

THE BENZIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 23, 2019

The Benzie County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Tuesday, April 23, 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 Maples Operating Agreement under Old Business. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Minutes:

Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Roelofs, to approve the regular session minutes of April 9, 2019 as presented. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion by Roelofs, seconded by Farrell, to approve the closed session minutes of April 9, 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

Doug Durand, Benzie Senior Resources, presented a written report; spoke regarding the Business Expo; Lawn Chore and Spring Clean Up service started yesterday. They will not be pursuing the Platte River School – it is too large of an undertaking and they will continue to search other options.

Bert Gale, Building Official, presented the January, February, March 2019 Quarterly Report. Permits are down over last year at this same time.

Tom King, EMS Director, provided a written report; stated they are using Benzie Bus for vehicle repairs; they are looking at a new ambulance for the next year's budget; have a vacancy for a full time EMT and would like to replace it with a full-time paramedic. Benzonia Township is revisiting the possibility of a new township/fire hall, to include space for EMS.

Sheriff Schendel asked to move Geoff Miller from 10:30 to now for his report regarding the School Resource Officer; Deputy Miller stated that he is honored to be selected as the BCCS SRO; he also started coaching baseball yesterday for the school; his office is open to the students and you (BOC) at any time. Things are going great. He stated that the teachers, staff and administration are glad to have a deputy in the schools. He continues with trainings as well.

Ron Berns, 911 Director, provided the board with a 3-year expense forecast and request the board approve leaving the \$3.00 phone surcharge for the next year, with a letter to be sent to the State 911.

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Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Farrell, to reset the surcharge of \$3.00 per phone effective July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, authorizing a letter to the State 911. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: Taylor Motion carried.

Jesse Zylstra, Solid Waste Coordinator, provided a monthly written report.
Animal Welfare League Spring 2019 Newsletter received.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Comm Jeannot reported that he attended a meeting with Municipal Analytics, we will be having a group discuss on May 28 in place of the COTW meeting. On April 17 he attended the Chamber meeting. A joint meeting between the BOC, Building Authority and the DHHS (Maples) is being scheduled for mid to late May. On April 19 he attended the EDC meeting where discussions were held regarding retention visits with existing businesses.

10:08 a.m. Ken Talsma, Anderson, Tackman presented the county's 2018 finance audit.
Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Roelofs, to accept the 2018 Audit Report provided by Anderson Tackman & Company. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

11:04 a.m. Break

11:11 a.m. Reconvene

Comm Farrell reported that she attended the April 11 Centra Wellness board meeting; the Benzie Expo and on April 16 she attended the City of Frankfort meeting.

Comm Nye reported that she attended the Benzonia Township meeting where there was discussion regarding township offices being partisan or non-partisan offices – tabled the matter. She attended Centra Wellness where there was discussion regarding funding; LEPC; Land Bank Authority; EDC is exploring broadband; Parks & Rec entered in to a contract with Networks Northwest to update the Master Plan and they received a presentation from an Aquatic group that would like to see a community pool.

Comm Roelofs stated that he also attended the meeting with Municipal Analytics; the village of Lake Ann is looking to slow down the traffic through the village; EMS – spoke regarding the fleet of ambulances and stated that they should all be the same type of ambulance. He attended an exit interview last week. Reported that there was an event last week at the Museum regarding veterans; construction has begun on the pavilion at the Veterans' Memorial.

Comm Jeannot inquired regarding the exit interviews. Will we ever discuss these or how do we as commissioners know what we need to assist with; perhaps we could have a closed session to discuss.

Comm Warsecke stated that he also attended the Benzie Expo; Benzie Bus has had 15 months straight of ridership increases, they will be having a shuttle between Beulah and Frankfort. He attended the Conservation District meeting as well. Thank you to Geoff Miller. Inland Township will be holding their blood drive on May 17 and propane tank refills as well. All proceeds of the propane refill will benefit the Inland Township Fire Department.

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Comm Taylor reported that she attended the Land Bank Association meeting on April 17. She also attended the Benzie Senior Resources meeting.

Comm Sauer reported that he attended a Day at the Capitol with the Health Department; Betsie Valley Trail Management Council; Village of Elberta has a new clerk – Maryanne Goodman. Charles Kraus is asking for a letter of support for a Historical Marker in the Village of Thompsonville.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Mitch Deisch

- Provided a written report.
- COTW on May 28 should be about 2 to 2-1/2 hours with Municipal Analytics.
- He is working to schedule the joint meeting with the BOC, BA and DHHS.
- Union contract negotiations.

FINANCE

Bills: Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Warsecke, to approve payment of the bills from April 9, 2019 thru April 22, 2019 in the amount of \$260,248.52, as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Michelle Thompson, County Treasurer, reported that the Land Bank will be holding a special meeting tomorrow for consideration of a Purchase Agreement for the Question Mark lot in Honor.

Susan Boyd, Finance Manager, provided the board with the 2nd quarter (January, February, March 2019) financial report

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Comm Sauer removed #4.

Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Roelofs, to approve items 1, 2 and 3 of the April 9, 2019 Committee of the Whole Consent Calendar as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

#4: Motion by Sauer, seconded by Jeannot, to approve amending the 2018-19 Budget for the Sheriff and ACO phone systems as follows:

Increase:

401-000-691.00	Budgeted Use of Fund Balance	\$33,708.00
2247-000-691.00	Budgeted Use of Fund Balance	1,292.00

Increase:

401-000-967.00	Project Expenses	\$33,708.00
247-430-970.00	Equipment	\$ 1,292.00

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

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS – None

ACTION ITEMS:

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Networks Northwest Service Agreement: Motion by Nye, seconded by Farrell, to adopt the Contractual Agreement between Benzie County and Networks Northwest in the amount of \$5,000 allocated to the Planning Commission as presented, authorizing the Chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Betsie Valley Trail: Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Roelofs, to adopt the Memorandum of Understanding 19-11 between the Michigan DNR and the Betsie Valley Trail Management Council in the amount of \$10,000 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

- Community Partners Meeting minutes of April 3, 2019 received.
- Bay County Resolution regarding opposing of slashing federal funding for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative received.
- Antrim county resolution regarding Medicare Prescription Drugs received.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

Maples Lease Agreement: Comm Jeannot stated that there were two sticking points: 1) not to put in jeopardy the funding stream; 2) cost of having the document reviewed.

Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Sauer, approve the payment of 50% of the cost of reviewing the agreement up to \$1,000 reimbursement to the Maples for that exercise. If they do not agree to sign the agreement if their attorney says they can, then they would pay the full cost of that review. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS – None

12:23 p.m. Public Input

Annie Browning, Homestead Township resident, stated that she and Ingemar Johanssen will be meeting with Matt Olson from Benzie Central Schools regarding the Platte River School.

Mitch Deisch stated that he just received a text from Josh Mills stating that they have hired Tiffany Wright as the School Resource Officer for the Frankfort Elberta Area Schools.

Public Input Closed

Motion by Roelofs, seconded by Warsecke, to adjourn at 12:27 p.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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3. Approved the closed session minutes of April 9, 2019 as presented.
4. Approved to reset the surcharge of \$3.00 per phone effective July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, authorizing a letter to the State 911.
5. Accepted the 2018 Audit Report provided by Anderson Tackman & Company.
6. Approved payment of the bills in the amount of \$260,248.52.
7. Approved items 1, 2 and 3 of the April 9, 2019 Committee of the Whole Consent Calendar as presented.
8. Approved amending the 2018-19 Budget for the Sheriff and ACO phone systems as presented.
9. Adopted the Contractual Agreement between Benzie County and Networks Northwest in the amount of \$5,000 allocated to the Planning Commission as presented.
10. Adopted the MOU 19-11 between the MDNR and the BVTMC in the amount of \$10,000.
11. Approved the payment of 50% of the cost of reviewing the agreement up to \$1,000 reimbursement to the Maples for that exercise. If they do not agree to sign the agreement if their attorney says they can, then they would pay the full cost of that review.

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

1. To replace one computer in the County Clerk's Office.
2. To amend the 2018-19 Marine budget in the amount of \$825.00, for the purpose of marine training and schools.
3. To approve entering into agreement with MERS 457 program to allow employees to participate in this plan.
4. Removed from Consent Calendar.