

**THE BENZIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**September 24, 2019**

The Benzie County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Tuesday, September 24, 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 Warsecke, seconded by Roelofs, to approve the agenda as amended, adding Appendix C during Action Items. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

**Minutes:**

Motion by Roelofs, seconded by Warsecke, to approve the regular session minutes of September 10, 2019 as corrected. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Roelofs, to approve the closed session minutes of September 10, 2019 as presented. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

9:06 a.m. Public Input – None

**ELECTED OFFICIALS & DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**

Doug Durand, Benzie Senior Resources, provided a written report and also reported that 240 Senior Project Fresh coupons have been handed out this year. Bring a Friend to the Gathering Place was yesterday. Tomorrow is the first evening meal. Walk-A-Thon – have surpassed last years' goal.

Undersheriff Kyle Rosa presented a Letter of Commendation to Deputy Stephanie Homan for a job well done with regard to home invasion and B&E with the individual turning himself in.

Kyle Maurer, Animal Control Officer, gave the board information regarding the grant award that is in the Action Items for their consideration.

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Comm Taylor reported on the Land Bank Authority and the status of properties. 911 Advisory – attended on behalf of Comm Roelofs – there was discussion regarding the combination of the 911 Director and Emergency Manager and all that attended are pleased and are willing to give it a try.

Comm Jeannot reported on the BOC/DHHS Document of Understanding and it is moving forward. Northern Michigan Commissioners Association – the State is looking at providing funds for Secondary Road Patrol; there was talk about the courts not being revenue generating; we will be requested to pay a membership fee of \$75.00 bi-annually. There was also discussion regarding the Judge's pay, with benefits, being handled through the State of Michigan. Chamber of Commerce –

## COMMISSIONERS

Page 2 of 5

September 24, 2019

will be asking that a representative of the Board of Commissioners to participate with the watershed. Point Betsie Lighthouse – there is some deterioration of the front apron due to decay from the lake. Building Authority – the meeting on 9/19 there was talk regarding the millage money and whether they follow the bond or ballot wording and what the excess funds are to be used for. DHHS believes the excess should be used for capital improvements or equipment purchases.

Comm Farrell attended the City of Frankfort Council meeting where they will be creating a 501C3 Housing Commission; they approved helicopter rides at the Fall Festival; there is still a lot of water on the playground and they may need to raise the grade.

Comm Warsecke attended the Colfax and Inland Township meetings. Inland held a gravel pit meeting, but no decision was made. They will be obtaining more information from the applicant. Went to Pellston when the Vice President came in; got to see all of the secret service work together.

Comm Roelofs attended the EMS contract negotiations last week. EMS committee is beginning the ambulance purchase process. Will have a memorial service on Veterans Day at the Veteran's Memorial at 1:00 p.m.

Comm Nye attended the Local Emergency Response Committee meeting. Planning Commission met for the last time last night before the committee is suspended and they are moving forward with the October 25 Summit at Grow Benzie. Parks & Rec met and had discussion regarding the drainage at Point Betsie road. Diamond Crossing Marker in Thompsonville has been approved.

Comm Sauer attended the Workers Comp board meeting and reported that there were no settlement claims and they talked about safety grants. MAC update spoke regarding potential 4-year terms for Board of Commissioners; new auto insurance rates to take effect next year; state of Michigan saw a decrease in unemployment from 9% down to 4% and over 5,000 500,000 new jobs in the State of Michigan. ~~November~~ October 8 will be a presentation at COTW regarding space use. Thompsonville Fall Fest is October 26. Village of Elberta has a new trustee. Board Rules – asked the board to review these rules again. These are guidelines for what we should be doing. When we ask Mitch to do something, it should be board action.

10:02 a.m. Ed Hoogterp and Tad Peacock

Request for matching funds for a grant proposal to the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy on behalf of the Village of Beulah for clean-up of the stormwater that goes into Crystal Lake. They are asking for consideration of \$21,000 for a three-year period for the project.

Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Roelofs, to adopt resolution 2019-019 for Crystal Lake Beulah Beach Remediation and Storm Water Reduction”, authorizing the chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Taylor, to authorize letter of support for Village of Beulah's Crystal Lake Beulah Beach Remediation and Storm Water Reduction application, authorizing the chair to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

10:33 a.m. Break

## **COMMISSIONERS**

**Page 3 of 5**

**September 24, 2019**

10:40 a.m. Reconvene

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT** – Maridee Cutler, Deputy County Administrator  
Ms. Cutler stated that Kerby's Backhoe will be here this week to do the parking lot work.

### **FINANCE**

Bills: Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Taylor, to approve payment of the bills from September 10, 2019 thru September 24, 2019 in the amount of \$381,686.47, as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion by Roelofs, seconded by Taylor, to allow the County Treasurer to intergovernmental transfer monies to cash balance all accounts for fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, up to \$1 million. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Taylor, to authorize the County Treasurer to transfer \$185,000 from the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund to the Capital Improvement fund based on resolution 2019-013. Roll call. Ayes: Jeannot, Roelofs, Sauer and Taylor Nays: Farrell, Nye and Warsecke Motion carried.

### **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Nye, to approve items 1-2 of the September 10, 2019 Committee of the Whole Consent Calendar as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

### **COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Benzie Bus: Interview to be scheduled for Wednesday, October 2, 2019 @ 4:30 p.m. at the Government Center. The interview committee will be: Comm Jeannot, Sauer and Warsecke, Amy Herczak, Chair of the BTA and Mitch Deisch

Airport Authority: Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Warsecke, to reappoint Kenneth J. Laurence Sr. to the City County Airport Authority with a term expiring March 1, 2023. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

Appropriations Act: Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Farrell, to adopt the Benzie County 2019-2020 General Appropriations Act and Budget as corrected, authorizing the chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: Jeannot Motion carried.

Employee Roster: Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Nye, to adopt the Employee Roster for 2019-2020, effective October 1, 2019, as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Appendix A: Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Jeannot, to adopt Appendix A – Elected Official Salaries as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

## **COMMISSIONERS**

**Page 4 of 5**

**September 24, 2019**

Appendix B: Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Farrell, to adopt Appendix B – Appointed Official Salaries effective October 1, 2019, as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Appendix C: Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Roelofs, to adopt Appendix C – Per Diem and Mileage Report for 2019/202 Fiscal Year as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Resolution 2019-018: Motion by Farrell, seconded by Warsecke, to approve resolution 2019-018 authorizing 911 Surcharge Renewal to be placed on the March 20, 2020 Presidential Primary Ballot. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

L-4029 Tax Rate: Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Roelofs, to approve the L-4029 Tax Rate for 2019 as presented, authorizing the chairman to sign. Roll call. Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

RAP Grant Application - Jail: Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Farrell, to authorize the RAP Grant application to MMRMA for Jail Control Board and authorize the County Clerk to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Two Seven Oh Inc Grant – ACO: Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Farrell, to accept the grant from Two Seven Oh Inc in the amount of \$10,000 for spaying and neutering, together with vaccines and testing, for Animal Control. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

## **PRESENTATION OF CORRESPONDENCE**

- Antrim County resolution regarding Trial Court Funding received.
- Iosco County resolution regarding Trial Court Funding received.
- Baraga County resolution in Support of Line 5 Tunnel received.
- Baraga County resolution regarding Trial Court Funding received.
- Baraga County resolution Opposing Legislation to Prevent County Commissioner candidates from Disclosing their Party Affiliation on Ballots received.
- Arenac County resolution Opposing Legislation to Prevent County Commissioner candidates from Disclosing their Party Affiliation on Ballots received.
- Grand Traverse County resolution in Support of Line 5 Tunnel received.
- Letter from Dept of Health and Human Services approving the 2019-20 Child Care Fund budget received.
- Email received from Manistee County Administrator regarding approval of the revised Intergovernmental Agreement for MIDC.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None**

**NEW BUSINESS – None**

11:47 a.m. Public Input – None

## COMMISSIONERS

Page 5 of 5

September 24, 2019

Motion by Roelofs, seconded by Warsecke, to adjourn at 11:47 a.m. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

---

Gary Sauer, Chair

Dawn Olney, Benzie County Clerk

### INDEX

1. Approved the agenda as amended, adding Appendix C during Action Items.
2. Approved the regular session minutes of September 10, 2019 as corrected.
3. Approved the closed session minutes of September 10, 2019 as presented.
4. Adopted resolution 2019-019 for Crystal Lake Beulah Beach Remediation and Storm Water Reduction”, authorizing the chairman to sign.
5. Authorized a letter of support for Village of Beulah’s Crystal Lake Beulah Beach Remediation and Storm Water Reduction application, authorizing the chair to sign.
6. Approved payment of the bills in the amount of \$381,686.47, as presented.
7. Authorized the County Treasurer to intergovernmental transfer monies to cash balance all accounts for fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, up to \$1 million.
8. Authorized the County Treasurer to transfer \$185,000 from the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund to the Capital Improvement fund based on resolution 2019-013.
9. Approved items 1-2 of the September 10, 2019 Committee of the Whole Consent Calendar as presented.
10. Reappointed Kenneth J. Laurence Sr. to the City County Airport Authority with a term expiring March 1, 2023.
11. Adopted the Benzie County 2019-2020 General Appropriations Act and Budget as corrected, authorizing the chairman to sign.
12. Adopted the Employee Roster for 2019-2020, effective October 1, 2019, as presented.
13. Adopted Appendix A – Elected Official Salaries as presented.
14. Adopted Appendix B – Appointed Official Salaries effective October 1, 2019, as presented.
15. Adopted Appendix C – Per Diem and Mileage Report for 2019/202 Fiscal Year as presented.
16. Approved resolution 2019-018 authorizing 911 Surcharge Renewal to be placed on the March 20, 2020 Presidential Primary Ballot.
17. Approved the L-4029 Tax Rate for 2019 as presented, authorizing the chairman to sign.
18. Authorized the RAP Grant application to MMRMA for Jail Control Board and authorize the County Clerk to sign.
19. Accepted the grant from Two Seven Oh Inc in the amount of \$10,000 for spaying and neutering, together with vaccines and testing, for Animal Control.

**Committee of the Whole**

**Page 3 of 3**

**September 10, 2019**

Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Nye, to approve the Committee of the Whole Consent Calendar of September 10, 2019 as follows:

1. Amend the TNT 2018-19 Budget as presented.
2. Amend the Emergency Manager 2018-19 budget as presented.