

**THE BENZIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**October 27, 2015**

The Benzie County Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 27, 2015, 7276 Ole White Drive, Lake Ann, Michigan.

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

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

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

**Agenda:**

Motion by Walterhouse, seconded by Carland, 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 October 13, 2015, as corrected. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Griner Motion carried.

6:02 p.m. Public Input – None

**ELECTED OFFICIALS & DEPT HEAD COMMENTS:**

Craig Johnson, EMS, requests to advertise and go out for bids for snow removal for 2 years at two EMS sites – board says go ahead; Assistant Fire Fighter Grant will allow them to move forward with the 800 mhz system – the EMS Advisory Board voted to move forward with that.

Marlene Wood, Recycling Coordinator, stated that the SWAC voted to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to extend the collections for next for HHW and electronics; she has started working with the DEQ regarding illegal dump sites cleaned up; Marlene also presented the June 24, 2015 Solid Waste Advisory Committee minutes; October 2015 Coordinator's report; 2015 Hazardous Waste/ Electronics/Tire Collections figures.

Motion by Sauer, seconded by Tucker, to extend the contracts with Valley City Environmental and ERG for household hazardous waste and electronics for 2016. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Griner Motion carried.

Motion by Walterhouse, seconded by Warsecke, to forgo collections for Benzonia and Inland Township for the past years delinquent personal property tax for the recycling fee on the structures that are in mobile home parks and allow them to collect in another manner with the parcel owner. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Griner Motion carried.

Ted Schendel, Sheriff, stated that they have received one new patrol vehicle; also ~~send~~ second vehicle on order which will replace the vehicle that was totaled in an accident; they raided three dispensaries in Benzie County and that all started with complains from caregivers in Benzie County, they were abiding by the law and the dispensaries were not; he met with the new County Administrator regarding labor contracts.

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Doug Durand, Council on Aging, stated that they did sign the contract with dental services which will be in the Health Dept building; they added three more churches to participate with the Holiday Bag program – they are now up to 5 and the kids will decorate the bags; September ended their fiscal year with increases across the board; their activities continue to grow.

Received the Benzie Home Health Care September 2015 report.

### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Comm Tucker reported that she had the opportunity to meet with the new County Administrator and had good conversation and information.

Comm Walterhouse reported that she attended the finance meeting; Joint Courts; Buildings and Grounds with good things happening; Homestead Township is still working on a marijuana proposal; last two days has been at the Grand Traverse Resort for the Mental Health Conference.

Comm Carland stated that Benzonia Township is working on a fireworks ordinance; attended the Broadband Conference in Lansing; Chamber of Commerce and EDC meeting – good discussions and need to figure out what they need the EDC to do.

Comm Sauer reported that the Road Commission is working on Lindy Road – they anticipate completion about November 14; VCAT Prosperity Zoning regarding Veterans; attended the Extraordinary Government program by MSU; also attended the Maples employee survey meeting – one of the issues brought up was the BOC luncheon with them – we need to revisit it; the Summit on October 30.

Comm Warsecke reported that he attended the Colfax Township meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>; Conservation District meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> with the next meeting being their annual meeting.

Comm Bates attended the Domestic Task Force meeting; received a letter from the DEQ regarding the culvert issue on Lindy Road.

6:30 p.m. Bob Schlueter, Area Agency on Aging, gave the 2015 Annual Report. He also reported the amount of money that was provided back to Benzie County by way of services.

### **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT** – Mitch Diesch

- Email from Mr. Figura regarding conflict of interest.
- Memo from Karl regarding the Cohl Stoker billing.
- He stated that he is working on 3- and 6-month goals & objectives. Want to make sure we are all on the right page and would like to discuss them with the entire board.

6:42 p.m. Kerry Lieber, DNR and Chris Sullivan, Land Conservancy

Kerry stated that she has met with Benzonia Township and they are in support of this transaction. Chris says that in 2003 the Land Conservancy purchased Arcadia Dunes in Blaine Township and 430 acres of that the state owns the minerals right to; they have applied to acquire the mineral right from the DNR and doing a mineral assessment valued the property at \$56,000; rather than pay cash, the

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conservancy is proposing to give 110 acres in Benzonia Township property near the Cherry Bowl Drive-in also known as the Deadstream Swamp; this property is off the tax rolls at this time and if this goes through, the DNR will pay taxes on the property at the rate of \$4.00 per acre now; next year it will go up again.

The Director of DNR has not made a decision on it, they are waiting for your decision; when you make a decision a resolution would be appropriate.

## FINANCE

Motion by Walterhouse, seconded by Warsecke, to approve payment of the bills from October 13 to October 27, 2015 in the amount of \$4,022,854.99, as presented. Roll Call Ayes: Bates, Carland, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Griner Motion carried.

Michelle Thompson, County Treasurer also updated the board on the Treasurer Foreclosures; Land Bank Authority and Brownfield Authority.

### Finance Consent Calendar:

Motion by Walterhouse, seconded by Tucker, to approve the October 13, 2015 Finance Consent Calendar items 1 and 2 as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Griner Motion carried.

Motion by Walterhouse, seconded by Tucker, to ament the 2015-16 Jail Reserve Budget as follows to allow for replacement of the water heater:

Increase:

371-000-970.00	Jail – Capital Outlay Equipment	\$40,000
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Decrease:

371-000-390.00	Jail Reserves – Fund Balance	\$40,000
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Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Griner Motion carried.

## COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Planning Commission – will be rescheduled to the next meeting.

HR AND PERSONNEL – None

## ACTION ITEMS

Road Commission – Jail Access Road: Motion by Walterhouse, seconded by Carland, to approve the Agreement with the Benzie County Road Commission for Government Center Road and the Jail Access Road Maintenance as presented, authorizing the chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Griner Motion carried.

Road Commission – Betsie Valley Trail Maintenance: Motion by Walterhouse, seconded by Sauer, to approve the Agreement with the Benzie County Road Commission for Betsie Valley Trail Maintenance as presented, authorizing the chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Griner Motion carried.

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Council on Aging Extension: Motion by Walterhouse, seconded by Tucker, to approve the Extension and Amendment of Services Agreement between Benzie County Commissioners (also serving as the Commission on Aging) and the Council on Aging, Inc., authorizing the chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Griner Motion carried.

## CORRESPONDENCE

- Call for Conference Presenters for Floodplain and Stormwater Managers.
- Road Commission minutes of October 7, 2015 received.

## NEW BUSINESS – None

7:07 p.m. Public Input

Doug Duran, Council on Aging, says Thank You to the board for their support for Council on Aging. Public Input Closed

Motion by Tucker, seconded by Sauer, to adjourn until November 10, 2015 regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. at the Government Center or the call of the chair. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Griner Motion carried

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K. Vance Bates – Chair

Dawn Olney – Benzie County Clerk

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1. To approve the agenda as presented.
2. To approve the regular session minutes of October 13, 2015, as corrected.
3. To extend the contracts with Valley City Environmental and ERG for household hazardous waste and electronics for 2016.
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5. To approve payment of the bills from October 13 to October 27, 2015 in the amount of \$4,022,854.99, as presented.
6. To approve the October 13, 2015 Finance Consent Calendar items 1 and 2 as presented.
7. To amend the 2015-16 Jail Reserve Budget as presented.
8. To approve the Agreement with the Benzie County Road Commission for Government Center Road and the Jail Access Road Maintenance as presented, authorizing the chairman to sign.
9. To approve the Agreement with the Benzie County Road Commission for Betsie Valley Trail Maintenance as presented, authorizing the chairman to sign.
10. To approve the Extension and Amendment of Services Agreement between Benzie County Commissioners (also serving as the Commission on Aging) and the Council on Aging, Inc., authorizing the chairman to sign.

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

1. To amend the 2015-16 Emergency Management Budget as follows:

Increase:

101-426-539.06	Region 7 HLS Grants	\$600.00
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Increase:

101-426-961.00	Training & Schools	\$600.00
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2. To adopt a 3-year maintenance agreement for the EMS Copiers with NetLink as requested, authorizing the chairman to sign.

**FYI – The item below was approved by the Finance Committee without going to the full board due to the urgency of action.**

Motion by Walterhouse, seconded by Tucker, to adopt the below motion by the entire board. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Griner Motion carried.

Motion by Tucker, seconded by Carland, to amend the 2015-16 Jail Reserve Budget as follows to allow for replacement of the water heater:

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Roll call. Ayes: Carland, Tucker and Walterhouse Nays: None Motion carried.