

BENZIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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SPECIAL MEETING BENZIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA July 16, 2020 8:30 a.m.

Frank F. Walterhouse Board Room, Government Center, Beulah, Michigan

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

9:00 a.m. Call to Order

Roll call

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

Public Input

Hazard Pay Discussion with possible action

Public Input

Adjournment

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
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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:

District	I – Bob Roelofs (Almira East of Reynolds Road).....	231-645-1187
District	II - Art Jeannot (Almira Twp West of Reynolds Road, Platte 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

COVID 19 FUNDING PROGRAMS

Hazard Pay

- \$100 million distributed on a first come first serve basis
- EMTs, Paramedics, 911 Operators, Corrections Officers, Law Enforcement Officers
- Maximum payment of \$1000 per person
- Must be paid by 09/30/20 regardless of funding confirmation
- Confirmation of funding may not be known in advance of 09/30
- Distribution of funds will occur in October through November 14, 2020

Public Safety/Public Health Payroll Reimbursement

- Two rounds of disbursements if funds are available
- First round covers April/May expenses
- Second round covers April/May/June/July
- Cannot receive duplicate reimbursement (i.e., CARES, FEMA)

FEMA Public Assistance

- 75% reimbursement of expenses incurred for protective measures (submitted)

EMS received \$21,980 from State of Michigan to cover response costs

MSP CESF Grants (Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding)

- Benzie County Courts \$24,416
- Benzie County Prosecutor \$13,500
- Benzie County Sheriff \$47,424

Input from MAC:

- Pass resolution for hazard pay contingent upon receipt of funding from state.
- State will attempt to notify before September 30th.
- PHSPRP open to interpretation. Some counties submitting all payroll.
- State verbiage: Public health and public safety employees substantially dedicated to addressing pandemic.

