

THE BENZIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 11, 2020

The Benzie County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 in the Frank F. Walterhouse Board Room, 448 Court Place, Government Center, Beulah, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bob Roelofs.

Present were: Commissioners Farrell (phone), Jeannot (phone), Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke

A moment of silence was observed in memory of John Nuske. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda:

Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Taylor, to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell (phone), Jeannot (phone), Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Minutes:

Motion by Sauer, seconded by Nye, to approve the regular session minutes of July 28, 2020 as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell (phone), Jeannot (phone), Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

9:03 a.m. Public Input – None

ELECTED OFFICIALS & DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Rebecca Hubers, Central Dispatch, spoke regarding the retirement of Lori Lautenbach and the need for a special 911 Advisory Board meeting on August 13, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

Sheriff Schendel reported to the board that Deputy Brad Ryske will be leaving for a new job elsewhere.

ACTION ITEMS

CARES Act Funding - Sara Swanson, Prosecuting Attorney: Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Taylor, to authorize the Prosecuting Attorney to apply for FY 2020 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) as presented, authorizing the chair to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell (phone), Jeannot (phone), Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Radio Replacement: Motion by Nye, seconded by Farrell, to authorize the replacement of three (3) Sheriff Office radios in the amount of \$9,886.20 as requested. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell (phone), Jeannot (phone), Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Replace Air Compressor: Motion by Sauer, seconded by Warsecke, to authorize the replacement of a faulty air compressor at the jail in the amount of \$7,368.80 as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell (phone), Jeannot (phone), Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried

Secondary Road Patrol: Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Taylor, to authorize application to the Michigan State Police for Secondary Road Patrol and Traffic Accident Prevention Program (SRP) in the amount of \$20,474.00 as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell (phone), Jeannot (phone), Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried

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COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Comm Jeannot provided a written report (attached).

Comm Farrell reported that she attended Centra Wellness Relations meeting and that they now have tablets for jail clients to meet with the therapist, they are having no group meetings. She also reported on the Centra Wellness Executive meeting and the discussions surrounding the third-party revenues. On August 5 she attended the Health Department COVID update. On August 10 she attended the Frankfort Elberta School Board meeting and reported that their plan is to open, they have hired an additional custodian and kitchen help to assist with the COVID guidelines.

Comm Nye reported that at the Village of Benzonia meeting there were complaints regarding the South Street closure and the lack of communication regarding the construction taking place; hydrants are running to keep the water flowing while the water tank is being painted inside and out. She also attended the Centra Wellness meetings and spoke about the Hazard Pay for face to face meetings. Village of Beulah meeting discussed Non Source Point Grant; a resident came forward and offered to head meetings regarding Short-Term Rental Ordinance; Beulah Boosters have reached out to possibly purchase the playground equipment at Platte River School; No Milfoil treatment will happen this year; no bridge walk on Labor Day.

Comm Taylor reported that Homestead Township appointed a Trustee to fill the vacant seat; Village of Honor had to rescind a prior motion regarding the sewer project due to a conflict of interest, then redid the motion, they have been awarded the sewer project grant.

Comm Warsecke reported that at the Inland Township meeting they were concerned about the number of people in attendance, so they moved their meeting to the parking lot; he reported on their vote totals; the gravel pit applicant will need to reapply. Benzie Central Schools are planning to open in the Fall, with the option to go virtual; they will be placing the proposal back on the November ballot without changes.

Comm Sauer attended the Betsie Valley Trail meeting where the main issue is dogs on the trail; we need to get this behind us; Johnson & Hill Engineers have suggested a 10-foot width and base. Joyfield and Blaine have been approached about hall rental for a "1-room schoolhouse" type rental for 10 or fewer students. Blaine Township has lowered their millage rate due to a surplus on hand. He attended the Village of Thompsonville meeting and they had two individual requests: 1 – to upgrade the skateboard park; and 2 – take the old tennis court and turn into a pickle ball court; they also have two new volunteers for the fire department.

Chair Roelofs has met with the VA director and she is looking at the MVAA grant for next year; the VA Memorial tribute stone for the Grand Traverse Band has arrived and is in place; met with Mitch and Tom Longanbach regarding the addressing issue in Almira Township.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mitch Deisch, County Administrator, provided a written report (attached).

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FINANCE

Bills: Motion by Taylor, seconded by Warsecke, to approve payment of the bills from July 28, 2020 thru August 10, 2020 in the amount of \$538,962.18, as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell (phone), Jeannot (phone), Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Nye, to approve items 1-4 of the July 28, 2020 Committee of the Whole Consent Calendar as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell (phone), Jeannot (phone), Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Address Change Protests: Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Farrell, that we permit the current residents of Birch View Trail to maintain their respective non-conforming addresses as requested by the property owners; however, upon the sale of each property at issue, the address will be changed as recommended by the Equalization Department. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell (phone), Jeannot (phone), Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS – None

PRESENTATION OF CORRESPONDENCE

- Road Commission minutes of June 11, 2020 received.
- Road Commission minutes of June 25, 2020 received.
- Little Platte Lake Elevation report for July 2020 received.
- Crystal Lake Elevation report for July 2020 received.
- Health Department minutes of July 22, 2020 Special Meeting received.

10:02 a.m. Public Input -- None

Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Sauer, to adjourn at 10:03 a.m. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell (phone), Jeannot (phone), Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried

Bob Roelofs, Chair

Dawn Olney, Benzie County Clerk

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2. Approved the regular session minutes of July 28, 2020 as presented.
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9. Approved to permit the current residents of Birch View Trail to maintain their respective non-conforming addresses as requested by the property owners; however, upon the sale of each property at issue, the address will be changed as recommended by the Equalization Department.

Art Jeannot
Commissioner Report
August 11, 2020

- Participated in 2 meetings on behalf of the County since our July 28th meeting.
- **7/29 NMCAA** – In my role as a member of the executive committee and the housing committee I voted in favor of agency financially participating in the housing project in Honor. The action passed unanimously.
- **8/6 Platte Township** – Focus was on August 4th election. Clerk Michalak acknowledged the great support she gets from County Clerk Onley
- **Other –**
 - I anticipate that the Maples Board (DHHS) will take affirmative action regarding the document of understanding (DOU) between Maples and Board of Commissioners at their August 27th meeting. The DOU will be on the BOC agenda for our August 25th meeting.
 - I met with Mitch Deisch and Bob Russell. Bob has been the chair of the broad band committee. For personal reasons, Bob has resigned as chair. A new chair will need to be recruited.

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Memo To: Board of Commission
From: Mitchell D. Deisch, Administrator *M D Deisch*
Date: August 10, 2020
Subject: Administrator's Update 8/11/2020 BOC meeting

1. **Headlee Restoration Subcommittee #2 Update** – Based upon the last COTW meeting discussion I have been following up on the following Headlee Restoration Issues:
 - a. Communicating with Township Supervisors regarding Tax Allocation Committee (TAC). Supervisor Jason Barnard is seeking endorsements from the other Township Supervisors to serve in this capacity.
 - b. Probate Judge John Mead is exploring various citizens to appoint to the TAC. Hoping to get his nomination over the next week.
 - c. Contacted the TBAISD regarding a TAC representative. Either Superintendent Nick Ceglarek or CFO Linda Bielecki will be representing the TBAISD on the TAC.
 - d. As discussed at last COTW meeting been looking bundling Public Safety (including Animal Control) Millages. Bundled Public Safety Millage are as follows:
 - .9000 Jail
 - .0975 Animal Control
 - .1797 SRO
 - .0984 TNT
 - 1.2756 Total Mills
2. **Maples Document of Understanding** – I am planning on presenting the Maples Medical Care Facility/Benzie County Document of Understanding (DOU) to the BOC at their Tuesday August 25, 2020 meeting. The Maples / DHHS Board next meeting is Thursday August 27, 2020. I have attached the most current draft of the DOU.
3. **2019 Strategic Plan** – With everything that has been going on this year, I wanted to provide the BOC with another copy of the 2019 Strategic Plan.

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