

THE BENZIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 11, 2017

The Benzie County Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 11, 2017, 448 Court Place, Government Center, Beulah, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Coury Carland at 9:00 a.m.

Present were: Commissioners Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Roelofs, Sauer, Walterhouse and Warsecke

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

Agenda:

Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Jeannot, to approve the agenda as amended, adding RAP Grant Application under Action Items. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Roelofs, Sauer, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Minutes:

Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Roelofs, to approve the regular session minutes of June 27, 2017 as corrected, adding to Comm Jeannot's comments on Page 2. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Roelofs, Sauer, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Roelofs, to approve the closed session minutes of June 27, 2017 as presented. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Roelofs, Sauer, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Public Input – None

ELECTED OFFICIALS & DEPT HEAD COMMENTS:

Craig Johnson, EMS Director, stated that they are ramping up their training; they are having a fundraiser to help support for training equipment and pediatric Bears – by having “I Support Benzie EMS” stickers out at businesses for donations; July 4th went well, they were concentrated in Frankfort; they are already at 112 runs for the month of July; two life-saving awards were presented at Almira township last evening; he helped out a truck that had spilled a load of porta potties on the road.

Ted Schendel, Sheriff, reiterated what Craig stated about July 4; they had a fatality a couple of days ago; the jail is full – they have room for three more; there have been a couple of mandates which have been imposed by the courts – transporting of juvenile offenders and the requirement to be in all court sessions and court seems to be held every day of the week.

David Schaffer, Recycling Coordinator, stated that he has been really busy – all of the sites are busy and American Waste is running six days per week; we are up 41 bin pulls so far; they served 347 people at the Frankfort HHW collection; July 22 will be a scrap tire collection in Thompsonville; August 5 is Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and Electronics collection in Almira township; we may switch to 10 yards bins; Honor site – talking with Homestead Township regarding the site next to the township hall.

Bert Gale, Building Dept, provided the quarterly report for April, May and June 2017; we are trending up and he feels we are completely out of the recession period; Aldo Davis is no longer the

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Plumbing/Mechanical inspector – he has retired and he has hired two new people, it is very difficult to find dual inspectors in the State of Michigan.

Comm Carland asked if the Construction Board of Appeals members have been paid per diem. He does not know.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Comm Walterhouse reported on the Homestead Township meeting and the discussions regarding the park and the school; he attended the Village of Honor meeting and stated that they have released their sewer maintenance person and are bringing back a former employee; he stated that someone is looking at the school.

Comm Roelofs reported on Human Services Collaborative and Chip Johnston was the guest speaker; Grand Traverse County Veterans Affairs posting for a director has expired and he will be getting with them to work on a replacement; Benzie County Veterans Affairs will be holding an open house picnic on August 13 at 2:00 p.m. at Memorial Park; Lake Ann held their Homecoming on July 1 and this year was the busiest; he went to watch the Coast Guard Changing of Command ceremony; he is active with the DAV in assisting veterans and writing claims – he went to Grand Rapids and is working with a Benzie County veteran for benefits and will work to have it done in less than 30 days.

Comm Jeannot spoke regarding the letter from the bond counsel regarding the Maples; also asked and is still waiting for response to his questions – forwarded to Ed Roy; he has a meeting scheduled with the Sheriff to discuss jail budget in response to his inquiry. Lake Township meeting talked regarding short-term rentals; speed limit on Crystal Drive; a Road Commission employee stated that cell phone companies are wanting to be treated like utilities to put up towers.

Comm Griner spoke regarding the carp resolution – we have no prepared resolution, he will work with the County Administrator to have one ready for next meeting; Frankfort Hefran Hill is closed to traffic; 225 people were served at the St. Ann's Pancake Breakfast; he also stated that the #3 pilot of the Thunderbirds is related to him – it was fun to watch them knowing that.

Comm Warsecke stated he attended the Inland Township meeting on July 10; he has been busy with the Cherry Festival.

Comm Sauer spoke regarding the Planning Commission Ordinance workshop – have come to a consensus on a DRAFT Ordinance, this is a good start; at the last HR Committee meeting, we had Lisa Hoppe here with insurance rates – we will see a 7.5% increase, we did have progress on the reimbursement; August 13 at 4 p.m. is the Blaine Township picnic; Thompsonville – the state has changed the DEQ director in our area (came from Flint); they have concerns about speeding on Beecher specifically, but also Lindy Road; he is concerned that we need to have someone do backups here when someone else is on vacation.

Comm Carland reported that he attended two meetings; it was a busy July 4th; 600 half chickens were prepared for the Lion's BBQ of which they sold 550 of them; Gliders in Frankfort, they will try to bring them back before Labor Day; MDOT will be here today to inspect the Airport; MERIT – they will be putting together a presentation for this board about potential options moving forward with fiber optic.

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COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Mitch Deisch

- Presented the Administrator Update dated July 10, 2017.
- Technology Request for Proposal
- RFQ for Financial Review
- Strategic Plan Update – will present Bi-annually or Quarterly
- July calendar of meetings
- Planning Commission Ordinance Workgroup meeting notes
- MSUE and Planning Commission joint space – will meet with both groups to work out their issues
- Buildings & Grounds meet tomorrow and we will tour the building to view space of MSUE, Probation/Parole, District Court Probation and MiWorks
- Have prepared a binder of Attorney Opinions so they are in one place

FINANCE

Bills: Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Griner, to approve payment of the bills from June 27, 2017 to July 11, 2017 in the amount of \$379,539.27, as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Roelofs, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Abs: Sauer Motion carried.

HR AND PERSONNEL

Consent Calendar: Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Jeannot, to approve the June 27, 2017 HR Consent Calendar item 1 as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Roelofs, Sauer, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Will need to schedule interviews for Brownfield Authority – Carland, Sauer and Kowalski

ACTION ITEMS

Road Patrol Contract: Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Sauer, to enter into contract with the Village of Beulah for seasonal road patrol services from July 1, 2017 to September 5, 2017, authorizing the chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Roelofs, Sauer, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

RAP Grant Application: Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Roelofs, to authorize application to MMRMA for RAP Grant funds for Corrections School, authorizing the County Clerk to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Roelofs, Sauer, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Road Commission notice of Fuel Tank Replacement
- Betsie Valley Trailway Management Council minutes of May 23 and June 13, 2017 received.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

Public Input -- None

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10:31 a.m. All items on the agenda having been taken care of, the chair adjourns this meeting.

Custer C. Carland – Chair

Dawn Olney, Benzie County Clerk

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1. Approved the agenda as amended, adding RAP Grant Application under Action Items.
2. Approved the regular session minutes of June 27, 2017 as corrected.
3. Approved the closed session minutes of June 27, 2017 as presented.
4. Approved payment of the bills in the amount of \$379,539.27.
5. Approved the June 27, 2017 HR Consent Calendar item 1 as presented.
6. Approved to enter into contract with the Village of Beulah for seasonal road patrol services.
7. Authorized application to MMRMA for RAP Grant funds for Corrections School.

Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Jeannot, to approve the HR Consent Calendar as follows:

1. To adopt Judge Mead's proposal for a District Court recorder and add the employee to the roster.