

# BENZIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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## MEETING AGENDA (\*Amended\*) September 10, 2019

Frank F. Walterhouse Board Room, Governmental Center, 448 Court Place, Beulah, Michigan

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9:00 a.m. CALL TO ORDER  
ROLL CALL  
INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 8/22/19; 8/27/19; 8/30/2019  
PUBLIC INPUT

### **PUBLIC HEARING – TO SET 2019-20 BUDGET**

ELECTED OFFICIALS & DEPT HEAD COMMENTS  
COMMISSIONER REPORTS –  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT –  
FINANCE – Approval of Bills  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – 8/27/2019 Consent  
COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS – Board of Canvassers; Construction Board of Appeals  
ACTION ITEMS – MERS Conference Delegates; Administration Budget Transfers;  
Approve Parks and Recreation Railroad Point Area Rules  
PRESENTATION OF CORRESPONDENCE  
UNFINISHED BUSINESS  
NEW BUSINESS –

10:00

10:15 Closed Session according to MCL 15.267 to discuss the potential purchase of property  
PUBLIC COMMENT  
ADJOURNMENT

### **Times Subject to Change**

THE COUNTY OF BENZIE WILL PROVIDE NECESSARY REASONABLE AUXILIARY AIDS AND SERVICES, SUCH AS SIGNERS FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED AND AUDIO TAPES OF PRINTED MATERIALS BEING CONSIDERED AT THE MEETING, TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES AT THE MEETING OR HEARING UPON THIRTY (30) DAYS NOTICE TO THE COUNTY OF BENZIE. INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES REQUIRING AUXILIARY AIDS OR SERVICES SHOULD CONTACT THE COUNTY BY WRITING OR CALLING THE FOLLOWING:

BENZIE COUNTY CLERK  
448 COURT PLACE  
BEULAH MI 49617  
(231) 882-9671

This notice was posted by Dawn Olney, Benzie County Clerk, on the bulletin board in the main entrance of the Benzie County Governmental Center, Beulah, Michigan, at least 18 hours prior to the start of the meeting. This notice is to comply with Sections 4 and 5 of the Michigan Open Meetings Act (PA 267 of 1976).

## PUBLIC INPUT

**Purpose:** The Benzie County Board of Commissioners is a public policy setting body and subject to the Open Meetings Act (PA 267 of 1976). The Board also operates under a set of “Benzie County Board Rules (section 7.3)” which provides for public input during their meetings. It continually strives to receive input from the residents of the county and reserves two opportunities during the monthly scheduled meeting for you the public to voice opinions, concerns and sharing of any other items of common interest. There are however, in concert with meeting conduct certain rules to follow.

**Speaking Time:** Agenda items may be added or removed by the board but initially at least two times are devoted to Public Input. Generally, however, attendees wishing to speak will be informed how long they may speak by the chairman. All speakers are asked to give their name, residence and topic they wish to address. This and the statements/comments will be entered into the public record (minutes of the meeting). Should there be a number of speakers wishing to voice similar opinions, an option for a longer presentation may be more appropriate for the group and one or more speakers may talk within that time frame.

Group Presentations – 15 minutes  
Individual Presentations – 3 minutes

**Board Response:** Generally, as this is an “Input” option, the board will not comment or respond to presenters. Silence or non-response from the board should not be interpreted as disinterest or disagreement by the board. However, should the board individually or collectively wish to address the comments of the speaker(s) at the approval of the Chair and within a time frame previously established, responses may be made by the board. Additionally, the presenter may be in need of a lengthier understanding of an issue or topic and may be referred to a committee appropriate to address those issues.

Public Input is very important in public policy settings and is only one means for an interchange of information or dialogue. Each commissioner represents a district within the county and he/she may be individually contacted should greater depth or understanding of an issue be sought. Personal contact is encouraged and helpful to both residents and the board.

### Commissioner Contacts:

District I – Bob Roelofs (Almira East of Reynolds Road).....231-645-1187  
District II - Art Jeannot (Almira Twp West of Reynolds Road, Platte  
and Lake Townships) .....231-920-5028  
District III – Linda Farrell (Crystal Lake, Frankfort) .....231-882-6620  
District IV – Rhonda Nye (Benzonia).....231-510-8804  
District V – Sherry Taylor (Homestead).....231-882-5452  
District VI - Evan Warsecke (Colfax, Inland) .....231-275-3375  
District VII - Gary Sauer (Blaine, Gilmore, Joyfield, Weldon) .....231-651-0647