

## **THE BENZIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**August 23, 2016**

The Benzie County Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, August 23, 2016, 448 Court Place, Government Center, Beulah, Michigan.

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

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

Excused were: Commissioner Tucker

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

### **Agenda:**

Motion by Bates, seconded by Warsecke, to approve the agenda as amended, adding resolution for Rotary Charities Grant Application for AES. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Walterhouse and Warsecke Exc: Tucker Nays: None Motion carried.

### **Minutes:**

Motion by Walterhouse, seconded by Bates, to approve the regular session minutes of August 9, 2016, as presented. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Walterhouse and Warsecke Exc: Tucker Nays: None Motion carried.

9:03 a.m. Public Input

James Evans – thanked Mitch for all of his help; but there are still additional problems with notices for special meetings. There has been five special meetings this year and he has only received notice for one of them.

9:05 a.m. Public Input Closed

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

Ted Schendel, Benzie County Sheriff, gave an update on the K-9 issue. He has been informed that the business the K-9 dog was purchased from has closed its door and are out of business. He will be doing research on places to purchase a new K-9 dog. Currently there is \$9,000.00 in donations for a replacement K-9 dog. It will be around \$12,000.00 for a new one, and they will try and get donations from the public.

Doug Durand, Council on Aging, provided a written report; they sent out a survey to the home delivery clients; they were awarded a 2% grant from the Grand Traverse Band; Getting people to go for dental treatment at the Northwest Michigan Health Clinic; Merger agreement went out today to the Michigan Attorney General's office, target date of 10/1/2016; he went over the extension and amendment of Services Agreements between the Commission on Aging, Council on Aging and Home Health Care resolution.

Frank Post, Emergency Management, stated they have received a revenue sharing grant for \$29,180.00 from the Grand Traverse Tribe, for Lucas units; meeting with Emergency Management Home Land Security Division, regarding grant approval for M-115 and Crystal Lake Outlet project on August 30, 2015; Damage assessment workshop on August 30, 2016; Law enforcement active shooter training is currently scheduled in Traverse City, another one is scheduled for November 1, 2, and 3, 2016 and maybe a third one in January or February 2017; Offering an ICS 300 class in Traverse City on October 18, 19 and 20, 2016, looking to get another one scheduled in January 2017;

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an ICS 400 class will be held in January 2017; In the final stages of putting in improvements regarding security in the lower level.

Commissioners Sauer and Walterhouse volunteered to attend any meetings for security related discussion with the courts.

Craig Johnson, EMS Director, stated they have had an active summer; July set a record for the most calls in a single month, and in August we set a record of the most calls in a single day; they need to look at staffing; he will be going with Commissioner Griner to receive the grant from the Grand Traverse Band; there was a good article in the Record Patriot of what has happened over the last year with their department.

Jaime Croel, Animal Control, introduces Kyle Maurer, he will be replacing her next week. Kyle gave the board a brief description of his background.

### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Comm Bates reported that he attended the ALS meeting; Almira Township will be having a Music in the Park this Saturday; the Sheriff may want to contact Mike at Mid-Michigan kennel regarding a K-9 dog, which is who they use in Manistee.

Comm Carland, missed the Village of Beulah and Benzonia Township meeting as he has been busy with Planning; he has been working on the Airport Authority issues. Attorney Chuck Judson, signed off on the MPG transfer to Antrim, but it is going to cost a little bit of money; trying to get internet access at the Airport, so that the cameras feed from the Airport to the Frankfort Fire Station and on to the Sheriff department; wants to make it clear that the comments made in the Record Eagle article, that he is not looking at eliminating law enforcement in Benzie County.

Comm Sauer – Benzie home healthcare merger is going well; looking into an issue in the Cherry farming community called SWD. It is showing up in abandoned or not taken care of orchards. If it shows up in the orchard the farmers cannot sell their fruit. Looking at doing a resolution regarding SWD.

Comm Walterhouse – Attending the CMH meeting on the August 11, 2016; Homestead and Inland Planning meeting on August 15, 2016; Land Bank meeting on August 17, 2016; Joint Court meeting on August 18, 2016; and Parks and Recreation meeting on August 22, 2016.

Comm Tucker - Excused

Comm Warsecke – Attended the Colfax Township meeting on August 10, 2016; Volunteered at Benzie Central High School Fundraiser for the Track and Field.

Comm Griner – Michigan Waterway Commission had its monthly meeting in Frankfort last Friday in which a presentation was made on the cruise ship history; Met with Kathy Jordan, previously from Dutch Harbor Alaska, she was successful in bringing seven different cruise ship companies to their area; attended the Crystal Lake Township and City of Frankfort meetings.

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

Technology minutes are in the packet. Need to change member present from Frank Walterhouse to Evan Warsecke; need to replace the server at the Government Center; working towards a request/proposal regarding qualification for IT services; Register of Deeds office is making some technology upgrades; Budget will be set the first meeting in September; Public hearing on the budget will be held at the second meeting in September; AES resolution will be later in the meeting; in the process of finalizing the telephone bids.

### **FINANCE**

Bills: Motion by Walterhouse, seconded by Carland, to approve payment of the bills from August 10, 2016 to August 23, 2016 in the amount of \$734,757.64, as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Walterhouse and Warsecke Exc: Tucker Nays: None Motion carried.

Michelle Thompson, County Treasurer, presented a cash summary by fund report and stated that the General Fund and Jail Fund are in the negative cash balance; presented Libraries Penal Fine report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2016; presented Revenue and Expenditure Report ending August 31, 2016.

#### Finance Consent Calendar:

Comm. Bates removes item 1.

Motion by Walterhouse, seconded by Sauer, to approve the August 9, 2016 Finance Committee Consent Calendar items 2 and 3 as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Walterhouse and Warsecke Exc: Tucker Nays: None Motion carried.

Lisa Hoppe, 44North, presented the two health insurance options, Blue Care Network and Blue Cross Blue Shield Simply Blue, discussion was held.

Motion by Walterhouse, seconded by Bates to approve the August 9, 2016, Finance Committee Consent Calendar item 1 as follows: To offer Option #3 Blue Care Network or Blue Cross/Blue Shield to employees as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Walterhouse and Warsecke Exc: Tucker Nays: None Motion carried

Motion by Walterhouse, seconded by Warsecke to approve 44North as the insurance carrier for the 2016/2017 year, authorizing chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Walterhouse and Warsecke Exc: Tucker Nays: None Motion carried.

10:30 a.m. Commissioner Bates excused

Dan Smith, Jail Administrator, presented a letter from an inmate regarding how the jail ministry has helped them. A video regarding Forgotten Man Ministry was shown.

### **HR AND PERSONNEL** –

Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Sauer to approve the August 8, 2016 HR Committee Consent Calendar item 1 as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Sauer, Walterhouse and Warsecke Exc: Bates and Tucker Nays: None Motion carried.

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SWAC: Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Griner to appoint Roger and Jane Schultz to the Benzie County Solid Waste Advisory Committee. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Sauer, Walterhouse and Warsecke  
Exc: Bates and Tucker Nays: None Motion carried.

EMS: Motion by Carland, seconded by Walterhouse to appoint Chris Parrish as the non-voting ALS representative and Catrina Stachnik be appointed as non-voting BLS Representative to the Benzie County EMS Advisory Committee. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Sauer, Walterhouse and Warsecke  
Exc: Bates and Tucker Nays: None Motion carried

### **ACTION ITEMS**

Motion by Walterhouse, seconded by Sauer, to approve the long distance contract with Union Worker Communications as presented, authorizing chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Carland, Sauer, Walterhouse, Warsecke and Griner. Exc: Bates and Tucker Nays: None Motion Carried

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

Commissioners are requesting that a representative from AES come to the Board of Commissioners meeting and report what they are doing for Benzie County and show any progress they have made. Mitch is to contact AES to have them come to the next Board of Commissioners meeting.

Motion by Griner, seconded by Walterhouse, to approve Resolution 2016-021 for a grant application to Rotary Charities of Traverse City for Economic Development/Alliance for Economic Success resolution. Roll call. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Sauer, Walterhouse and Warsecke Exc: Bates and Tucker Nays: None Motion carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Minutes from Benzie County Road Commission meeting of July 28, 2016

### **NEW BUSINESS** – None

11:50 a.m. Public Input – None

Motion by Griner, seconded by Warsecke, to adjourn until the September 13, 2016 Regular meeting or the call of the chair. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Sauer, Walterhouse and Warsecke Exc: Bates and Tucker Nays: None Motion carried

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1. Approve payment of the bills from August 10, 2016 to August 23, 2016 in the amount of \$734,757.64.
2. Approve the August 9, 2016 Finance Committee Consent Calendar items 2 and 3.
3. Approve the August 9, 2016 Finance Committee Consent Calendar item 1.
4. Approve 44 North as the insurance carrier for the 2016/2017 year.
5. Approve the August 8, 2016 HR Committee Consent Calendar item 1.
6. Appoint Roger and Jane Schultz to the Benzie County Solid Waste Advisory Committee.
7. Appoint Chris Parrish as the non-voting ALS representative and Catrina Stachnik be appointed as non-voting BLS Representative to the Benzie County EMS Advisory Committee.
8. Approve the long distance contract with Union Worker Communications.
9. Approve the Extension and Amendment of Services Agreement between Benzie County Commissioners (also serving as the Commission on Aging) and the Benzie County Council on Aging (BCCOA) and Benzie Home Health Care (BHHC).
10. Approve the Gant application to Rotary Charities of Traverse City for Economic Development/Alliance for Economic Success resolution.

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

1. Removed from Consent Calendar.
2. To amend the 2015-16 Budget for Emergency Management in the amount of \$900 as presented.
3. To amend the 2015-16 Budget for EMS in the amount of \$31,100 as presented.

Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Sauer, to adopt the HR Consent Calendar are follows:

1. To approve the COAM Road Command Unit contract as presented.