

**THE BENZIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**November 13, 2018**

The Benzie County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Tuesday, November 13, 2018, in the Frank F. Walterhouse Board Room, 448 Court Place, Government Center, Beulah, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Gary Sauer.

Present were: Commissioners Carland, Griner, Jeannot (by phone), Money, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke

The invocation was given by Commissioner Griner and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Agenda:**

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

**Minutes:**

Motion by Roelofs, seconded by Griner, to approve the regular session minutes of October 23, 2018 as corrected on page 3, Comm Sauer comments \$72,000 should be \$7,200. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Money, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

9:03 a.m. Public Input

**ELECTED OFFICIALS & DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**

Tom King, EMS Director, spoke regarding the Heart Monitor Replacements with interest free financing; Grant funding for the Lucas CPR Device – Frank Post is working on a grant application; Power Cot/Power Load system – Frank Post is working on a grant application; fleet maintenance for vehicles and vehicle rotation. He would like to set a schedule and procedures for maintenance. Comm Jeannot asked about the Road Commission and schools – how do they handle maintenance. Tom stated that he would reach out to them. Comm Money also stated that he should check with Watson also.

Frank Post, Emergency Management Coordinator, provided September and October 2018 monthly reports. The school safety committee work group continues to meet monthly. The School Resource Officer millage was successful. Two school grants have been applied for from the State of Michigan and were successful – Frankfort for \$137,000 and Benzie Central \$244,000 ~~\$44,000~~ for safety infrastructure. Working on closing out the Railroad Point grant regarding the Mollineaux Road property. They will hold a Search and Rescue Exercise on December 1. Comm Roelofs thanks Mr. Post for his diligence in the grant-writing accessibility. Mr. Post also presented the LEPC and LPT 2019 meeting schedule.

Ron Berns, 911 Director, provided a written report. There was a brief shutdown of the 911 system and calls were forwarded to Manistee – no calls were missed. Mr. Deisch asked Mr. Berns to add the Smart 911 calls to his monthly report.

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Comm Jeannot reported on the Advocates; Benzie Senior Resources are looking closely at Platte River School. Attended the October 23 Summit. Housing action item later today. Lake Township

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has appointed Bob Blank as the Zoning Administrator. Last 60 days he stated that Scott Harrison has been appointed to the DHHS board and will be sworn in soon. Mountain Life Magazine had Roger Griner's Maple Syrup operation was mentioned. ~~the 2018 winner in their edition.~~

Comm Griner reported on MAC Transportation meeting – discussion regarding intelligent vehicles – there are no test facilities in the world. We have the finest highway system in the world in the US. In the next 50 years we can have 50% more cars on the road with the intelligent vehicles. He has asked Mitch to do a letter about what is important for the future: 1) cruise ships; 2) rails to Traverse City and 3) container project.

Comm Warsecke reported that he has attended the Inland Township meeting and the Benzie schools – at the school board meeting the Kindergarten class from Crystal Lake did a singing presentation; they discussed the school lunch program. Tomorrow he will attend Colfax Township. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

Comm Money reported on the Village of Honor and Homestead Township meeting. He also attended the Summit – he went with guarded interest, Sarah Lucas does a great job. Village of Honor – it is a pleasure to see good things going on there. Their sewer account is at \$70,000 after a windfall of a \$12,000. Homestead Township has been in meetings with the Lions Club to possibly make a purchase.

Comm Carland asked if there have been any discussions in the Village of Honor for a municipal water system? There has been discussion in the past but don't know where that goes.

Comm Jeannot inquired regarding St. Ambrose – has the rhetoric toned down? Rhetoric has toned down, but there is a new Noise Ordinance now.

Comm Carland reported that he did attend the Summit but feels it wasn't as well attended as in the past – feels it was do to the promotion. Would like to see an accumulation of a "list serve" for email addresses and do a large email blast to promote our events. Planning Commission has been discussing topics for the next one. The new marijuana issue would be a good topic to educate the people. Village of Beulah is approaching the end of their project – waiting for electricity to be ran to the tower. Airport is dealing with snow. Michigan Airport Planning Meeting in Lansing next week.

Comm Roelofs reported that he has attended an exit interview a couple of weeks ago. Benzie County Veterans Affairs held a special meeting last week and will recommend to the full board next week to contract with Karen Korolenko for the position of the new Benzie County Service Officer. Frankfort Elberta Schools Veterans appreciation breakfast was last Friday. Veterans event at the Memorial Park on Veterans Day went well – about 40 people were in attendance.

Comm Jeannot asked about the schedule of the new VA officer? 2-1/2 days per week – hoping for Monday, Tuesday and ½ day Wednesday.

10:00 a.m. – Jennifer Berkey, MSUE Contract

Ms. Berkey stated that 2,200+ residents were reached last year with MSU services.

Motion by Carland, seconded by Warsecke, to approve the contract with MSUE for 2018-19 as presented, authorizing the chairman to sign.

Comm Jeannot asked how this contract will affect our space needs? He feels that B, 2a language should be modified to reflect the we are going through space issues.

Comm Money stated that we can work on it.

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Ms. Berkey stated that they know they will be asked to move; just want to remain in this building. Roll call. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Money, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Griner, to direct the County Administrator to draft a memorandum to MSU identifying the fact that we are going to doing space needs planning. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Money, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS (continued)**

Comm Sauer reported that he attended the Summit as well and felt it was very good. Coury's presentation on the Airport was enjoyed and maybe he could do it here. He enjoyed the presentation by Josh Mills regarding the short-term rentals. He would like to see better participation by the townships. Blaine Township will hold a special meeting on December 3 to discuss two issues – Blight and Junk Cars. Road Commission meeting is today, and they will be discussing any changes to the Seasonal Road Policies. They had a concern with Homestead Road shoulders, have had it tested, and they will add 5-foot shoulders. The Veterans Memorial was great. He, his father and the Veterans were invited to Blaine Christian Church by Boy Scout Troup 10 for a dinner. Thompsonville will be closing out their water project and the need to consider installation of water meters.

10:25 a.m. Motion by Sauer, seconded by Carland, to enter closed session to discuss with our attorney trial and/or settlement strategy in the pending lawsuit Dinger vs Benzie County, et al, pursuant to MCL 15.268(e), because discussion on the open record will be detrimental to our position, and also to discuss material exempt from disclosure under the attorney-client privilege, MCL 15.243(1)(g), pursuant to MCL 15.268(h). Roll call. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Money, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

10:53 a.m. Re-enter Open Session

Motion by Sauer, seconded by Money, to support the attorney's recommendation to settle the Dinger vs Benzie County lawsuit. Roll call. Ayes: Carland, Jeannot, Money, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: Griner Motion carried.

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

- Provides an Administrator Update written report.
- Changed the School Safety meeting to November 26 at 10:00 a.m.
- Ad Hoc space needs meeting tomorrow at 11:00 a.m.
- Clean Bids for Government Center are due November 16.
- Letter/memo from the County Treasurer regarding grant administration: have talked with Susan and she will be able to take them on within her current responsibilities.
- Chairman Sauer also stated that he would like to see the Secondary Road Patrol Grant also go to her as well.

Comm Jeannot inquired about the internet survey from 2 or 3 years ago. Are we making any progress regarding that. Mitch stated he is not sure ~~survey~~; Susan has been focusing on the finance report and information to the attorneys regarding the opioid litigation.

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### FINANCE

Bills: Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Carland, to approve payment of the bills from October 24, 2018 to November 12, 2018 in the amount of \$326,925.05 as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Money, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Michelle Thompson, County Treasurer, reported to the board that she has been busy with the Michigan Association of Land Bank Leadership Summit. They are also printing tax bills in her office at this time.

### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Comm Carland removes item 2.

Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Roelofs, to approve items 1, 3-7 of the October 23, 2018 Committee of the Whole Consent Calendar as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Money, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

#2: Motion by Carland, seconded by Money, to approve cable TV for the Emergency Management Department up to \$1,100 as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Money, Roelofs, Sauer and Walterhouse Nays: None Motion carried.

### COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS – None

#### ACTION ITEMS:

2% Grant Application: Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Carland, to approve the 2% Grant Application to the Grand Traverse Band for fire extinguisher training in the amount of \$7,281.00, authorizing the chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Money, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

2% Grant Application: Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Roelofs, to approve the 2% Grant Application to the Grand Traverse Band for Lucas Mechanical Chest Compression Units in the amount of \$91,553.00, authorizing the chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Money, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Road Commission Resolution re Logging: Motion by Carland, seconded by Griner, to adopt resolution 2018-024 opposing SB 396. Roll call. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Money, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

CDBG Guidelines: Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Warsecke, to adopt the 2018 CDBG Program Income Program Guidelines as amended. Roll call. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Money, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Certifying Officer: Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Money, to authorize the County Chair as the Certifying Officer for CDBG funds as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Money, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

### PRESENTATION OF CORRESPONDENCE

- Road Commission memo regarding Applications for Permits to hold event on Benzie County Public Roads received.

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- Road Commission minutes of October 11, 2018 received.
- Lake Township memo regarding appointment of Bob Blank as the Zoning Administrator.
- MMRMA letter regarding RAP Grant in the amount of \$7,603 received.
- Little Platte Lake elevation report for October received.
- Crystal Lake elevation report for October received.
- Benzie Bus 2018 Annual Report received.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS -- None

### NEW BUSINESS – None

11:30 a.m. Public Input – None

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Gary G. Sauer, Chair

Dawn Olney, Benzie County Clerk

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2. Approved the regular session minutes of October 23, 2018 as corrected on page 3, Comm Sauer comments \$72,000 should be \$7,200.
3. Approved the contract with MSUE for 2018-19 as presented, authorizing the chairman to sign.
4. Approved to direct the County Administrator to draft a memorandum to MSU identifying the fact that we are going to space needs planning.
5. Entered closed session regarding pending lawsuit Dinger vs Benzie County, et al.
6. Approved to support the attorney's recommendation to settle the Dinger vs Benzie County lawsuit.
7. Approved payment of the bills from October 24, 2018 to November 12, 2018 in the amount of \$326,925.05 as presented.
8. Approved items 1, 3-7 of the October 23, 2018 Committee of the Whole Consent Calendar as presented.
9. Approved cable TV for the Emergency Management Department up to \$1,100 as presented.
10. Approved the 2% Grant Application to the Grand Traverse Band for fire extinguisher training in the amount of \$7,281.00, authorizing the chairman to sign.
11. Approved the 2% Grant Application to the Grand Traverse Band for Lucas Mechanical Chest Compression Units in the amount of \$91,553.00, authorizing the chairman to sign.
12. Adopted resolution 2018-024 opposing SB 396.
13. Adopted the 2018 CDBG Program Income Program Guidelines as amended.
14. Authorized the County Chair as the Certifying Officer for CDBG funds as presented.

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Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Roelofs, to approve the Committee of the Whole Consent Calendar as follows:

1. **To approve the State of Michigan quote of \$108,000, with funds coming out of the 911 reserve 261-000-691.00, to purchase the additional equipment to finish the AFG project.**
2. **Removed from Consent Calendar.**
3. **To authorize the cost of \$153,436.38, to be financed through Stryker, for the purchase of 5 new heart monitors, to be paid off over the next three years, with funds coming out of EMS Equipment 214-655-970.00.**
4. **To authorize the County Administrator to make decisions for use of space on a temporary basis.**
5. **To approve CoolLED to install the lighting in the Sheriff Department and Jail facility, with funds of \$25,882.40 from the jail reserve fund.**
6. **To approve the Travel and Business Expense Policy as revised.**
7. **To create the Public Defenders Committee.**