

THE BENZIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 28, 2018

The Benzie County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Tuesday, August 28, 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, 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 amended, adding Veterans Affairs Committee Appointment and correct Committee of the Whole Consent Calendar date to 8/14/2018. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Money, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Minutes:

Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Roelofs, to approve the regular session minutes of August 14, 2018 as amended on page 4, Comm Sauer report – the Conservancy is working on ... Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Money, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion by Roelofs, seconded by Carland, to approve the closed session minutes of August 14, 2018 as presented. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Money, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

9:04 a.m. Public Input

Annie Browning stated that she is working with the Advocates to repurpose the Platte River Elementary School for the betterment of the community.

Terry Money stated that it isn't very often that we have three former Commissioners in the audience: Roland Halliday, Jeff Sandman and Craig Meredith.

Public Input Closed

ELECTED OFFICIALS & DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Doug Durand, Benzie Senior Resources, Nutrition Assessment Evaluation is done annually, and all of our policies and procedures are doing well with no deficiencies, we are always higher than minimum standards by the state. October 1 there will be several new standards from the Nutrition program. We were chosen by the Chamber of Commerce as the Nonprofit for the Community Impact Award. We are very pleased to be chosen by our peers. Walk-A-Thon: we are just about at our goal of \$22,000 and confident that they will reach that goal.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Comm Carland reported that he attended the MAC conference last week and sat in on sessions regarding retirement-type co-op and share a home and hire someone as their staff rather than go to long-term care, FOIA, Medical Care Facilities – Benzie residents should receive priority to enter the facility from the waiting list. He went with Mitch to Muskegon yesterday regarding the Public Defender's Office. Very valuable information. The County Board appoints the public defender then that individual builds the office from there.

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Mr. Deisch stated that the state continues to change their rules – 100%; now 80/20 funding; now there is legislation where they would pay 20% up front and then have a reimbursement process. This is another example of a non-funded mandate. We will have to find space – individual offices to be able to meet confidentially with clients.

Comm Carland stated that the biggest value is that they have a research attorney available for public defender attorneys and they also utilize law school interns and social worker interns that allows them to earn college credit.

Comm Money asked about salary structure. Comm Carland stated that they didn't talk about that, but Muskegon's budget is \$1.9 million.

Mr. Deisch also stated that Judge Thompson has asked that the Public Defenders handle all courts, Circuit, District, Probate and Neglect/Abuse cases. 180 days after the funds come from the State, then the office needs to be up and running.

Comm Roelofs stated that he also attended the MAC conference and the sessions he attended were FOIA, Area Agency on Aging State Agency; social Media. Met yesterday for VA interview. August 16, he attended three sessions of contract negotiations. DK5K – tough run for suicide awareness was well attended by approximately 340 people. Met with Grand Traverse & Leelanau Counties regarding Veterans Affairs to see what everyone's intentions are. We need better representation. Scrap metal donations benefit Veterans Memorial. A recycling site in Grand Traverse County looks absolutely terrible – Jesse and the folks in Benzie County make us look good. Building Space – we need someone that deals with space and organization to tell us what we need and can do. Chairman Sauer asked if we have a social media policy. Mr. Deisch stated he has not looked yet. We need a simple policy.

Comm Warsecke also attended the MAC conference and it was very informative – he thought the social media was the best; wishes there were longer sessions. Attended the Conservation District meeting. Went to the Republican Party State Convention last weekend – it was a neat process.

Comm Money stated that yesterday he tried reaching the DR to get a biologist in here to talk about the Chronic Wasting Disease. He attended the VA interview yesterday.

Comm Jeannot reported on the EDC/BRA – where we are going with AES; some direct questions were asked, and some answers were discouraging, but the outcome will likely be that we will continue with AES either until they disband or April 2019 when the contract is up. Billings will have details for services performed rather than a flat fee. In the future, when they provide us with an invoice, they should be providing us with a work product and we will begin building our own file. Ed Kowalski, Chair of EDC/BRA – stating that getting the result before we get the bill is best, we are on track.

Comm Jeannot stated that retention visits to businesses will start being done and it will build goodwill and tells us what our businesses needs are.

Comm Griner also attended the MAC conference – likes the idea of co-op homes for the aging. Talked with Jeff Dontz, Chairman of the Manistee BOC, about the ambulance issue with Manistee County – their Board of Commissioners just doesn't care. Drowning in Frankfort – the Frankfort Police were there in a couple of minutes, but it was 15 minutes before the Coast Guard showed up. The first graduating class of the Skilled Trades will be this Friday at 1 p.m. at Mills Community House. At the City of Frankfort meeting there was talk about broadband and now they are talking

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about wireless. Attended the last Building Authority meeting for Art and the 5-member BA is the best thing that has happened to the Maples, but he feels the board is split, there is such a division. Comm Jeannot stated that he called some of the members and you are right, that there is a divide but that isn't a negative. Half the group understands get this job done; half sees some liability on third party providers.

Chair Sauer reported that Gilmore Township had a 36% voter turn-out. Space use committee met and Mitch is to get additional information for them. MAC conference during the legislature update there was talk of the lame duck session – losing 36% Senate and approximately 50% in the House, so they may try and slip some things through in the end. Road Commission put up new larger STOP signs at the 669 and Cedar Run Road and cut the brush. The Road Commission may have to FOIA the MSP report. They have not worked on a policy for extra funds. MERS retirement discussion with the MERS Rep Tony Radjenovich. Attended the Research Station open house last week – the SWD problem is being blamed on the lack of humidity; had an equipment demo too. Attended the Maples carnival last Friday and it was mainly for the kids and residents. MAC workers comp board will have an extra \$100,000 to make about \$3.3 million distribution back to the counties. MERS Conference – we need to distribute to employees to vote on a delegate. Mitch will be attending the conference and Gary would like to go as well if no one else wants to go.

John Schor, Weldon Township, stated that the only place the pledge of allegiance is spoken is at the township and county – not at the state. The people own the minerals and land and this board is the controlling entity of the republic in the county. We have a lack of knowledge – ignorance of the law is no excuse. We are not operating as a republic. State of Michigan (SOM) is in control of the Department of Natural Resources – they took millions and millions of dollars from us. Those corporations are destroying our roads and taking our timber. We are allowing the SOM to run our county. We have the right and authority to stop it. We must do it. We have a problem and need to solve it.

Comm Jeannot asked if the property that is being logged, is that private or state land? The people's land.

10:21 a.m. Break

10:29 a.m. Reconvene

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Mitch Deisch reported on:

- Michigan Indigent Defense Commission – Thank you to Coury for going to Muskegon yesterday with him to learn about their program.
- Collective Bargaining tomorrow – 5 scheduled meetings tomorrow.
- Opioid Litigation – last Friday Susan and he met with White Luxemburg and they have responded to all interrogatories. Susan is building a template spreadsheet with cost information.
- MERS Conference – he feels MERS will roll out more assumption changes at the conference or soon thereafter.
- Budget – will set the 2018-19 budget on September 11; Hold the public hearing and adopt on September 25.
- Maples Use Agreement – as soon as he reviews the DRAFT, he will provide to the board.

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- Space Use Meeting – multiple emails have been received from county administrators across the state about similar plans; Antrim County provided us their RFP and will provide their report when it is done.
- MAC Conference – the session he was most interested in was from 44 North on Municipal Employee Welfare Arrangement Groups to create larger pools to see if they are able to bring down health insurance rates.

Comm Jeannot asked if the health insurance meetings for spouses to attend as well have been set up.

10:46 a.m. Cameron Clark – Child Care Fund

Motion by Carland, seconded by Money, to approve the 2018-19 Child Care Fund Budget as presented, authorizing the chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Money, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

FINANCE

Bills: Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Warsecke, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$324,059.99 as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Money, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Consent Calendar: Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Roelofs, to adopt items 1 – 12 of the August 14, 2018 Committee of the Whole Consent Calendar as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Money, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Veterans Affairs: Motion by Roelofs, seconded by Money, to appoint Gary Fender to fill a vacancy on the Veterans Affairs Committee with a term ending December 31, 2021. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Money, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS:

NMCAA Contract for Services: Motion by Carland, seconded by Griner, to enter into contract with Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency for the Homeowner Rehabilitation program as presented, authorizing the chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Money, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Inmate Health Services: Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Carland, to enter into the First Amendment to the Agreement for the Provision of Inmate Health Services with Advanced Correctional Healthcare, Inc., as presented, authorizing the chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Money, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Electronic Meeting Attendance: Motion by Griner, seconded by Warsecke, to authorize attendance of Commissioner Jeannot electronically for the September 11 and 25, 2018 board meetings. Roll call. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Money, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

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PRESENTATION OF CORRESPONDENCE

- Road Commission minutes of July 26, 2018 received.
- Benzie Transportation Authority July 2018 Finance Statement received.
- Veterans Affairs minutes of July 9, 2018 received.
- Road Commission minutes of August 9, 2018 received.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

Comm Warsecke stated that he will be handing out the County Administrator's evaluation forms for discussion at the September 25, 2018 board meeting.

11:09 a.m. Public Input

Sherry Taylor stated that you should look at the August 2009 minutes regarding broadband and the grant that was applied for; had the grant been awarded, the \$30,000 spend would have been returned but because we were not awarded the grant, we were out that \$30,000.

11:10 a.m. Public Input Closed

Motion by Roelofs, seconded by Carland, to adjourn at 11:10 a.m. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Money, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Gary G. Sauer, Chair

Dawn Olney, Benzie County Clerk

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1. Approved the agenda as amended.
2. Approved the regular session minutes of August 14, 2018 as amended.
3. Approved the closed session minutes of August 14, 2018 as presented.
4. Approved the 2018-19 Child Care Fund Budget as presented, authorizing the chairman to sign.
5. Approved the payment of bills in the amount of \$324,059.99 as presented.
6. Adopted items 1 – 12 of the August 14, 2018 Committee of the Whole Consent Calendar as presented.
7. Appointed Gary Fender to fill a vacancy on the Veterans Affairs Committee with a term ending December 31, 2021.
8. Approved to enter into contract with Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency for the Homeowner Rehabilitation program as presented, authorizing the chairman to sign.
9. Approved to enter into the First Amendment to the Agreement for the Provision of Inmate Health Services with Advanced Correctional Healthcare, Inc., as presented, authorizing the chairman to sign.
10. Authorized attendance of Commissioner Jeannot electronically for the September 11 and 25, 2018 board meetings.

Committee of the Whole

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

1. To increase 101-136-806.00 by \$5,000 and 101-145-806.00 by \$2,500 for District and Probate Court attorney fees, contingent on review by the finance director for opportunities in the budget and for proper documentation to be provided.
2. To amend the 2017-18 Jail Budget in the amount of \$10,898.83 for inmate health case, subject to the appropriate documentation being provided at the August 28, 2018 BOC meeting.
3. To amend the 2017-18 Jail Budget in the amount of \$12,419.25 for carpet.
4. To amend the 2017-18 Jail Budget in the amount of \$8,234.00 for RTU replacement.
5. To amend the 2017-18 ACO Budget in the amount of \$2,400 for vehicle graphics, subject to the appropriate documentation being provided at the August 28, 2018 BOC meeting.
6. To amend the 2017-18 ACO Budget in the amount of \$925.00 for ballistic vests, subject to the appropriate documentation being provided at the August 28, 2018 BOC meeting.
7. To amend the 2017-18 ACO Budget in the amount of \$1,992.46 for water softener, subject to the appropriate documentation being provided at the August 28, 2018 BOC meeting.
8. To accept the Two Seven Oh Inc grant in the amount of \$5,000 for spay and neutering, authorizing the chairman to sign.
9. To accept the CooLED Lighting proposal if funds are available to do as soon as possible, otherwise will be in the 2018-19 budget.
10. To amend the 2017-18 Budget in the amount of \$16,403.52 for the lighting project.
11. To direct the Administrator to enter into discussions to explore a possible settlement with Jeff Kosiboski regarding medical stipend.
12. To work cooperatively with Mr. Tim Ervin to update the Benzie County Strategic Plan as outlined in the attached draft proposal.