

BENZIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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MEETING AGENDA

August 23, 2016

Commissioners Room, Governmental Center, Beulah, Michigan

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9:00 a.m. CALL TO ORDER
 ROLL CALL
 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 APPROVAL OF AGENDA
 APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 8/9/2016
 PUBLIC INPUT
 ELECTED OFFICIALS & DEPT HEAD COMMENTS
 COMMISSIONER REPORTS
 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – Technology
 FINANCE – Approval of Bills; Penal Fines Report; Consent Calendar
 HR and PERSONNEL – Consent Calendar
 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS – SWAC; EMS
 ACTION ITEMS – Long Distance Contract; Extension Agreement with Council on
 Aging and Benzie Home Health Care
 PRESENTATION OF CORRESPONDENCE
 NEW BUSINESS –
10:00 Dan Smith, Jail Programs Update with video
10:15 Lisa Hoppe, 44 North, Health Insurance
10:30

 PUBLIC COMMENT
 ADJOURNMENT

Times Subject to Change

THE COUNTY OF BENZIE WILL PROVIDE NECESSARY REASONABLE AUXILIARY AIDS AND SERVICES, SUCH AS SIGNERS FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED AND AUDIO TAPES OF PRINTED MATERIALS BEING CONSIDERED AT THE MEETING, TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES AT THE MEETING OR HEARING UPON THIRTY (30) DAYS NOTICE TO THE COUNTY OF BENZIE. INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES REQUIRING AUXILIARY AIDS OR SERVICES SHOULD CONTACT THE COUNTY BY WRITING OR CALLING THE FOLLOWING:

BENZIE COUNTY CLERK
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This notice was posted by Dawn Olney, Benzie County Clerk, on the bulletin board in the main entrance of the Benzie County Governmental Center, Beulah, Michigan, at least 18 hours prior to the start of the meeting. This notice is to comply with Sections 4 and 5 of the Michigan Open Meetings Act (PA 267 of 1976).

PUBLIC INPUT

Purpose: The Benzie County Board of Commissioners is a public policy setting body and subject to the Open Meetings Act (PA 267 of 1976). The Board also operates under a set of “Benzie County Board Rules (section 7.3)” which provides for public input during their meetings. It continually strives to receive input from the residents of the county and reserves two opportunities during the monthly scheduled meeting for you the public to voice opinions, concerns and sharing of any other items of common interest. There are however, in concert with meeting conduct certain rules to follow.

Speaking Time: Agenda items may be added or removed by the board but initially at least two times are devoted to Public Input. Generally, however, attendees wishing to speak will be informed how long they may speak by the chairman. All speakers are asked to give their name, residence and topic they wish to address. This and the statements/comments will be entered into the public record (minutes of the meeting). Should there be a number of speakers wishing to voice similar opinions, an option for a longer presentation may be more appropriate for the group and one or more speakers may talk within that time frame.

Group Presentations – 15 minutes
Individual Presentations – 3 minutes

Board Response: Generally, as this is an “Input” option, the board will not comment or respond to presenters. Silence or non-response from the board should not be interpreted as disinterest or disagreement by the board. However, should the board individually or collectively wish to address the comments of the speaker(s) at the approval of the Chair and within a time frame previously established, responses may be made by the board. Additionally, the presenter may be in need of a more lengthy understanding of an issue or topic and may be referred to a committee appropriate to address those issues.

Public Input is very important in public policy settings and is only one means for an interchange of information or dialogue. Each commissioner represents a district within the county and he/she may be individually contacted should greater depth or understanding of an issue be sought. Personal contact is encouraged and helpful to both residents and the board.

Commissioner Contacts:

District I -- Lisa Tucker (Almira East of Reynolds Road).....	
District II -- Vance Bates (Almira Twp West of Reynolds Road, Platte and Lake Townships).....	
District III - Roger Griner (Crystal Lake, Frankfort).....	651-0757
District IV - Coury Carland (Benzonia).....	231-930-7560
District V - Frank Walterhouse (Homestead).....	325-2964
District VI - Evan Warsecke (Colfax, Inland).....	640-2319
District VII – Gary Sauer (Blaine, Gilmore, Joyfield, Weldon).....	651-0647