

**THE BENZIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
April 9, 2019**

The Benzie County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, April 9, 2019, 448 Court Place, Government Center, Beulah, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Evan Warsecke at 1:30 p.m.

Present were: Commissioners Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda:

Motion by Roelofs, seconded by Sauer, to approve the agenda as amended, adding 6A – Dawn Olney, Computer; 8B – Gary Sauer, Paving Parking Lot Discussion. Ayes: Carland, Farrell, Nye, Jeannot, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Minutes:

Motion by Sauer, seconded by Taylor, to approve the Committee of the Whole minutes of March 28, 2019 as presented. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

1:33 p.m. Public Input – None

Dawn Olney:

- a. Computer Replacement: **Motion by Roelofs, seconded by Farrell, to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to replace one computer in the County Clerk’s Office. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.**

Sheriff and Dan Smith, JA:

- a. Summary of Inmate Medical Out of Pocket Costs: Sheriff gave background of this issue; there are two businesses that assist the Jail in curtailing medical costs for the inmates; clearly there were mistakes made by us and them; this is a work in progress with an investigation in progress.
Dan Smith explained the process of these companies assisting in obtaining the reduction of inmate medical costs; at this point we still owe \$58,108.96; each year we typically get a refund from them. This amount due goes back to February 2017. They will be working to schedule the meeting up soon.

U/S Kyle Rosa:

- a. Budget Amendment – Marine: **Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Roelofs, to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to amend the 2018-19 Marine budget in the amount of \$825.00, for the purpose of marine training and schools, as follows:**

Increase:

220-000-691.00	Marine – Budgeted Use of F/B	\$825.00
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Increase:

220-000-961.00	Marine Training & Schools	\$825.00
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**Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None
Motion carried.**

- b. Gary Sauer, Parking Lot: Would like us to get a couple of bids from Elmer's for paving the parking lot: 1) for paving this Fall; and 2) for paving while they are here. Mitch will reach out to Elmer's.

Maridee Cutler:

- a. Approval of the MERS 457 Plan Documents: Additional option to the employee, at no cost to the County. **Motion by Sauer, seconded by Roelofs, to recommend to the Board of Commissioner to approve entering into agreement with MERS 457 program to allow employees to participate in this plan. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.**
- b. Sheriff/Animal Control Phone System: We have a contract with AT&T for these two phone systems; three years are up in July and we would be able to get rid of the entire AT&T phone system. This would allow all three buildings with the same phone system and transfer of calls amongst the buildings. **Motion by Sauer, seconded by Jeannot, to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to switch the Sheriff and ACO phone systems over to match the Government Center with Millennia Technologies, not to exceed \$35,000 as presented. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.**

Comm Jeannot would like to see monthly reports on the savings.

2:23 p.m. Public Input

Motion by Roelofs, seconded by Sauer, to adjourn at 2:24 p.m. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Evan Warsecke, Chair (COTW)

Dawn Olney, Benzie County Clerk

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

1. To replace one computer in the County Clerk's Office.
2. To amend the 2018-19 Marine budget in the amount of \$825.00, for the purpose of marine training and schools.
3. To approve entering into agreement with MERS 457 program to allow employees to participate in this plan.
4. Removed from Consent Calendar.