

THE BENZIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 9, 2019

The Benzie County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Tuesday, April 9, 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 Farrell, to approve the agenda as amended, removing Audit Presentation and possible moving of 10:30 closed session to 10:00. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Minutes:

Motion by Nye, seconded by Warsecke, to approve the regular session minutes of March 28, 2019 as corrected. 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

Tom Longanbach, Equalization Director, presented the 2019 Equalization Report L-4024.

Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Roelofs, to accept the L-4024 for 2019 as presented, authorizing the Chairman and County Clerk to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Frank Post, Emergency Management, presented the March 2019 Activities report.

Ron Berns, 911 Central Dispatch, presented the Recap report for March 2019 of calls through Central Dispatch.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Comm Taylor reported that she attended the opioid symposium and found it very informative; she attended the LPT meeting; Homestead Township – the Inland Township Supervisor was present and stated that Inland Township may split off from the Homestead/Inland Joint Planning Commission; Village of Honor meeting.

Comm Warsecke stated that he had two meetings scheduled but was unable to attend either one.

Comm Roelofs stated that he as well had attended the opioid symposium and was impressed. Last Saturday he attended the Pancake Breakfast at Griner's Sugar Mill; a Memorial Day event will be held at the Veterans Memorial in Benzonia.

Comm Nye reported that she attended both the Village of Beulah and Village of Benzonia meetings; Beulah continues to work on the water system; Beulah has signed the Agreement regarding North Street, and Benzonia will address it at their next meeting. She also attended the symposium.

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Comm Farrell attended the Networks Northwest orientation; the Council of Governments meeting at Networks Northwest where there was talk regarding Broadband. She also attended the Centra Wellness meeting.

Comm Jeannot spoke regarding a meeting with Mr. Deisch and Mr. Figura regarding The Maples Operating Agreement. Platte and Almira Townships are moving forward with the Iron Man Contest. He was asked to serve as a member of the Networks Northwest Regional EDC Advisory Committee.

Chairman Sauer reported that he has attended several meetings; Joyfield Township Clerk, Weldon Township Clerk and Weldon Township Assessor have all submitted their letter of resignation. He spoke regarding the Maples Audit which was a good presentation – thank you to Susan and Mitch for attending the audit presentation. Representative O'Malley met with the local fire chiefs and talked about forming a small committee among his four counties to discuss local issues. He attended the opioid symposium – they had 280+ people that participated; Weldon Township has received a Healthy Communities Grant from the Health Dept and will use it toward a walking trail.

Comm Roelofs stated that Benzie Central is holding a job fair this weekend – 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Provided a written report dated April 3, 2019.
- Letter of Intent is out on for the Broadband – RFQ to be back April 26; to partner with us.
- Networks Northwest have invited the County Administrators from the 10-county region to a meeting on April 30 to discuss issues going on. This will be a quarterly meeting.
- Maples Agreement – will be setting up a meeting with Mr. Figura and Steve Girard.
- Geoff Miller, the SRO, will attend the April 26 meeting with a presentation/report.
- Discussions held regarding Emergency Manager position; Comm Jeannot asked if any opportunity to have a regional Manager. Mitch stated that he will ask at the County Administrator meeting on April 30.

FINANCE

Bills: Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Farrell, to approve payment of the bills from March 29, 2019 thru April 8, 2019 in the amount of \$1,952,981.84, as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Michelle Thompson, County Treasurer, stated that foreclosure was final on April 1, 2019; there were 16 parcels on the list.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Comm Jeannot removes item B.

Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Roelofs, to approve items A, C, D, E of the March 28, 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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B. Motion by Sauer, seconded by Jeannot, to authorize the 911 surcharge be placed on the ballot to be voted on by the voters of Benzie County no later than November 2020. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Susan Boyd, Finance Manager, discussed the issue of where the funding will come from for item A, Sheriff Overtime. Discussions to possibly reduce the amount to transfer.

Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Warsecke, to table.

10:31 a.m. Break

10:36 a.m. Reconvene

10:37 a.m. Motion by Sauer, seconded by Warsecke, to enter closed session to discuss strategy and negotiations involving the successor collective bargaining agreement with the FOPLC as permitted under MCL 15.268 (c). Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

11:30 a.m. Re-enter Open Session

Motion removed from the table.

Motion by Sauer, seconded by Warsecke, to reconsider the Committee of the Whole Consent Calendar dated March 28, 2019. Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Comm Warsecke removed items A and B.

Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Roelofs, to approve items C, D, E of the March 28, 2019 Committee of the Whole Consent Calendar as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Roelofs, to approve \$14,500 transfer to Sheriff Overtime and look for the addition \$10,500 in the future. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Warsecke, to amend the 2018-19 Budget in the amount of \$12,000.00 as follows:

Increase:

101-301-723.00	Overtime	\$12,000.00
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Increase:

216-000-691.00	Seasonal Road Patrol --	\$12,000.00
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Budgeted Use of Fund Balance

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

Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Warsecke, to amend the 2018-19 Budget in the amount of \$2,500.00 as follows:

Increase:

101-301-723.00	Overtime	\$2,500.00
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Decrease:

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101-301-970.06

Computer Equipment

\$2,500.00

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

Comm Nye requests of Mitch that Shelley's statement regarding whether the BOC has the authority to change a budget without prior approval from that committee/departments, be researched for the next meeting.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS – None

ACTION ITEMS:

Networks Northwest Service Agreement: Reschedule for April 23, 2019.

County Administrator Goals: Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Roelofs, to adopt the 2019 County Administrator Goals as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF CORRESPONDENCE

- Benzie Leelanau Health Dept minutes of March 20, 2019 received.
- Jackson County Resolution regarding MIDC received.
- Road Commission minutes of March 14, 2019 received.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

11:47 a.m. Public Input

Ed Kowalski, Chair of EDC/BRA, stated it is disheartening when the EDC budget could be in jeopardy.

11:48 a.m. Public Input closed

Motion by Roelofs, seconded by Warsecke, to adjourn at 11:49 a.m. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Gary G. Sauer, Chair

Dawn Olney, Benzie County Clerk

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1. Approved the agenda as amended, removing Audit Presentation and possible moving of 10:30 closed session to 10:00.
2. Approved the regular session minutes of March 28, 2019 as corrected.
3. Accepted the L-4024 for 2019 as presented, authorizing the Chairman and County Clerk to sign.

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4. Approved payment of the bills from March 29, 2019 thru April 8, 2019 in the amount of \$1,952,981.84, as presented.
5. Approved items C, D, E of the March 28, 2019 Committee of the Whole Consent Calendar as presented.
6. Authorized the 911 surcharge be placed on the ballot to be voted on by the voters of Benzie County no later than November 2020.
7. Entered closed session to discuss strategy and negotiations involving the successor collective bargaining agreement with the FOPLC as permitted under MCL 15.268 (c).
8. Reconsidered the Committee of the Whole Consent Calendar dated March 28, 2019.
9. Approved items C, D, E of the March 28, 2019 Committee of the Whole Consent Calendar as presented.
10. Approved \$14,500 transfer to Sheriff Overtime and look for the addition \$10,500 in the future.
11. Approved to amend the 2018-19 Budget in the amount of \$12,000.00 as presented.
12. Approved to amend the 2018-19 Budget in the amount of \$2,500.00 as presented.
13. Adopted the 2019 County Administrator Goals as presented.

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

- a. Removed from Consent Calendar.
- b. Removed from Consent Calendar.
- c. To approve the per phone surcharge subject to a complete review of the capital improvements for your budget and determining the funding source.
- d. To approve the 911 Advisory Board Amended Bylaws as presented.
- e. To amend the 412 MCF Renovations budget in the amount of \$418,500.00. This board acknowledges that payment may be made prior to the next BOC meeting.