

## THE BENZIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 26, 2016

The Benzie County Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 26, 2016, at the Village of Thompsonville, 14714 Lincoln Avenue, Thompsonville, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Roger Griner at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Griner says thank you to the Village of Thompsonville for allowing us to hold our meeting here.

Present were: Commissioners Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Walterhouse and Warsecke  
Commissioner Trucker arrived at 6:05 p.m.

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

A moment of silence was observed in honor of John Zirkel.

### **Agenda:**

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

### **Minutes:**

Motion by Carland, seconded by Walterhouse, to approve the regular session minutes of July 12, 2016 as presented. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Abs: Tucker Motion carried.

Motion by Sauer, seconded by Carland, to approve the closed session minutes of July 12, 2016 as presented. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Sauer, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Abstain: Bates Abs: Tucker Motion carried.

### 6:02 p.m. Public Input

Carol McKee is a veterinarian and has volunteered money and time over the years to the Benzie County Animal Shelter and the Animal Welfare League; Compassionate Choices for Homeless Cats is a non-profit organization and informed the board of their objective with feral cats.

Kathy Howland, Thompsonville, spoke regarding the Maples and an article that stated the Building Authority will reopen the Maples – how can you reopen when it has never been opened; she also stated that the building they are in is falling apart.

Jerry Brace also spoke about the Maples and asked where is the plan for a new roof; how about the chain of responsibility.

### 6:15 p.m. Public Input Closed

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

David Schaffer, Recycling Coordinator, reported that the tire collection in Honor was great; the Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics collection was good too – 188 people served; he will be visiting Emmett County recycling; he will be attending the Benzie Showcase; Lake and Benzonia Townships will have their final clean-up days; August 20 is the final tire clean up date in Thompsonville.

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Doug Durand, Council on Aging, reported that the BC/BS is dropping their Legacy Plan effective December 31; in Benzie County alone there are over 500 seniors with this plan; BC/BS are trying to sell them a different plan; Oct 15 – December 7 is open enrollment for other plans; Aug/Sept they will work with NW Michigan Health Services for senior oral health care workshops; Senior Expo on September 16; Senior Empower Day September 22 at the Little River Casino; August 6 is the Benzie Showcase and BHHC Walk-a-thon. He is confident they will exceed 70,000 meals this year.

Kyle Rosa, Undersheriff, spoke regarding the K-9 Dog Dasty had a seizure in August 2015; the side effects of the medication make him lethargic; they bought him 4 years ago, with a 5 year guarantee and warranty; Sgt Ketz and the Sheriff have attempted to contact the company and discuss the warranty and situation – that has been unsuccessful; a certified letter has been sent to the CEO; they have determined it best to take Dasty out of service.

Sgt Ketz says we raise money for the vet bills, food; they paid \$10,000 for Dasty and MMRMA paid \$2,000 of that. He will continue to train with Dasty and they have been in contact with Dr. Nelson.

Benzie Home Health Care monthly report for June 2016 received.

Benzie Transportation Authority June 2016 financial report received.

## **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Comm Carland reported that he attended the Benzonia Township meeting on July 13 and the Airport Authority on July 14; August 3 there will be a meeting with City of Frankfort, Crystal Lake Township and Benzie County regarding the Airport Authority; he also attended the Planning Commission meeting; EDC – the broadband survey is available; Joint Court meeting; the last budget hearing was held last week.

Comm Bates reported that he doesn't have a lot; attended the ALS meeting.

Comm Walterhouse stated that they have had five finance meetings and we are close with the budget; and the 911 presentation will be later.

Comm Tucker reported that the Pine Woods Subdivision in Lake Ann is still having flooding problems and there are still two houses that have had to have their yards redone and three with sinkholes – still a lot of frustration; thank you to the budget committee – she appreciates what has been done.

Comm Warsecke reported that he has attended the Colfax Township, Solid Waste, Planning Commission meetings; no Conservation District meeting; he also attended a special meeting at Inland Township last night.

Comm Sauer has nothing to report.

Comm Griner stated that no one is more frustrated with the Maples issue than him – we do not have the report from Ed Hale yet; the former Mitchell Corporation is closed so there is 120 people without jobs now; he has confidence in AES; spoke regarding the cruise ships on the Great Lakes.

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

A presentation of the 2016-17 proposed budget was given.

### **FINANCE**

**Bills:** Motion by Walterhouse, seconded by Carland, to approve payment of the bills from July 13, 2016 to July 26, 2016 in the amount of \$359,011.42, as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Budget Transfer Request due to 2015 Deficit in the Jail Fund: Motion by Walterhouse, seconded by Bates, to adjust the 2014-15 General Fund and Jail as follows:

Increase:

101-966-999.10	Transfer to Jail	\$6,650.00
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Decrease:

213-351-699.00	Transfer in from 101	\$6,650.00
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Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Michelle Thompson, County Treasurer, stated that the taxes have gone out and board of review changes are coming in; the Land Bank Authority is working on a potential sale of 16+ acres of the former 669 junkyard; they are working on a land contract for a home in the Village of Thompsonville; sold a former restaurant in the Village of Honor which will be demolished and a new business will be popping up in the future.

Motion by Walterhouse, seconded by Bates, to approve the July 12, 2016 Finance Committee Consent Calendar items 1, 2, 3 and 4 as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

### **HR AND PERSONNEL** – None

### **COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

**DHHS:** Motion by Bates, seconded by Warsecke, to accept the resignation of Darleen Hoffert from the DHHS Board effective August 1, 2016. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

**Building Authority:** Motion by Bates, seconded by Warsecke, to accept the resignation of Norman Campbell from the Building Authority effective immediately. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

**911 Resolution:** Motion by Bates, seconded by Walterhouse, to adopt Resolution 2016-020 for the 911 Service Plan as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

**Housing:** Motion by Walterhouse, seconded by Sauer, to enter into agreement for Acknowledgement by Default and Temporary Abeyance of Foreclosure regarding the Fisk property. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

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### AT & T:

Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Tucker, to approve and authorize the chairman to sign five AT & T Centrex Agreement for the County telephone lines as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Walterhouse, to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the CompleteLink contract with AT&T as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Carland, to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the Waiver Amendment with AT&T as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Bates, to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the Fiber Broadband Agreement with AT&T as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

### CORRESPONDENCE

- Solid Waste Advisory minutes of April 6 and May 31, 2016 received.
- Resolution from Berrien County regarding the Attack on the Berrien County Courthouse received.
- AES June 2016 report received.
- Road Commission minutes of June 23, 2016 received.

### NEW BUSINESS – None

8:07 p.m. Public Input

Art Jeannot inquired regarding AES and there being no new money in the budget; committee appointments process needs to be streamlined.

8:10 p.m. Public Input Closed

Motion by Bates, seconded by Sauer, to adjourn until the August 9, 2016 Regular meeting or the call of the chair. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Tucker, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried

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Roger L. Griner – Chair

Dawn Olney, Benzie County Clerk

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1. Approved the agenda as presented.
2. Approved the regular session minutes of July 12, 2016 as presented.
3. Approved the closed session minutes of July 12, 2016 as presented.
4. Approved payment of the bills from July 13, 2016 to July 26, 2016 in the amount of \$359,011.42, as presented.

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5. Approved budget transfer request due to 2015 Deficit in the Jail Fund.
6. Approved the July 12, 2016 Finance Committee Consent Calendar items 1, 2, 3 and 4 as presented.
7. Accepted the resignation of Darleen Hoffert from the DHHS Board effective August 1, 2016.
8. Accepted the resignation of Norman Campbell from the Building Authority effective immediately.
9. Adopted Resolution 2016-020 911 Service Plan as presented.
10. Entered into agreement for Acknowledgement by Default and Temporary Abeyance of Foreclosure regarding the Fisk property.
11. Approved and authorize the chairman to sign five AT & T Centrex Agreement for the County telephone lines as presented.
12. Approved and authorize the Chairman to sign the CompleteLink contract with AT&T as presented.
13. Approved and authorize the Chairman to sign the Waiver Amendment with AT&T as presented.
14. Approved and authorize the Chairman to sign the Fiber Broadband Agreement with AT&T as presented.

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

1. To amend the 2015-16 budget for the CDBG Housing program as presented.
2. To adopt the Emergency Telephone Service District Tentative Plan as presented.
3. To adopt the Emergency Service Communication Ordinance as presented.
4. To approve a 2015-16 Budget Amendment for Capital Improvement and Repairs.