

THE BENZIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
May 23, 2017

The Benzie County Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 23, 2017, 448 Court Place, Government Center, Beulah, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Coury Carland at 4:02 p.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.

Comm Jeannot states that we suspended the rules at the last meeting. Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Carland to re-instate the Board Rules. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Roelofs, Sauer, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Agenda:

Motion by Roelofs, seconded by Griner, to approve the agenda as amended, removing Consent from Technology and putting it after Buildings/Ground, also removing Consent Calendar from HR and Personnel. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Roelofs, Sauer, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Minutes:

Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Sauer to approve the regular session minutes of May 9, 2017 as presented. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Roelofs, Sauer, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion by Sauer, seconded by Warsecke to approve the closed session minutes of May 9, 2017 as presented. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Roelofs, Sauer, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

4:05 p.m. Public Input - None

ELECTED OFFICIALS & DEPT HEAD COMMENTS:

Craig Johnson, EMS Director: Medical Examiner is doing well. Had their first Benzie County autopsy, and everything went well. There will be training for our Medical Examiner Investigators. There will be some changes at the state level to the Medical Examiner process, but we are ahead of the game. Waiting for Comm. Carland to sign the paperwork for the new truck. It will be about two weeks before it will go in service, as it needs to be inspected. Went to Livingston County last week to look at their Paramedic program and got a lot of good ideas.

Discussion was held regarding the Thompsonville ALS Intercept Agreement and Mutual Aid Emergency Medical Service Agreement. The current agreements need to be terminated July 1, 2017 and new ones be drafted with Thompsonville to service Weldon and Colfax Townships. Currently with the way it is right now we are responding to calls in Cleon and Springdale Township, which is taking us away from responding to Benzie County residents.

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Motion by Sauer, seconded by Warsecke to terminate the Mutual Aid Emergency Medical Service Agreement with Village of Thompsonville effective July 1, 2017, authorizing chairman to sign.

Roll Call. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Roelofs, Sauer, Walterhouse and Warsecke

Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion by Sauer, second by Warsecke to terminate the Benzie County EMS ALS Intercept Agreement with Thompsonville Ambulance Service, effective July 1, 2017 authorizing chairman to sign. Roll Call. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Roelofs, Sauer, Walterhouse and Warsecke

Nays: None Motion carried.

Doug Durand, Benzie Senior Resources: presented written reports; We have joined the Grand Traverse Regional Oral Healthcare Coalition. This consists of the Health Department of Northwest Michigan, Northwest Michigan Health Services, Manistee Community Dental Clinic, Leelanau County Senior Services and Grand Traverse County Commission on Aging.

Judge John D Mead, Probate Judge: Manistee has approved the appointment of Walter Armstrong as Benzie County Magistrate. Hoping to have the local Administrative Order approved from State Court Administrator Office within the next 24 hours.

Frank Post, Emergency Management: Has three requests for 2% grant funding from the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians.

Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Griner to approve the 2% grant application for Fire Extinguisher Training Equipment, authorizing Chairman to sign. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Roelofs, Sauer, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Griner to approve the 2% grant application for Chest Compression Units for EMS, authorizing Chairman to sign. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Roelofs, Sauer, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Roelofs to approve the 2% grant application for Flashover Training for County Fire Department, authorizing Chairman to sign. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Roelofs, Sauer, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

David Schaffer, Recycling Coordinator: Next Wednesday the Honor recycling site will be moved to 10791 Main Street from the Benzie County Road Commission. We will have to put in a gravel pad.

Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Carland to approve the Benzie County Recycling Site Lease in Honor, authorizing chairman to sign. Roll Call. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Roelofs, Sauer, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Comm Jeannot: attended Friends of Point Betsie Lighthouse. They would like to make a formal presentation to the Board of Commissioners in the upcoming months. It has been 15 years that they have been organized and they are needing additional board members. The Lighthouse and gift shop will be opening on May 27, 2017 and will remain open until October. Attended Northern Michigan Counties Association. There was continuing discussion regarding existing freight lines for trains and how they might apply for passage travel. Legislative update regarding the physical presents of a Commissioner for voting at the County level. Currently a Commissioner can vote by phone and they

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are looking to remove that. There is a bill proposing grants to fund Sheriff staffing shortages due to economic conditions.

Comm Roelofs: attended Village of Lake Ann meeting. There will be asphalt paving in the village. There is a long-term plan for street maintenance as Asphalt prices are down 50 %. 911 Advisory talked about Dispatcher activity and training. Building and Grounds discussed the need for boilers in both buildings; Technology Committee; Grand Traverse Veterans Affairs; ~~Timeline~~ Tight Line for Troops in Manistee. Had to cancel the Veterans Memorial Day service as there has been problems with the bricks.

Comm. Walterhouse: attended Joint meeting with Inland and Homestead Zoning. They are looking at improving Turtle Lake Campground. EMS meeting discussed about what is happening with Thompsonville EMS. Land Bank meeting; Senior Resource; and Park and Recreation.

Comm. Griner: Made a trip to New Orleans. There is a museum there regarding World War II veterans that is something you must see if you are down there. Attended Building and Grounds and we need new boilers at the Sheriff Department and Government Center.

Comm Warsecke: Last week was Police Memorial week; Inland Township had two fund raisers, Propane sale and Blood donation. HR committee meeting today. Thanks Comm. Roelofs for what he has done with the Veterans.

Comm Sauer: On the 27th they are having a commemoration for Joseph William Dilly at the Thompsonville Cemetery. Issue at the Road Commission: The County Road Association is working on it, it has to do with DAS (wireless antennas). There is a ruling that they can put towers in the road right way from 45 to 120 feet high. Elberta Clerk has resigned. Discussed Mr. Barnes project in Elberta at the Brownfield meeting. Issues at The Maples with paint splatter on the floor; problems with the tile grout; they are not happy with the cleaning company that was hired by the Building Authority. Received a phone call yesterday from Senator Booher, on our SWD resolution. The Senate has approved a 2% increase from the extension service.

Comm Carland: spent last week in Dearborn attending two conferences. Michigan Community Mental Health Conference are concerned about what is happening at the Federal and State level regarding Medicaid. Also concerned with two bills making their way through the House and Senate that are being view by some as a backdoor way of privatizing the mental health system. Merit Network Conference, topic of the conference was Cyber Security. Would like to have a joint meeting with the Building Authority regarding Phase Three of the Maples Building. There are two prior members on the DHHS Boards that would be helpful at this meeting.

Will have a joint meeting with the Building Authority and DHHS Board on June 13, 2017, after the Board of Commissioner regular meeting.

Mitch stated that Maridee has started the process with Wyant for the Public Wi-Fi.

Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Griner, to approve the May 10, 2017 Building and Grounds consent calendar Item #1 as presented. Roll Call. Ayes: Griner, Jeannot, Roelofs, Sauer, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: Carland Motion carried.

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5:33 p.m. Break

5:38 p.m. Reconvene

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Mitch Deisch

- Presented County Administrator updates written report
- Will be attending the County Administrative Officer Conference at Crystal Mountain May 25 through May 27, 2017.
- Presented the Finance/Information Technology Director job description to the HR Committee.

FINANCE

Bills: Motion by Carland, seconded by Warsecke, to approve payment of the bills from May 9, 2017 to May 23, 2017 in the amount of \$339,887.67, as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Roelofs, Sauer, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Michelle Thompson, County Treasurer: she is preparing for the sale of tax foreclosed properties on Tuesday, August 15, 2017 at noon at the Little River Casino in Manistee. The Condominium units have been bundled as one sale item, the Cottages have been bundled as one sale item, and the buildable lots are being sold individually. Actively involved in the budget process right now.

Comm Jeannot requested Item # 7 be removed from the Finance Committee Consent Calendar.

Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Walterhouse to approve the May 9, 2017 Finance Consent Calendar items 1 through 6, and item 8 as presented, authorizing chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Roelofs, Sauer, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried

Discussion held regarding #7.

Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Warsecke to authorize payment of \$54.00 per month to Coury Carland, as Board Chair, for use of his own cell phone for company business. Roll call. Ayes: Griner, Jeannot, Roelofs, Sauer, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Abstain: Carland Motion carried

HR AND PERSONNEL - None

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS – Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Warsecke to appoint Elizabeth Shrake to the Benzie County Jury Board for the six-year term commencing immediately and continuing until April 30, 2023. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Roelofs, Sauer, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried

ACTION ITEMS

US Coast Guard Letter: Comm Carland stated that there is not a museum in Frankfort, so that will have to be removed from the proposed letter. Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Carland to approve a letter to the US Coast Guard as amended, regarding the Fresnel lens, authorizing the chairman to sign. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Roelofs, Sauer, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried

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Remonumentation Contract: Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Griner to approve the Remonumentation Contract as presented, authorizing the chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Roelofs, Sauer, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried

MMRMA RAP Grant for surveillance equipment. Motion by Griner, seconded by Warsecke to approve the MMRMA RAP for surveillance equipment in the amount of \$3,779.45 as presented, authorizing the County Clerk to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Roelofs, Sauer, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE

- Benzie County Road Commission minutes of April 27, 2017

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS – None

6:04 p.m. Public Input - None

Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Walterhouse, to adjourn until the June 13, 2017 Regular meeting or the call of the chair. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Roelofs, Sauer, Walterhouse and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried

Coury Carland – Chair

Tammy Bowers, Benzie County Chief Deputy Clerk

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5. Terminate the Benzie County EMS ALS Intercept Agreement with Thompsonville Ambulance Service, effective July 1, 2017.
6. Approve the 2% grant application for Fire Extinguisher Training Equipment.
7. Approve the 2% grant application for Chest Compression Unites for EMS.
8. Approve the 2% grant application for Flashover Training for County Fire Department.
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13. Authorize payment of \$54.00 per month to Coury Carland, as Board Chair, for use of his own cell phone for company business
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15. Approve a letter to the US Coast Guard as amended, regarding the Fresnel lens.
16. Approve the Remonumentation Contract as presented.
17. Approve the MMRMA RAP for surveillance equipment in the amount of \$3,779.45 as presented.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

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

1. To proceed with the Sheriff Dept camera project as presented.

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

1. To purchase a recumbent bike with allocated POLC funds.
2. To allow the use of \$16,000 from fund 371 for the jail camera project as requested.
3. To allow the Undersheriff to move forward with the Fuelman Cards as requested.
4. To authorize Ron Berns to purchase three radio console computers and upgrade to the newest version of radio console software for \$7,050.00; and to purchase a computer tablet, modem and tablet mounting equipment for newest EMS unit for \$5,424.17.
5. To transfer \$20,000 to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority from the DTRF to allow it to stand on its own.
6. To transfer \$9,000 to Seasonal Road Patrol from contingency, to make it whole.
7. Removed from Consent Calendar.
8. To authorize the use of 10% of the reserve funds from the Building Dept budget to pay the mileage and per diem to the Construction Board of Appeals.