

## THE BENZIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 25, 2017

The Benzie County Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 25, 2017, 448 Court Place, Government Center, Beulah, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Coury Carland at 4:00 p.m.

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

Excused: Commissioner Griner

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

### **Agenda:**

Motion by Roelofs, seconded by Warsecke, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: Carland, Jeannot, Roelofs, Sauer, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Griner Motion carried.

### **Minutes:**

Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Carland, to approve the regular session minutes of July 11, 2017 as corrected on page 2 changing some to someone in Comm Sauer's comments. Ayes: Carland, Jeannot, Roelofs, Sauer, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Griner Motion carried.

4:03 p.m. Public Input – None

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

Craig Johnson, EMS Director, stated that they are awaiting the arrival of Jim Henderson's 1<sup>st</sup> baby; Craig sent a letter last week to the Village of Thompsonville regarding termination of their agreement effective October 1, 2017; they will redo an Intercept Agreement with them for the Benzie County side, with some additional coverage on the Manistee County side, and they will look at the Almira Township Intercept Agreement at the same time; they had ME investigation training yesterday and they now have five trained; the ambulance which is not running has been placed on the MiBID auction site until August 2.

Doug Durand, Benzie Senior Resources, provided his monthly report and stated that there is a Youth Group from Kentucky here and they are doing maintenance on a few senior citizen homes as their project while they are here; he reported that they are seeing a lot of growth in services and provided a 9-month review since becoming the Benzie Senior Resources under the merger with Benzie Home Health Care.

Kyle Rosa, Undersheriff, stated that they have had a busy July – Marine, Road Patrol, Corrections, Court – all of it; Deputy Parker was involved in a traffic crash – he is fine, but the vehicle may be totaled; they were called out to the Dune Fest in Almira Township on Sunday morning and made a couple of arrests.

Tom Longanbach, Equalization Director, provided the 2017 Equalization Report. He stated that as the SEV grows, we will see less revenue coming in; it is better to have a low percentage – you need to maintain a buffer.

Comm Sauer inquired as to why the county doesn't take over assessing? Tom stated that we cannot compete with contractors.

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Motion by Walterhouse, seconded by Sauer, to accept the 2017 Equalization Report as presented.  
Ayes: Carland, Jeannot, Roelofs, Sauer, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Griner  
Motion carried.

David Schaffer, Recycling Coordinator, stated that the board has a DEQ Education grant for action later in the meeting; a tire collection event was held in Thompsonville last weekend; for the period January to June for 2016 and 2017, there were 60 more bin pulls this year for the same period of time.

Ron Berns, 911 Director, reported that the remodel project went great and they were under budget; Smart 911 is now being used in dispatch and he will do a press release next week; they have a resignation from a 10 year employee.

5:01 p.m. Break

5:06 p.m. Reconvene

Frank Post, Emergency Management, provided the June 2017 monthly report; he spoke regarding HB 4609 and 4610 increasing the cap for disasters; tentative implementation date of October 1 for an Emergency Alert System.

Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Warsecke, to accept the Emergency Action Guidelines as presented, authorizing the chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Carland, Jeannot, Roelofs, Sauer, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Griner Motion carried.

Animal Control monthly report for June, 2017 received.

## **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Comm Walterhouse stated that on July 14 they had a finance budget meeting and will hold another on August 4 at 9:00 a.m. to work on the budget; the attended the EMS meeting on July 18 and Parks & Rec on July 24.

Comm Roelofs reported that he has been assisting a local veteran who is hospitalized at Spectrum in Grand Rapids with filing a claim – they have learned that the VA in Detroit has cleared the way for coverage within 4 days; Village of Lake Ann is business as usual; Human Services Collaborative meets tomorrow; Benzie Senior Resources – thank you to Doug – their people spread the word on their services; Buildings & Grounds toured the Government Center and Mitch will report on it; Technology committee discussed going paperless for the commissioners; Veterans Memorial Open House and Picnic on August 13 @ 2 p.m., Memorial Park.

5:30 p.m. Commissioner Walterhouse Excused

Comm Jeannot reported on an invitation to the Friends of Point Betsie Birthday Bash on August 1 from 4 – 6 p.m.; Platte Township has concerns regarding short-term rentals; they are looking for a new zoning administrator (which they share with Benzonia Township) and they also need a new assessor; met with the Jail Administrator and Sheriff regarding their \$100,000 shortfall; feels we should look at multi-year budgeting; EDC has held discussions regarding merging with the Brownfield Authority – EDC has approved it.

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Comm Sauer reported on the Brownfield Authority and a presentation from Julie Lowe with the DEQ – she did a great job. Perhaps we could have her come again, together with the MEDC; the Maples is at 63 residents and they need 71 to meet their costs; they had three citations upon a recent inspection by the state; ice machines don't work.

Comm Warsecke stated that he only had the HR meeting since our last meeting; he did visit the Animal Control Office and they are looking at an air filtration system.

Comm Carland stated that Benzonia Township is dealing with vandalism at the Memorial Park so they are looking at purchasing surveillance equipment; Technology discussed wireless devices for the commissioners and the continuing issue with fax lines – they talked about abandoning AT&T and paying the fee, but Paul Anker with Abilita, says we should stay with AT&T. They will ask Paul to come back and talk with the Board of Commissioners. The airport had an inspection and they did not get their license back – they have one item to complete. Joint Court – the courts wanted a 3-1/2% wage increase for the court employees for each of two years – the joint court committee agreed upon a 2%. ~~they agreed to a 2% increase for one year.~~

Technology Consent: Motion by Roelofs, seconded by Warsecke, to approve the July 14, 2017 Technology Consent Calendar item 1 as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Carland, Jeannot, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Griner and Walterhouse Motion carried.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

Child Care Fund: Motion by Sauer, seconded by Jeannot, to approve the Child Care Fund for the 2017-18 fiscal year budget in the amount of \$282,754, authorizing the chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Carland, Jeannot, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Griner and Walterhouse Motion carried.

2017-025 Emergency Telephone Enabling Act: Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Roelofs, to adopt resolution 2017-025 in Support for Michigan Senate Bill 400 and Michigan House Bill 4651 amending the Emergency Telephone Services Enabling Act as presented, authorizing the chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Carland, Jeannot, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Griner and Walterhouse Motion carried.

2017-024 Asian Carp: To be rescheduled.

FY 2017 Recycling Education Grant: Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Carland, to enter into a Recycling Education Grant Agreement between the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and Benzie County Solid Waste Department, in the amount of \$10,000 with a match of \$5,000, authorizing the Chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Carland, Jeannot, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Griner and Walterhouse Motion carried.

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

- Presented a written update dated July 17, 2017.
- Draft Planning Commission Ordinance – please review and we need to decide how we will proceed. Comm Jeannot says an email is not effective – Comm Sauer agrees that it should be face-to-face. Mitch suggested an email that says your BOC will contact you within 7-10 days.

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Chairman Carland says the letter should summarize the key points of the new Ordinance as it says in the Master Plan. He also suggested that Sarah Lucas assist with the letter.

- He inquired if any commissioners would be planning to attend the MAC conference on Mackinac Island in September – Comm Griner will; Comm Roelofs and Warsecke are tentative.
- Building matrix – working on getting the market rental rate for commercial buildings.
- Revised August 2017 calendar of meetings.
- He will be attending the MERS conference in Detroit in September.
- Note cards for Commissioners use were distributed.
- Building Authority response to Comm Jeannot's request – Mr. Roy is working on the response.

## **FINANCE**

**Bills:** Motion by Sauer, seconded by Warsecke, to approve payment of the bills from July 12, 2017 to July 25, 2017 in the amount of \$419,481.51, as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Carland, Jeannot, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Griner and Walterhouse Motion carried.

Michelle Thompson, County Treasurer, reported on the sale of tax foreclosed properties on August 15; she will be making another Land Bank presentation to Osceola County in September; thank you to AES for the press release regarding the Land Bank.

### **Finance Consent Calendar:**

Comm Sauer removes item #2.

Motion by Roelofs, seconded by Carland, to adopt item 1 of the July 11, 2017 Finance Consent Calendar as amended. Roll call. Ayes: Carland, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: Jeannot Exc: Griner and Walterhouse Motion carried.

#2: Motion by Carland, seconded by Sauer, to port all fax lines to Telnet and purchase another PRI for \$380.00 per month. Roll call. Ayes: Carland, Jeannot, Roelofs Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Griner and Walterhouse Motion carried.

## **HR AND PERSONNEL** – None.

## **COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS** – None.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Little Platte Lake elevation report for June 2017 received.
- Crystal Lake elevation report for June 2017 received.
- Road Commission minutes of June 22, 2017 received.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS** – Chairman Carland reported that MERIT Network will be here Friday for a presentation regarding internet.

6:58 p.m. Public Input

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Dawn Olney asked if the board would consider appointing her as the employer representative to the MERS conference in September.

6:59 p.m. Public Input Closed

Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Warsecke, to appoint Dawn Olney, County Clerk, as the Employer Representative to the MERS Conference. Ayes: Carland, Jeannot, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke  
Nays: None Exc: Griner and Walterhouse Motion carried.

All items on the agenda having been taken care of, the chairman declared this meeting adjourned.

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Custer C. Carland – Chair

Dawn Olney, Benzie County Clerk

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1. Approved the agenda as presented.
2. Approved the regular session minutes of July 11, 2017 as corrected.
3. Accepted the 2017 Equalization Report as presented.
4. Accepted the Emergency Action Guidelines as presented, authorizing the chairman to sign.
5. Approved the July 14, 2017 Technology Consent Calendar item 1 as presented.
6. Approved the Child Care Fund for the 2017-18 fiscal year budget in the amount of \$282,754, authorizing the chairman to sign.
7. Adopted resolution 2017-025 in Support for Michigan Senate Bill 400 and Michigan House Bill 4651 amending the Emergency Telephone Services Enabling Act as presented, authorizing the chairman to sign.
8. Authorized to enter into a Recycling Education Grant Agreement between the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and Benzie County Solid Waste Department, in the amount of \$10,000 with a match of \$5,000, authorizing the Chairman to sign.
9. Approved payment of the bills from July 12 to 25, 2017 in the amount of \$419,481.51, as presented.
10. Adopted item 1 of the July 11, 2017 Finance Consent Calendar as amended.
11. Approved to port all fax lines to Telnet and purchase another PRI for \$380.00 per month.
12. Appointed Dawn Olney, County Clerk, as the Employer Representative to the MERS Conference.

## **TECHNOLOGY**

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Motion by Roelofs, seconded by Warsecke, to approve the Technology Consent Calendar items as follows:

1. To budget up to \$3,500 for the 2017-18 budget for the purchase of personal devices to be used by the Commissioners.

Motion by Roelofs, seconded by Carland, to approve the Finance Consent Calendar items as follows:

1. To amend the 2016-17 425 Budget as presented.
2. Removed from Consent Calendar.