

THE BENZIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
October 25, 2016

The Benzie County Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 25, 2016, at Inland Township Hall, 19968 Honor Hwy, Interlochen, Michigan.

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

Comm Griner requested that Mary Hoyt's FOIA appeals regarding the Maples be placed after the Public Hearing – 911 service plan. Motion by Sauer, seconded by Walterhouse, to approve the agenda as amended. 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 October 11, 2016, as presented. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Walterhouse and Warsecke Exc: Tucker
Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion by Walterhouse, seconded by Bates, to approve the closed session minutes of October 11, 2016, as presented. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Walterhouse and Warsecke Exc: Tucker
Nays: None Motion carried.

6:05 p.m. Public Input

Marcia Stobie – Building Authority member, supports the Maples resolution that is being discussed tonight.

James Evans, Joyfield Township – On August 11, 2016 the Benzie County Planning Commission held a special meeting to discuss the final draft of the Master Plan. It was not properly noticed under the OMA.

Tom Longanbach – Reynolds Road between Cinder and US 31 has been paved and they did an excellent job.

6:09 p.m. Public Input Closed

Motion by Bates, seconded by Carland, to open the Public Hearing on E-911. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Walterhouse and Warsecke Exc: Tucker Nays: None Motion carried

Ron Berns, 911 Director provides a brief overview of the Benzie County 911 Service Plan.
Discussion was held.

6:16 p.m. Public Hearing on 911 Service Plan –

Sherry Poulisse – what I am hearing is 47 of the 83 counties in the state of Michigan are using this one company. Does that mean that this one company has the monopoly or are there other companies to choose from?

Mary Hoyt – is there any reason not to be receptive to the 911 Service Plan?

Ted Schendel – When is the date for this to take place and the company to take over?

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6:23 p.m. Public Input closed.

Motion by Walterhouse, seconded by Carland to close 911 Service Plan Public Hearing. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Walterhouse and Warsecke Exc: Tucker Nays: None Motion Carried.

Motion by Walterhouse, seconded by Warsecke, to adopt the Benzie County 911 Service Plan as present, authorizing chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Walterhouse and Warsecke Exc: Tucker Nays: None Motion Carried.

6:25 p.m. Public Input regarding the Maples

Tom Hart – he is on the DHHS Board, a tax payer and had an individual at the Maples. He is disappointed that he received the proposed Maples Resolution from the Maples Administrator not the Board of Commissioners. The resolution does not address all areas. The Board of Commissioners do not have the authority to direct the DHHS Board to do anything. If it is passes they will have to have their attorney look at the resolution.

Lisa Vogler – what is the statutory authority Benzie County is relying on to pass this resolution? What control does the Board of Commissioners have over the DHHS Board?

6:30 p.m. Public Input closed.

Mary Hoyt – FOIA Appeals regarding the Maples: The FOIA request turned in to the County Administrator's office was immediately met with push back as to why we were asking about the Maples, what did we want to know? If the topic you FOIA is of great public interest, the FOIA fees can be waived. Hoping fees for the information will be waived again. Will have Lisa Vogler finishing speaking on this matter.

Lisa Vogler – there are two FOIA appeals before you tonight. First appeal is regarding the April 12, 2016 FOIA request. The second appeal is regarding the September 15, 2016 FOIA request. A third appeal will be reserved for next week. Still looking for the certificates of insurance from Edmund London & Associates and Comstock Construction Company. Requesting that the fees be waived.

Discussion held regarding the Maples.

Sherri Poulisse – spoke regarding the Maples

Richard Figura – spoke regarding the Maples

Tom Longanbach – spoke regarding the Maples

Thor Goff – spoke regarding the Maples

Tom Hart – spoke regarding the Maples

Lisa Vogler – spoke regarding the Maples

Mary Hoyt – spoke regarding the Maples

Kathy Dube – spoke regarding the Maples

Deb Lingren – spoke regarding the Maples

Ed Kowalski – spoke regarding the Maples

Motion by Bates, seconded by Carland, to approve 2016-022 Resolution of Support Benzie County Board of Commissioners for the Opening of the Maples New Medical Care Facility as amended, authorizing chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Walterhouse and Warsecke Exc: Tucker Nays: None Motion Carried.

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Motion by Griner to waive the fees for the September 15, 2016, FOIA information. Died for lack of support.

8:04 p.m. Closed Maples discussion.

8:05 p.m. Break

8:10 p.m. Reconvene

ELECTED OFFICIALS & DEPT HEAD COMMENTS:

David Schaffer, Recycling Coordinator, presented written report; everything is going good; had a recent Solid Waste Advisory meeting where dates were set for Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics collections for next year.

Doug Durand, Council on Aging, presented written report; a lot of good things happening at Benzie Senior Resources.

Frank Post, Emergency Management, presented written report; presented AFG grant application. Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Carland to adopt resolution 2016-024 Benzie County Regional AFG Grant Application and Resolution Migration to 800 MNz Trunked Radio Network as presented, authorizing chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Walterhouse and Warsecke Exc: Tucker Nays: None Motion Carried.

Ron Berns, 911 Director, discussed the App they use to notify the Fire Department, that goes hand and hand with the pagers they wear on their hip, that will give them the nature of the call, address and location via cell phone. This was set up for free by the Vendors.

Tom Longanbach, Equalization Director, Building Authority meeting is re-scheduled to Thursday October 27, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Comm Carland reported that he has been working on the Airport; met last week to review applications for people who have applied for the airport administrator position; he and Mitch met with a gentleman from Traverse to discuss information technology in Benzie County; attended Cherry Pie debates up in Glen Arbor.

Comm Bates, attended ALS meeting, discussed issues and financial options regarding ambulance; Joint Court meeting was cancelled.

Comm Walterhouse, attended the Homestead Township meeting October 3rd; Finance Meeting and Betsie Valley Trial meeting on October 11th; attended Buildings and Grounds; working with the Village of Beulah to put up a water tower; Animal Welfare League purchased a dog for the Prosecutor's office to help victims in the courtroom; EMS meeting – working on ambulance.

Comm Sauer, Benzie Home Health Care and COA are now Benzie Senior Resources; Health Department has moved downstairs, and the upstairs is being remodeled for the Dental facility; Webber Foundation put on the Fall festival in Thompsonville and coats given out to school children.

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Comm Warsecke, attended Colfax Township meeting, Planning Commission meeting; Conservation District meeting and HR Meeting; K-9 fundraisers will be tomorrow at Greystone Mansion.

Comm Griner – attended Benzie EDC meeting and Housing Summit 2016; both meetings were very good.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Mitch Deisch - nothing

FINANCE

Bills: Motion by Walterhouse, seconded by Warsecke, to approve payment of the bills from October 12, 2016 to October 20, 2016 in the amount of \$3,986,675.84, as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Walterhouse and Warsecke Exc: Tucker Nays: None Motion carried.

Michele Thompson, County Treasurer, presented a Cash Summary by Fund report and Revenue and Expenditure report; entered into a land contract on a home in Thompsonville today; seeking bids/proposals for development of approximately 17 acres off 669. Have completed the expedited quiet title process for 8 parcels in the land bank. Sold one today and will transfer a second one by the end of the week, leaving 6 parcels in inventory; have one unsold foreclosure piece in Thompsonville and will transfer it over to the Lank Bank for disposition as soon as I hear back for the Village that they wish to reject the parcel from being transferred to them.

Motion by Walterhouse, seconded by Sauer to approve the October 11, 2016 Finance Consent Calendar items 1 – 6 as presented, authorizing chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Walterhouse and Warsecke Exc: Tucker Nays: None Motion Carried.

HR AND PERSONNEL – Nothing

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS – letter from Chip Johnston, Centra Wellness – information only.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Walterhouse to adopt resolution 2016-023 Resolution to Allow One and Three-year Dog Licenses to be sold and allow online dog license sales as presented, authorizing chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Walterhouse and Warsecke Exc: Tucker Nays: None Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter from Northwest Michigan Stakeholders – information only

NEW BUSINESS – None

8:53 p.m. Public Input

Marcia Stobie, thanks the Board of Commissioners for passing the resolution and helping this matter to move along.

Jim Evans, approve FOIA appeal process.

Deb Lindgren, happy to see the Board of Commissioners step into the Maples Arena.

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8:55 p.m. Public Input closed

Motion by Bates, seconded by Warsecke, to adjourn until the November 8, 2016 Regular meeting or the call of the chair. Ayes: Bates, Carland, Griner, Sauer, Walterhouse and Warsecke Exc: Tucker
Nays: None Motion carried

Roger L. Griner – Chair

Tammy Bowers, Benzie County Chief Deputy Clerk

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1. Approved the regular session minutes of October 11, 2016, as presented.
2. Approved the closed session minutes of October 11, 2016, as presented.
3. Adopted the Benzie County 911 Service Plan as present, authorizing chairman to sign.
4. Approved 2016-022 Resolution of Support Benzie County Board of Commissioners for the opening the Maples new medical care facility as amended.
5. Adopted the 2016-024 Benzie County Regional AFG Grant Application and Resolution Migration to 800 MNz Trunked Radio Network as presented.
6. Approve payment of the bills from October 12, 2016 to October 20, 2016 in the amount of \$3,986,675.84, as presented.
7. Approve the October 11, 2016 Finance Consent Calendar items 1 – 6 as presented.
8. Adopted resolution 2016-023 Resolution to Allow One and Three-year Dog Licenses to be sold and allow online dog license sales.

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

1. Authorized the Register of Deeds to upgrade software, using the technology funds available to her office.
2. To amend the Parks & Recreation 2016-17 budget in the amount of \$1,200.00 as presented.
3. To amend the County Clerk's 2016-17 budget in the amount of \$5,000.00 as presented.
4. To renew the 12 copier maintenance agreement with NetLink as presented.
5. To approve two budget amendments for the 2016-17 budget in the amount of \$48,116.88 as presented for purchase of the phone system.
6. To set a budget for 235 CDBG Grant for Crystal Mountain as presented.