

# BENZIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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448 COURT PLACE – BEULAH, MI 49617 – (231) 882-9671  
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## MEETING AGENDA April 14, 2020

**Meeting will be held via teleconferencing  
Call 701-802-5100; Access code: 795797#**

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9:00 a.m.      CALL TO ORDER  
                    ROLL CALL  
                    INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
                    APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
                    APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 3/10/2020 (Open & Closed); 3/18/2020  
                    PUBLIC INPUT  
                    ELECTED OFFICIALS & DEPT HEAD COMMENTS  
                    ACTION ITEMS – Judge Mead, Court-Appointed Attorney Fees; 911 Collection  
                    Authorization; Patrol Vehicle Radios; Radio Template/Firmware Updates; Replace  
                    Base Radios; Plan, Prepare and Respond Guidelines; MDNR Passport Grant Project  
                    Agreement & Resolution 2020-008  
                    COMMISSIONER REPORTS –  
                    COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT –  
                    FINANCE – Approval of Bills  
                    COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – 3/24/2020 Consent  
                    COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS – Benzie Leelanau Health Dept  
                    UNFINISHED BUSINESS  
                    NEW BUSINESS –

10:00  
10:15

                    PRESENTATION OF CORRESPONDENCE  
                    PUBLIC COMMENT  
                    ADJOURNMENT

### Times Subject to Change

THE COUNTY OF BENZIE WILL PROVIDE NECESSARY REASONABLE AUXILIARY AIDS AND SERVICES, SUCH AS SIGNERS FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED AND AUDIO TAPES OF PRINTED MATERIALS BEING CONSIDERED AT THE MEETING, TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES AT THE MEETING OR HEARING UPON THIRTY (30) DAYS NOTICE TO THE COUNTY OF BENZIE. INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES REQUIRING AUXILIARY AIDS OR SERVICES SHOULD CONTACT THE COUNTY BY WRITING OR CALLING THE FOLLOWING:

BENZIE COUNTY CLERK  
448 COURT PLACE  
BEULAH MI 49617  
(231) 882-9671

This notice was posted by Dawn Olney, Benzie County Clerk, on the bulletin board in the main entrance of the Benzie County Governmental Center, Beulah, Michigan, at least 18 hours prior to the start of the meeting. This notice is to comply with Sections 4 and 5 of the Michigan Open Meetings Act (PA 267 of 1976).

## PUBLIC INPUT

**Purpose:** The Benzie County Board of Commissioners is a public policy setting body and subject to the Open Meetings Act (PA 267 of 1976). The Board also operates under a set of “Benzie County Board Rules (section 7.3)” which provides for public input during their meetings. It continually strives to receive input from the residents of the county and reserves two opportunities during the monthly scheduled meeting for you the public to voice opinions, concerns and sharing of any other items of common interest. There are however, in concert with meeting conduct certain rules to follow.

**Speaking Time:** Agenda items may be added or removed by the board but initially at least two times are devoted to Public Input. Generally, however, attendees wishing to speak will be informed how long they may speak by the chairman. All speakers are asked to give their name, residence and topic they wish to address. This and the statements/comments will be entered into the public record (minutes of the meeting). Should there be a number of speakers wishing to voice similar opinions, an option for a longer presentation may be more appropriate for the group and one or more speakers may talk within that time frame.

Group Presentations – 15 minutes  
Individual Presentations – 3 minutes

**Board Response:** Generally, as this is an “Input” option, the board will not comment or respond to presenters. Silence or non-response from the board should not be interpreted as disinterest or disagreement by the board. However, should the board individually or collectively wish to address the comments of the speaker(s) at the approval of the Chair and within a time frame previously established, responses may be made by the board. Additionally, the presenter may be in need of a lengthier understanding of an issue or topic and may be referred to a committee appropriate to address those issues.

Public Input is very important in public policy settings and is only one means for an interchange of information or dialogue. Each commissioner represents a district within the county and he/she may be individually contacted should greater depth or understanding of an issue be sought. Personal contact is encouraged and helpful to both residents and the board.

### Commissioner Contacts:

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| District I – Bob Roelofs (Almira East of Reynolds Road).....                                     | 231-645-1187 |
| District II - Art Jeannot (Almira Twp West of Reynolds Road, Platte<br>and Lake Townships) ..... | 231-920-5028 |
| District III – Linda Farrell (Crystal Lake, Frankfort) .....                                     | 231-882-6620 |
| District IV – Rhonda Nye (Benzonia).....   | 231-510-8804 |
| District V – Sherry Taylor (Homestead).....  | 231-882-5452 |
| District VI - Evan Warsecke (Colfax, Inland) .....   | 231-275-3375 |
| District VII - Gary Sauer (Blaine, Gilmore, Joyfield, Weldon) .....                              | 231-651-0647 |