

THE BENZIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 13, 2019

The Benzie County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Tuesday, August 13, 2019, 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 Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke

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

Agenda:

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

Minutes:

Motion by Roelofs, seconded by Nye, to approve the regular session minutes of July 23, 2019 as corrected on page 2 – Act 51 not Act 251. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

9:03 a.m. Public Input

Bob Roelofs recognized and congratulated the Fekete and Nye families on the accomplishment of their children, recently of their son/son-in-law with the commission to the US Marine Corp.

9:04 a.m. Public Input Closed

ELECTED OFFICIALS & DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Susan Boyd, Finance Manager, provided reports for the period ending June 30, 2019 as follows: General Fund Revenue and Expenditure report, no new variances from when we spoke before; Departments that are Millage Funded – the board asked that two more columns be added for Fund Balance & Other Sources of Income; and Revenue and Expenditure Report for other funds. She also provided two graph reports with the past 5-year data.

Dawn Olney, County Clerk, informed the board that she had spoke with the County Administrator regarding the need for new copy machine and printer for the office; he asked that I inform the board of the intent. There are funds in the County Clerk budget to purchase the printer and the copy machine will be leased.

Rebecca Hubers, Emergency Management, spoke regarding a FEMA presentation regarding flood plain on August 14 from 2 - 4 p.m. for community officials and then 5 – 7 p.m. for the public – web site www.FEMA.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata ; August 25 is the Ironman competition that will run through Almira and Platte Townships.

A written report for July 2019 was provided by Frank Post.

911 Central Dispatch monthly report for July 2019 received.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Comm Taylor reported that she attended the Homestead Township meeting where the Code Enforcement officer that handle ordinance violations – had only 4 calls on July 4; Coho Festival is

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getting geared up; Village of Honor meeting and someone was there from HARP to get a license for a duck race they will be having – the ducks have been donated by the Cherry Festival for the race.

Comm Warsecke – No report

Comm Farrell reported of three meetings she attended: Benzie Leelanau Health Dept minutes are in this board packet. Networks Northwest Commission of Governors – firm called 4th Economy is working with NWNW on how counties are doing with economic development; Leelanau is looking at adding a .2 millage to their ballot for parenting – they have a millage for seniors and feel it would help with parenting younger individuals; Wexford has a new 911 dispatch facility and they have switched their 911 service provider and will save \$66,000. Networks Northwest had a speaker from the State Dept of Talent and Economic Development, which is now titled Dept of Labor and Economic Opportunity.

Comm Jeannot stated that he attended a meeting July 30 with Senator VanderWall and they talked about rural hospitals and the possibility of closing due to lack of professional staff; they also talked about eliminating deer baiting. Platte Lake Improvement Association for the purpose of cleaning up Platte Lake, they monitor the number of Coho coming through, the DNR remains to be in compliance. Almira Township still looking for a fire chief. School has a millage that is expiring and that is the 1999 debt .43 mills on June 30 this year; then another one for May 2020 – they have wrapped those two together and expire May 2020 for 1.6 mills – the state allows even if it is expired, for them to wrap them together. He will be starting the County Administrators evaluation and asks you to respond by the first meeting in September.

Comm Roelofs reported that he has learned that the Betsie Valley Community Center would be attached on the same property as the Betsie Valley school – doesn't know if that information is out there; they are planning to tack the Center on to the Betsie Valley School and I don't think the general public is aware of that. Attended the Domestic Violence Task Force meeting – pretty educational. Space Use presentation last week was good with a 5 – 10 – 20-year vision – they will be coming to us in the next few weeks with the presentation. Jennifer Berkey reached out to he him and Mitch and Dr. Jeff Dwyer was here and spent some time with us – he is going to visit each county this summer, with a vision to enhance access to veterans. Veterans Affairs met yesterday and they plan on attending the Coho Festival again this year.

Comm Nye said thank you to Comm Roelofs for the acknowledgement. MDOT 2020 Open House was well attended (standing room only) and they will start as early in April 2020 as they can. The grade of US 31 is going to be tapered to the North going past the Road House. Possible elimination of parking in front of the Road House. Sidewalks all the way down to Grace Road. Village of Benzonia lost their assistant superintendent, so that is a job position is open.

Chairman Sauer reported that the Road Commission has the opportunity to get federal funds to fix Esch Road from Otter Creek to M-22. Still having discussion on the safety of Reynolds Road and Cedar Run. They also need to pass a resolution to lower the speed limit. Centra Wellness Community Partner's meeting – Prosecuting Attorney said she has sent more people to prison this year than last. DHHS is concerned about the new phone system. Planning Commission held a community form regarding short-term rentals and agri-business. Attended the Village of Thompsonville meeting and they said they were approached by the Odd Fellows and they would like

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to purchase their property back and they may sue the County. Planning Commission information out to the people sooner – October 25 will be their Summit at Grow Benzie. Diamond Crossing in Thompsonville – they need the date when the Betsie Valley Trail was formed, and the marker removed so they can get the Historical Marker. The engineers have gone on strike, so the M-115 construction repairs are on hold.

Comm Jeannot inquired regarding the matching funds for the townships, hopeful that the road commission will double the amount – Chairman Sauer will bring it up to them again.

10:30 a.m. Break

10:37 a.m. Reconvene

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Presented a design of what the banner will look like – 5' x 6' = \$225.00
- Provided an Administrator Update Report: EDC/BRA meeting on August 16 at 11:00 a.m. with an update on the Broadband; August 15 @ 5:30 Broadband sub-committee meeting.
- Have started the steps to replace the 911 Director position – interview team is Mitch, Maridee Cutler, Bob Roelofs, Tom King, Rebecca Hubers, Tim Markey, Kyle Rosa, Rob Lozowski
- ACO Strategic Plan

FINANCE

Bills: Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Farrell, to approve payment of the bills from July 24, 2019 thru August 12, 2019 in the amount of \$480,556.30, as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Comm Jeannot removes #6

Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Roelofs, to approve items 1-5 of the July 23, 2019 Committee of the Whole Consent Calendar as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

#6: Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Roelofs, to authorize the part-time Deputy Clerk wages be increased from \$12.24 to \$13.07 starting July 16, 2019. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS – None

ACTION ITEMS:

Update Emergency Management Info for SOM: Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Warsecke, to authorize the chair to sign proper documentation of the EMD-021 for submission to the State of Michigan. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Child Care Fund Budget 2018-19: Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Warsecke, to approve the Child Care Fund Budget Amendment for FY 2018-19 as presented, authorizing the chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

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Child Care Fund Budget 2019-20: Motion by Farrell, seconded by Taylor, to approve the Child Care Fund Budget for FY 2019-20 as presented, authorizing the chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF CORRESPONDENCE

- Marquette County resolution regarding Trial Court Funding received.
- Charlevoix County resolution regarding Trial Court Funding received.
- Benzie-Leelanau Health Department minutes of July 25, 2019 received.
- Little Platte Lake elevation report for July 2019 received.
- Crystal Lake elevation report for July 2019 received.
- Livingston County resolution Opposing Legislation to Prevent County Commissioner Candidates from Disclosing Their Party Affiliation on Ballots received.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

Motion by Sauer, seconded by Warsecke, to enter into a closed session pursuant to Section 8(d) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act to discuss the potential of purchasing real property for county purposes. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

11:45 a.m. Re-enter Open Session

Motion by Sauer, seconded by Roelofs, to authorize the County Administrator to enter into negotiations for the purchase of the real property discussed in the closed session and that the administrator be authorized to proceed in the manner he recommended in the closed session. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

12:00 p.m. Public Input – None

Motion by Roelofs, seconded by Farrell, to adjourn at 12:00 p.m. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Gary Sauer, Chair

Dawn Olney, Benzie County Clerk

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1. Approved the agenda as presented.
2. Approved the regular session minutes of July 23, 2019 as corrected on page 2.
3. Approved payment of the bills in the amount of \$480,556.30.
4. Approved items 1-5 of the July 23, 2019 Committee of the Whole Consent Calendar as presented.

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5. Authorized the part-time Deputy Clerk wages be increased from \$12.24 to \$13.07 starting July 16, 2019.
6. Authorized the chair to sign proper documentation of the EMD-021 for submission to the State of Michigan.
7. Approved the Child Care Fund Budget Amendment for FY 2018-19 as presented, authorizing the chairman to sign.
8. Approved the Child Care Fund Budget for FY 2019-20 as presented, authorizing the chairman to sign.
9. Entered into a closed session pursuant to Section 8(d) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act to discuss the potential of purchasing real property for county purposes.
10. Authorized the County Administrator to enter into negotiations for the purchase of the real property discussed in the closed session and that the administrator be authorized to proceed in the manner he recommended in the closed session.

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

1. That we discontinue talks with surrounding counties regarding consolidation of 911 services as well as move forward with replacing the 911 Director.
2. To amend the 2018-19 Animal Control Budget for phone system in the amount of \$2,590.00 as presented.
3. To approve the County-Wide Cost Allocation Plan for FY 2018-19, authorizing the chairman to sign.
4. To amend the 2018-19 budget for Dept 426 Emergency Management for CERT equipment in the amount of \$1,021.00 as presented.
5. To amend the 2018-19 budget for Dept 426 Emergency Management for radio gateway in the amount of \$4,835.00 as presented.
6. Removed from Consent Calendar.