

THE BENZIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
March 12, 2019

The Benzie County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Tuesday, March 12, 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 Jeannot, seconded by Farrell, to approve the regular session minutes of February 26, 2019 as presented. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion by Farrell, seconded by Roelofs, to approve the special session minutes of March 8, 2019 as presented. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

9:03 a.m. Public Input - None

ELECTED OFFICIALS & DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Bert Gale, Building Department presented the Benzie County Building Code and Safety Enforcement Annual Report for 2018.

Ron Berns, Central Dispatch Director presented a written report. Interviews went well and they have hired 2 people. He is meeting with Social Security in April, which may move his retirement date up to October 2019.

Frank Post, Emergency Management presented a written report

Solid Waste Advisory Committee minutes of January 2, 2019 and February 27, 2019 were provided.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Comm Taylor reported that she attended Homestead Township and Village of Honor meetings. Shannon Purchase resigned as Supervisor. Coho Festival temporary dates are September 6, 2019 through September 8, 2019.

Comm Warsecke reported that he attended Solid Waste meeting, Inland Township meeting and Benzie County School Board meeting. Football Team won 3 awards. The Benzie Central Musical, The Music Man, is this weekend.

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Comm Roelofs reported that he attended Veterans Affairs meeting. There was a presentation from Rolling Thunder. They made a \$1,000.00 donation, along with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nelson. Will be attending the Village of Lake Ann meeting tonight.

Comm Nye reported that she has been assigned to 6 committees and has been reaching out to them.

Comm Farrell reported that she attended Crystal Lake Township meeting, Airport Authority meeting, Substance Abuse Disorder Board meeting, Central Wellness meeting, Frankfort-Elberta School Board meeting and Darcy Library Dolly Parton kickoff. She will be going with Benzie Senior Resource on Friday to help deliver meals on wheels.

Comm Jeannot reported that he attended the Housing Committee meeting, Lake Township meeting, Friends of Point Betsie meeting, Almira Township meeting, Platte Township meeting, and Regional Housing Committee meeting through Networks Northwest.

Comm Sauer reported that he attended the presentation by MER's regarding the 457 program, Joyfield Township meeting, Blaine Township meeting, Village of Thompsonville meeting and Road Commission meeting.

Matt Olson, Benzie County Schools and TBAISD Representative.

Matt Olson, Superintendent Benzie Central Schools provided a handout and explained funding for the local school district. Dr. Nick Ceglarek, Superintendent, and Linda Bielecki, Business Manager, of the Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District provided a handout and explained the funding for the Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District.

Chuck Clarke, Pointe Betsie Coastal Zone Management grant application

Chuck Clarke provided and explained the Michigan Coastal Zone Management Grant Agreement that he is requesting the Commissioners to approve and sign.

Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Farrell, to approve the Michigan Coastal Zone Management Grant Agreement Project #19-PA-002 for Point Betsie Lighthouse Lake Michigan Beach Access and Road Improvements in the amount of \$37,000.00 as presented, authorizing chairman to sign. Roll call.

Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Trevor Tkach, Ironman Presentation

Trevor Tkach provided a handout and explained what the Ironman 70.3 Traverse City will bring to Benzie County. They are looking at an area in Benzie County for the bike portion of the competition.

11:21 a.m. Break

11:28 a.m. Reconvene

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrators Update 3-12-19 BOC Meeting report provided.

FINANCE

Bills: Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Farrell, to approve payment of the bills from February 27, 2019 thru March 11, 2019 in the amount of \$520,412.41, as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

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Michelle Thompson, County Treasurer stated that foreclosure is final on Monday, April 1, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. She authorized two hardship deferrals and has the ability to do so through April 1, 2019.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – None

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

SWAC: Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Roelofs, to appoint Christopher Cote to the Solid Waste Advisory Board to fill a vacancy through December 31, 2019. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

BTA: Motion by Sauer, seconded by Warsecke, to re-appoint Jennifer Kolinske to the Benzie Transportation Authority for a 3-year term expiring April 30, 2022. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS:

Fair Housing Policy: Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Warsecke, to adopt the Benzie County Fair Housing Policy Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

CBOC: Motion by Roelofs, seconded by Nye, to adopt Resolution 2019-008 in Support for Manistee Area CBOC A United States Department of Veterans Affairs Community Based Outpatient Clinic 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

- Parks and Recreation minutes of October 22, 2018 received.
- Road Commission minutes of February 14, 2019 received.
- Alger County Resolution regarding Medicare Health Care Costs received.
Comm Jeannot stated that he encourages us as Board of Commissioners to make this a priority and if we take up a resolution, would be open to that discussion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

12:07 p.m. Public Input:

Don Schaffen stated he supports Comm Jeannot comments regarding Medicare Health Care Costs.

12:08 p.m. Public Input closed

Motion by Roelofs, seconded by Warsecke to adjourn at 12:08 p.m. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

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