

THE BENZIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
December 20, 2016

The Benzie County Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, December 20, 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, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke

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

Agenda:

Motion by Sauer, seconded by Walterhouse, to approve the agenda as amended, adding Resolution 2016-027 regarding High Speed Fiber and Retired K-9 to Action Items. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Minutes:

Motion by Bates, seconded by Warsecke, to approve the regular session minutes of December 6, 2016 as presented. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion by Sauer, seconded by Warsecke, to approve the closed session minutes of December 6, 2016 as presented. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Chairman Griner stated that discussions regarding the Maples will not be held today or at the organizational meeting on January 3, but will be an agenda item at the first regular meeting of the New Year.

Comm Tucker stated that she would like to discuss a portion of the meeting from yesterday.

There were a lot of things brought up yesterday; this board asked to have the roof replaced a year ago and that hasn't happened.

Motion by Tucker, seconded by Bates, to form a task force, a temporary committee, to look at all options to replace the Maples roof correctly and in a timely fashion, to include up to 7 members from the Board of Commissioners, DHHS Board, Building Authority and citizens to be chaired by Comm Gary Sauer and have a plan of action to come back to the full board no later than April 1, 2017 to include cost and process.

Comm Sauer stated that there has been formed a Citizens group to look at these issues, of which he is chair to that group; it is kind of in the works now.

Comm Tucker stated it is important to get this concrete moving forward.

Comm Carland says remember that we voted twice to recommend and encourage the DHHS to get the building ready and move them in.

Comm Sauer says we also made a recommendation to the Building Authority to replace the roof.

Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Sauer, Tucker and Warsecke Nays: Carland, Griner and Walterhouse Motion carried.

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9:22 a.m. Public Input

Eric VanDussen, Benzonia, commented on his FOIA lawsuit and the redactions on the document – he stated that if this letter isn't provided, we will go to court; he also spoke regarding the redacted invoices; you need to go back to your attorneys – this is needless.

Steve Stephens, Benzonia, stated that the county is losing \$4,800 per day; justice takes a nap in Benzie County; please fix the roof.

Thelma Rider Novak, Crystal Lake Township, stated that she has observed the attendance at Board of Commissioner meetings by Board members; there has been 25 meetings so far this year and one commissioner has been in attendance for 13, absent 12; of the 13, this commissioner left early six times and arrived late two times.

Kathy Howland, Thompsonville, says thank you to the ambulance crew; The Maples building has sat empty over 2 years; the appliance warranties have expired.

Dylan Sauer, Blaine Township, says congratulations the new commissioners that were sworn in today and thank you to Vance and Lisa. Thank you for being the only group to make three decisions on the Maples.

Dick Bayer, Frankfort, introduced himself as the new Airport Administrator hired by the Airport Authority. It looks like we are on the right track.

9:39 a.m. Public Input Closed

ELECTED OFFICIALS & DEPT HEAD COMMENTS:

Craig Johnson, EMS Director, reported that the call volume is around same as last year; POMH has received a trauma grant for pediatrics; EMS will apply for the grant that POMH received for education toward elderly trauma and falls; car seat safety program as well.

Doug Durand, Benzie Senior Resource, provided a written report and stated that they received a \$3,000 grant from the Regional Foundation; 207 Christmas bags were prepared this year; Medicare open enrollment; they purchased a van yesterday to help with their aging fleet; November showed an increase in the meal program; snow removal had 134 plows so far.

David Schaffer, Recycling Coordinator, reported that he attended a conference in Grand Rapids to learn about some changes on the state-level with regard to the Solid Waste plan – will keep you posted; he is still trying to find a location for a mini recovery site and has met with the Road Commission regarding property at the gravel pit in Honor; worked with the Treasurer's office on the M-115 house demo; put out RFPs for the 2017 HHW and Electronics collections; a complaint was made to the DEQ regarding the transfer station in Inland Township; he has also been in touch with the schools regarding education.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Comm Carland reported that he was in Lansing during that last board meeting for the Michigan Airport Planning meeting; he attended the Networks Northwest meeting last week and stated that Elaine Wood will be retiring at the end of 2017 and Matt McCauley will be the new Executive

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Director; they also had a presentation on New Road – step education for kids; EDC presentation from Matt Olson, Benzie Central Superintendent; AES gave a 9-month update in terms of what they are doing for economic development in Benzie County; there is a new supervisor for Benzonia Township.

Comm Bates stated that he attended the Almira and Lake Township meetings; new Trustee in Almira Township and a new Clerk in Lake Township; he also attended all four of the strategic planning sessions and have a good basis to start with and plan to work with and move forward.

Comm Walterhouse reported that the strategic planning sessions were good; he attended Buildings & Grounds on December 14; Maples meeting in Frankfort which was good; provided the estimate for Point Betsie Lighthouse road end -- \$869,214.84.

Comm Tucker welcomed Bob and Art and wish them the best of luck; thank you to everyone over the last few years.

Comm Warsecke said thank you to Vance and Lisa for their contributions to the county and to welcome our two new commissioners; Inland Township has a new clerk; the Fire Association will be hosting a chili cook off near Super Bowl time.

Comm Sauer also said thank you to Lisa and Vance; he reported that John Nuske with the Road commission is done on the board after 18 years; thank you to all employees for their professionalism and everything their do for the public – this is more of a family; survey for the Betsie Valley Community Center need to be turned in to him by the 22nd.

Motion by Sauer, seconded by Walterhouse, to nominate Ken Holmes to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority as the representative for the Village of Elberta. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion by Sauer, seconded by Griner, to reappoint George Ryckman to the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Dept board for a 2-year period, expiring December 31, 2018. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Comm Griner reported that we are told think globally and act locally; shows a picture of refugees coming to America – they have left everything behind; Thank you to Vance and Lisa for their contributions.

10:17 a.m. Break

10:22 a.m. Reconvene

Walter Roch von Roschburg, Parks and Recreation

Reported that there are three groups, Parks & Rec, Point Betsie, Road Commission -- getting together to determine how to improve the road at Point Betsie; they will begin with grant applications in 2017; the cost will be \$800 – 900,000 to construct; the Friends of Point Betsie have funds to commit to this project.

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Wendy Trute, Grand Traverse Health Dept, spoke regarding the Medical Examiner Agreement with Grand Traverse, Benzie and Leelanau Counties; the current ME is retiring and Ms. Trute is asking for a 90-day extension agreement.

Motion by Walterhouse, seconded by Bates, to adopt a 90-day agreement with the Grand Traverse Health Dept for Medical Examiner services with Western Michigan University School of Medicine, Joyce L. deJong, D.O., effective January 1, 2017, authorizing the chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Mitch Deisch -- None

Buildings & Grounds Consent:

Motion by Bates, seconded by Warsecke, to approve the December 14, 2016 Buildings and Grounds Consent Calendar items 1 and 2 as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

FINANCE

Bills: Motion by Carland, seconded by Tucker, to approve payment of the bills from December 7 to December 20, 2016 in the amount of \$568,121.03, as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Finance Consent Calendar:

Comm Sauer removes item 4.

Comm Carland removes item 1.

Motion by Walterhouse, seconded by Warsecke, to approve the December 6, 2016 Finance Committee Consent Calendar items 2 and 3 as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion by Sauer, seconded by Walterhouse, to authorize that a Trust and Agency (T & A) line be set up for the Recovery Court. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

HR AND PERSONNEL

Motion by Tucker, seconded by Bates, that if any county employee is to be given a benefit, pay or time off increase, that it be reviewed by the HR and Finance Committees with final approval by the full board. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Veterans Affairs: Motion by Bates, seconded by Walterhouse, to accept the resignation of Bob Roelofs from the Veterans Affairs with regrets. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

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Workforce Development: Motion by Bates, seconded by Carland, to reappoint Betty Workman to the Workforce Development board for a two year term, expiring December 31, 2018. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS

2% Application: Motion by Bates, seconded by Walterhouse, to approve the application to the Grand Traverse Band for Senior Resources, authorizing the chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

2% Application: Motion by Bates, seconded by Carland, to approve the application to the Grand Traverse Band for the Benzie Recreation Winter Sports Fund, authorizing the chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

44North: Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Sauer, to approve the Master Administrative Agreement with 44North as presented, authorizing the chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Commission on Aging/Benzie Senior Resources: Motion by Walterhouse, seconded by Sauer, to approve the Services Agreement between the Benzie County Commission on Aging and Benzie Senior Resources thru September 30, 2017, authorizing the chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Village of Beulah: Motion by Carland, seconded by Bates, to approve the Water Tower Space Lease Agreement between the Village of Beulah and Benzie County, authorizing the chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Village of Beulah: Motion by Carland, seconded by Warsecke, to approve the Easement Agreement between the Village of Beulah and Benzie County, authorizing both the chairman and county clerk to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

2016-027: Motion by Bates, seconded by Carland, to adopt resolution 2016-027 Resolution of Support for High Speed Fiber Internet Connectivity as presented, authorizing the chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

K-9: Motion by Bates, seconded by Tucker, to encourage the Sheriff to cover any and all expenses of the retired K-9 Dasty's life, with funds to come from the K-9 fund. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Road Commission agenda for December 15, 2016 received.
- Road Commission minutes of November 16, 2016 received.

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NEW BUSINESS – None

11:27 a.m. Public Input

Eric VanDussen stated he does not want to go to trial, but just want what I'm entitled to; regarding Strategic Planning meetings – why is the normal course being deviated from; why is the administrator's office responsible for noticing and taking minutes; who is recording; Dawn and Tammy take good minutes and appreciate the job they do; is there going to be an audio recording available for these meetings. This is extremely worrisome to have the county administrator doing this without coordinating with the county clerk.

Dawn Olney, County Clerk, stated that the Organizational Meeting will be scheduled for January 3, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. Packets will be handed out to all board of commissioner members.

Dan Smith, President of the Village of Beulah, says Thank You to the Board of Commissioners and the County Administrator for assisting with the water tank issue.

Vance Bates, this has been a learning experience, it has had its ups and downs; we owe our gratitude to our employees; thank you to Dawn who is the glue that holds this board together.

11:33 a.m. Public Input Closed

Motion by Bates, seconded by Tucker, to adjourn until the January 3, 2017 Organizational meeting or the call of the chair. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner and Walterhouse Nays: None Exc: Sauer, Tucker and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried

Roger L. Griner – Chair

Dawn Olney, Benzie County Clerk

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22. Authorized to encourage the Sheriff to cover any and all expenses of the retired K-9 Dasty's life, with funds to come from the K-9 fund.

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

1. Removed from Consent Calendar.
2. To go out for a 3-year RFP for audit services with dates to be set later.
3. To approve amending the Child Care Fund Budget and approving a budget amendment, authorizing the chairman to sign.
4. Removed from Consent Calendar.

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Motion by Bates, seconded by Warsecke, to approve the Buildings and Grounds Consent Calendar as follows:

1. To replace the carpet in the Dispatch Center in the amount of \$8,407.00 with Lakeshore Construction, with funds to come from the 911 fund.
2. To proceed with installation of one water bottle filling station to be installed on the upper level of the Government Center near the Veterans Office, authorizing the chairman to sign.