

THE BENZIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
May 14, 2019

The Benzie County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Tuesday, May 14, 2019, in the Frank F. Walterhouse Board Room, 448 Court Place, Government Center, Beulah, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Evan Warsecke.

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

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

Agenda:

Motion by Roelofs, seconded by Nye, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Sauer Motion carried.

Minutes:

Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Farrell, to approve the regular session minutes of April 23, 2019 as presented. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Sauer Motion carried.

9:02 a.m. Public Input – None

ELECTED OFFICIALS & DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Sheriff reported on not being able to locate the missing plane; MSP has an autonomous vehicle which will go down 600 feet to search, and he has requested that service. Lake Ann became involved with this search because a child stated that they heard what sounded like a plane crash, so they searched the Lake Ann area all the way to the Lake Michigan shoreline. The CERT volunteers will walk the beach line. Sheriff has been in contact with one of the victim's wife and two sons.

Sheriff Patrol Agreement with Lake Township: Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Roelofs, to enter into agreement with Lake Township for summer 2019 Road Patrol as presented, authorizing the chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Sauer Motion carried.

Sheriff Patrol Agreement with Crystal Beach Cottager's Association: Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Roelofs, to enter into agreement with Crystal Beach Cottager's Association for summer 2019 Road Patrol as presented, authorizing the chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Sauer Motion carried.

Frank Post, Emergency Manager, stated that he has been involved in this tragic crash which is 4.21 miles due West of Frankfort. Provided a written report for April 2019 and spoke regarding the Skywarn Training, Fire Training, Medical Surge exercise with POMH and Fire Extinguisher training at the Government Center.

Richard Bayer, Airport Manager, provided the board with a written report.

Kyle Mauer, Animal Control, reported that the Animal Welfare League has approve \$20,000 toward the ventilation system. He has received information that the grant for spay and neutering will be

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available to us again, but he has not received the paperwork yet. They are ready to hire a part-time seasonal clerical help.

Susan Boyd, Finance Manager, provided the board with a report on the comparison electric bills for the Government Center, Jail and Animal Control since CoolLED updated the lighting systems. They are working on the budget process.

April 2019 Monthly 911 Dispatch report was received.

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Comm Roelofs reported that they have had ongoing negotiations with the FOPLC and the new EMS union. Karen Korolenko gave a report at the Veterans meeting that she saw 68 veterans in April. Service on Memorial Day at 1 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial; the Pavilion is coming along.

Comm Nye reported on Centra Wellness Network. Village of Benzonia is preparing for a water project, they purchased a new tractor. Villages of Beulah and Benzonia have settled the dispute on North Street. EDC will interview three contractors for the Broadband project. Benzonia Township clean-up day is this Saturday. Village of Beulah approved a Roof Top Concert and a Fireworks Policy. The Planning Commission along with Networks Northwest, will hold their first community dialog on June 13 @ 6:00 p.m.

Comm Farrell stated that she attended the Centra Wellness meeting. Grow Benzie will be holding a presentation regarding underage drinking on Thursday, May 16 at 6:00 p.m. Attended the Frankfort School Board meeting – they are very happy the millage renewed; they met Tiffany Wright, the SRO for Frankfort-Elberta Schools. Tonight, Comm Farrell will attend the Crystal Lake Township meeting.

Comm Jeannot reported that the Building Authority held a special meeting to approve payment of bills & discussed a fire alarm system for the Maples. We continue to be stalled on the Operations Agreement with the Maples. Platte and Almira Townships stated that the same-day registration for voting was a non-issue. Clerk Olney did state that there were 401 same-day registrations in the state and 8 in Benzie County. Comm Sauer and he met with Rep O'Malley regarding the road plan. Almira Township has a need for fire and EMS personnel.

Comm Taylor reported that she attended the Homestead Township meeting and the school is going to offer the park property to the township. They have a Noise Ordinance, but the zoning officer will not enforce. They opted out of the Recreational Marijuana. The Coho Festival will be having fund raisers by doing the concessions at the ball games. Village of Honor was quiet.

Comm Warsecke attended the Colfax Township meeting. Inland Township will be holding their blood drive and propane tank fill up benefit this Friday with proceeds to go to the fire department. The fire department had 21 calls in April. The trail on Lake Ann Road at the park will be paved by mid-July. Benzie schools last day is June 12 and graduation is on June 2. Rachel Racquel Huddleston was named Teacher of the Year for the TBA area. Deputy Miller was at the meeting with a report to the board. Bond issue did not pass, so they will be bringing the committee back together.

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- A written report was provided.
- Financial Review report will be on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 1:30 p.m., replacing the COTW meeting.
- DHHS meeting scheduled for May 28 has on their agenda to work toward the operations agreement.

FINANCE

Bills: Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Roelofs, to approve payment of the bills from April 23, 2019 thru May 14, 2019 in the amount of \$651,510.30, as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Sauer Motion carried.

Michelle Thompson, County Treasurer, reported that the Land Bank deeded the Question Mark lot and the back lot to Homestretch Non-Profit Housing Corporation. She is also working on improving a tax foreclosed piece of property in the Village of Benzonia.

9:55 a.m. Chip Johnston, Centra Wellness

Mr. Johnston spoke regarding Resolution 2019-014 regarding Boilerplate Section 928.

Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Farrell, to approve resolution 2019-014 in support of withholding of local CWN funding from the PHIP, authorizing the vice chair to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Sauer Motion carried.

10:04 a.m. Chuck Clarke, Point Betsie Road End Project

Mr. Clarke gave an overview of the process so far. Today he is asking for the board to approve their recommendation for engineering services.

Motion by Farrell, seconded by Jeannot, to approve Fleis & Vandenbrink to perform the engineering services for the Point Betsie Lighthouse Road End project. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Sauer Motion carried.

10:11 a.m. Nick Broad, Team Elmer's

Mr. Broad discussed their proposal for paving of the Court Place road, and Government Center parking lot. Discussions continued with the board. Matter will be added to the Committee of the Whole agenda this afternoon.

10:44 a.m. Break

10:50 a.m. Reconvene

Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Roelofs, to enter closed session to discuss union negotiations with attorney Matt Nordfjord under Section 8(c) of OMA. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Sauer Motion carried.

11:31 a.m. Re-Enter Open Session

Motion by Roelofs, seconded by Jeannot, to ratify the total Tentative Agreement reached with FOPLC on May 14, 2019. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Sauer Motion carried.

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11:32 a.m. Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Roelofs, to enter closed session pursuant to Section 8 of the Michigan Open Meetings Act to discuss with legal counsel his written legal opinion dated April 10, 2019 regarding a proposed easement under the Betsie Valley Trail. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Sauer Motion carried.

11:55 a.m. Re-enter Open Session

Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Farrell, that the Board of Commissioners support the recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Commission to disapprove the proposal by Marshall/Ikens for an easement on the Betsie Valley Trail for purposes of an underground utility placement. Further, the proposed crossing of the Betsie Valley Trail on the Cole Property be approved so long as the crossing is at a 90-degree angle. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Sauer Motion carried.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Motion by Roelofs, seconded by Taylor, to approve items 1-7 of the April 23, 2019 Committee of the Whole Consent Calendar as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Sauer Motion carried.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Jury Board: Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Warsecke, to reappoint Jean Bowers to the Benzie County Jury Board for a six-year term ending May 1, 2025. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Sauer Motion carried.

Veterans Affairs: Motion by Roelofs, seconded by Nye, to appoint Tyson Burch to the Veterans Affairs Committee to fill the vacancy with a term expiring December 31, 2022. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Sauer Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS:

Letter of Support to Thompsonville: Motion by Farrell, seconded by Jeannot, to authorize a letter of support to the Village of Thompsonville to work toward a Michigan Historical Society Marker recognizing Diamond Crossing, authorizing the chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Sauer Motion carried.

2019-015 Medicare Drug Bill: Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Nye, to adopt Resolution 2019-015 in support of revising the Medicare Prescription Drug Bill of 2003, authorizing the chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Sauer Motion carried.

2% Grant Application: Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Warsecke, to authorize application to the Grand Traverse Band in the amount of \$4,835.00 to purchase a "Radio Gateway", authorizing the chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Sauer Motion carried.

2% Grant Application: Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Warsecke, to authorize application to the Grand Traverse Band in the amount of \$15,580.00 to purchase "Stop the Bleed" kits for each

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classroom at each school in Benzie County, authorizing the chairman to sign. Roll call. Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Sauer Motion carried.

Hazardous Materials Grant App: Motion by Farrell, seconded by Roelofs, to authorize the application for Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant and authorize the chair to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Sauer Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF CORRESPONDENCE

- Parks & Recreation minutes of February 25, 2019 received.
- Benzie Transportation Authority March 2019 Financial Report received.
- Cheboygan County Resolution regarding Michigan's Mining received.
- Road Commission minutes of April 11, 2019 received.
- Crystal Lake elevation report for April 2019 received.
- Little Platte Lake elevation report for April 2019 received.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

12:12 p.m. Public Input – None

Motion by Roelofs, seconded by Farrell, to adjourn at 12:12 p.m. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Sauer Motion carried.

Evan Warsecke, Vice Chair

Dawn Olney, Benzie County Clerk

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1. Approved the agenda as presented.
2. Approved the minutes of April 23, 2019 as presented.
3. Entered into agreement with Lake Township for summer 2019 Road Patrol as presented, authorizing the chairman to sign.
4. Entered into agreement with Crystal Beach Cottager's Association for summer 2019 Road Patrol as presented, authorizing the chairman to sign.
5. Approved payment of the bills in the amount of \$651,510.30, as presented.
6. Approved resolution 2019-014 in support of withholding of local CWN funding from the PHIP, authorizing the vice chair to sign.
7. Approved Fleis & Vandenbrink to perform the engineering services for the Point Betsie Lighthouse Road End project.
8. Entered closed session to discuss union negotiations with attorney Matt Nordfjord.
9. Ratified the total Tentative Agreement reached with FOPLC on May 14, 2019.

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10. Entered closed session to discuss written legal opinion with Richard Figura dated April 10, 2019 regarding a proposed easement under the Betsie Valley Trail.
11. Approved that the Board of Commissioners support the recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Commission to disapprove the proposal by Marshall/Ikens for an easement on the Betsie Valley Trail for purposes of an underground utility placement. Further, the proposed crossing of the Betsie Valley Trail on the Cole Property be approved so long as the crossing is at a 90-degree angle.
12. Approved items 1-7 of the April 23, 2019 Committee of the Whole Consent Calendar as presented.
13. Reappointed Jean Bowers to the Benzie County Jury Board for a six-year term ending May 1, 2025.
14. Appointed Tyson Burch to the Veterans Affairs Committee to fill the vacancy with a term expiring December 31, 2022.
15. Authorized a letter of support to the Village of Thompsonville to work toward a Michigan Historical Society Marker recognizing Diamond Crossing, authorizing the chairman to sign.
16. Adopted Resolution 2019-015 in support of revising the Medicare Prescription Drug Bill of 2003, authorizing the chairman to sign.
17. Authorized application to the Grand Traverse Band in the amount of \$4,835.00 to purchase a "Radio Gateway", authorizing the chairman to sign.
18. Authorized application to the Grand Traverse Band in the amount of \$15,580.00 to purchase "Stop the Bleed" kits for each classroom at each school in Benzie County, authorizing the chairman to sign.
19. Authorized the application for Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant and authorize the chair to sign.

Committee of the Whole

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

1. To approve the \$40,000 amendment to the Child Care Fund Budget as presented.
2. To adopt the DTRF resolution transferring \$185,000 to the General Fund.
3. To amend the 2018-19 budget for Point Betsie Lighthouse in the amount of \$74,000, as presented.
4. To amend the 2018-19 budget for Emergency Management in the amount of \$1,900 as presented.
5. To amend the 2018-19 budget Fund 425 in the amount of \$1,000 as presented.
6. To amend the 2018-19 Animal Control Budget in the amount of \$4,000 as presented.
7. To authorize a write-off of \$175.00 on one ambulance bill due to hardship as recommended by Mr. King and the EMS Advisory Board.