surveying, LLC, authorizing the chairman to sign.
5. Approved payment of the bills from July 29, 2015 to August 11, 2015 in the amount of \$1,261,551.26, as presented.
6. Approved the July 28, 2015 HR Consent Calendar item 2 as presented.
7. Approved HR Consent Calendar item 1 as follows: To continue association with MMRMA and not pursue further risk management at this time.
8. Entered closed session to discuss case 14-398-GC, BC/BS of MI vs Benzie County Inmate, with Attorney Lisa Vogler, Karl Sparks, Dawn Olney, Sheriff Schendel and Dan Smith.
9. Accepted the recommendation of counsel in case 14-398-GC as discussed in closed session.

## **HR COMMITTEE**

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**July 28, 2015**

Motion by Bates, seconded by Sauer, to approve HR Consent Calendar items as follows:

1. Removed from Consent Calendar.
2. To change the status of Jaime Croel from an exempt employee to non-exempt effective October 1, 2015.