

## **THE BENZIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**March 28, 2019**

The Benzie County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Thursday, March 28, 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 amended, adding Dr. Goslinoski, Medical Examiner at 10:15 and Centra Wellness under Committee Appointments. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

### **Minutes:**

Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Jeannot, to approve the regular session minutes of March 12, 2019 as presented. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

9:02 a.m. Public Input

Chairman Sauer read the Public Input Board Response to those present.

Letter received from Mary Haan – will be made a part of the board packet.

9:04 a.m. Public Input Closed

### **ELECTED OFFICIALS & DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**

Jim Clark, gave an update for the Building Authority – he distributed an updated schedule for Phase III of the Maples which was provided by Comstock Construction. He stated that there had been no plan for completion of Phase III, and now we have a wish list from the maintenance director at the Maples. Jeff Johnson, member of the Building Authority, serves as the liaison to the Maples and attends their monthly meetings. They are looking to schedule a joint meeting with the three boards – Board of Commissioners, DHHS and Building Authority.

Comm Jeannot spoke about an Operating Agreement between the County and the Maples. Would like to have the authority to move forward with this matter.

Jared Henry, Chief Public Defender for the new Regional Public Defender's Office for Manistee and Benzie Counties, he provided the board with an update of the progress being made – March 18 was his first day as the Chief Public Defender; July 1, 2019 the office is to be up and running. He has found it necessary to amend the MIDC budget and change one associate position to a second Assistant Chief Public Defender, so that Benzie and Manistee County will each have one full time assistant; the other office staff will begin May 1, 2019. The two Chief Assistants that have been hired are Jane Johnson for Manistee County and Anthony Cicchelli for Benzie County. Only three applications have been received for the associate positions and roughly 13 applications for the administrative support staff. The office in Benzie is nearly ready. He is working on the 2020 budget. Mid-May is the targeted up and start date.

Ed Kowalski, EDC/BRA, stated that they had asked the BOC a couple of months ago to pursue broadband to offer, not give to citizens. We have initiated an inquiry of independent broadband

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providers – issues are infrastructure and topography and seasonal topography. AES – they have reviewed the contract and identified projects, the end result and cost of those projects, after a long discussion within the EDC. We have decided that we will do a project by project basis to contract with AES.

Doug Durand, Benzie Senior Resources, provided a written report; stated that a meeting was held on March 15 regarding establishing a Michigan protocol for vulnerable adults; the Gathering Place attendance is increasing with the snowbirds returning to the area; they will be holding a Volunteer Recognition Night; Walk A Thon committee will be meeting next week for the first time; Lawn Chore Program.

Tom King, EMS, provided a written monthly report and reported that Benzie Bus will be taking on the fleet maintenance; Capital Expense will be for a new ambulance; heating and A/C will be upgraded at Station 2; will need to hire a full-time paramedic.

Jesse Zylstra, Recycling Coordinator, provided the 2018 Annual Report.

Benzie Transportation Authority financial report for February 2019 received.

10:00 a.m. Kay Bond, Advocates for Benzie County, Valerie Gerhart, Education Task Force, explains the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, the program which was selected to address the issue that children are not ready when they enter kindergarten. This program mails, to the child, age appropriate books from 0 – 5 years of age when they enter kindergarten. The cost is \$25.00 per year for the child to receive a book each month.

Jason Reed, Skilled Trades Task Force, explained the START program; they have a lot of funds to raise. They are working on a partnership with the City of Frankfort for construction of the Bellows Park Pavillion.

Board members Ingemar Johannsen, Doug Durand and Jean Bowers are also present. Comm Jeannot stated to Ms. Bond that the Advocates are lucky to have her.

10:21 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. Reconvene

Dr. Goslinoski, Medical Examiner since April 2017, provided a power point presentation of activity of the medical examiner's office. She works closely with Dr. Stephen Cole in Grand Rapids and also a group at U of M under the direction of Dr. Joyce DeYoung (who was a prior medical examiner for Benzie County).

## **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Comm Farrell reported that on March 13 she attended the Centra Wellness Board meeting; March 15 she participated in the Meals on Wheels ride along; March 20 attended the Benzie-Leelanau Health Dept meeting with Commissioner Sauer; March 25-27 she attended the Michigan Association of Counties Legislative Conference in Lansing.

Comm Jeannot spoke regarding the Chamber Directory which is put out each year, and they gave the EDC a free ad this year.

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Comm Roelofs attended the HSCB and they had a presentation regarding workforce housing; he also attended the EMS Advisory Board meeting and the MAC Conference – very good.

Comm Nye stated that she attended the Benzonia Township meeting; Centra Wellness; EDC/BRA; Joint Court; LEPC; Planning Commission and City of Frankfort Grant review meeting. Villages are dealing with the marijuana issue. Centra Wellness financial outlook is good. LEPC focused on evacuation protocol in Frankfort.

Comm Taylor reported that March 13 she participated in the Meals on Wheels ride along – was very impressed with the operation that they have. March 14 attended the Homestead Township Special Meeting regarding HARP grant application. Benzie Senior Resources meeting did not have a quorum present, so it was short. MAC conference was great.

Comm Jeannot asked if the St. Ambrose issues have been resolved – no, it is still being worked on.

Comm Warsecke had two meetings – Colfax Township and Conservation District.

Chairman Sauer reported that he attended the Joint Court meeting, MAC Conference, Health Department. Effective December 31, 2020, the county will be required to appoint a County Assessor of record and an Interlocal Agreement with each entity. Visited the ACO building and it is super nice – very clean building. Thank you to Patty Ballard for her years of service to the county and congratulations on her retirement tomorrow.

## **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

- Provided a written report.
- Byce & Associates is here today meeting with individual departments regarding the space needs.
- Was pleased that Jared was here today regarding the Public Defender.
- 2019 Administrator's Goals – to be placed on the agenda for next meeting.
- Attended the MAC Conference as well.

## **FINANCE**

Bills: Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Jeannot, to approve payment of the bills from March 12, 2019 thru March 28, 2019 in the amount of \$358,593.34, as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Michelle Thompson, County Treasurer, stated that the audit and the F-65 report have been submitted. The Qualifying Statement for the Building Authority has been submitted, and the county Qualifying Statement is being completed. Delinquent taxes will be paid out today with the AP run. Foreclosure is final on Monday, April 1, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. She also presented the 2018 Tax Collection Report.

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Comm Sauer removes item #5

Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Warsecke, to adopt items 1 - 4 and 6 - 8 of the March 12, 2019 Committee of the Whole Consent Calendar as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

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Chairman Sauer states that he is not against public safety, he just would like some clarity; shall we only use what we charge, that we are doing it the right way.

Comm Jeannot stated that the entities know what they are signing up for and they could renegotiate their contract.

#5: Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Roelofs, to approve the budget amendment to purchase two DVM – 800 Camera units for new road patrol vehicles, not to exceed \$8,110.00, as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

## **COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Centra Wellness: Motion by Roelofs, seconded by Farrell, to re-appoint Donald Smeltzer to the Centra Wellness Network Board to for a 3-year term ending March 31, 2022. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

2019-009: Motion by Sauer, seconded by Warsecke, to adopt resolution 2019-009 Application for Critical Bridge Funds – Haze Road Bridge as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

2019-010: Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Taylor, to adopt resolution 2019-010 Application for Critical Bridge Funds – Reynolds Road Bridge as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

2019-011: Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Farrell, to adopt resolution 2019-011 Application for Critical Bridge Funds – Nostwick Road Bridge as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Proclamation: Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Warsecke, to adopt Proclamation recognizing April 14 – 20, 2019 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week as presented, authorizing the chair to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

## **PRESENTATION OF CORRESPONDENCE**

- Road Commission minutes of February 28, 2019 received.
- Ontonagon County resolution supporting HB 4227, The Creation of a Committee on Michigan's Mining Future received.
- Cheboygan County resolution regarding Medicare Prescription Drug Bill of 2003 received – Comm Farrell and Mitch will work on a resolution for presentation to this board.
- Baraga County resolution supporting HB 4227 received.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS** – None

12:14 p.m. Public Input – None

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Motion by Roelofs, seconded by Nye, to adjourn at 12:15 p.m. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

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Gary G. Sauer, Chair

Dawn Olney, Benzie County Clerk

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2. Approved the regular session minutes of March 12, 2019 as presented.
3. Approved payment of the bills from March 12, 2019 thru March 28, 2019 in the amount of \$358,593.34, as presented.
4. Adopted items 1 - 4 and 6 - 8 of the March 12, 2019 Committee of the Whole Consent Calendar as presented.
5. Approved the budget amendment to purchase two DVM – 800 Camera units for new road patrol vehicles, not to exceed \$8,110.00, as presented.
6. Re-appointed Donald Smeltzer to the Centra Wellness Network Board to for a 3-year term ending March 31, 2022.
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Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Warsecke, to approve the Committee of the Whole Consent Calendar as follows;

1. Enter into an agreement with Bay Area Recycling for Charities for the electronic disposal and Drug & Laboratory Disposal Inc for the household hazardous waste collection as presented authorizing chairman to sign.
2. Enter into the DEQ Scrap Tire Cleanup Grant Agreement as presented.
3. To purchase tasers and related equipment, not to exceed \$4,863.00, coming from the equipment fund.
4. Authorize Dan Smith to apply for the appropriate grants for funding for the Tasers.
5. Removed from Consent Calendar.
6. Approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$10,020.00 for the CERT Camp Grayling Training as present.
7. Approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$468.00, for Operation Plan Books, as presented.
8. Endorse the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan as presented.