

BENZIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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MEETING AGENDA

January 14, 2020

Frank F. Walterhouse Board Room, Governmental Center, 448 Court Place, Beulah, Michigan

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- 9:00 a.m. CALL TO ORDER
 ROLL CALL
 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 APPROVAL OF AGENDA
 APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 12/17/19 (open & closed); 1/7/2020 Organizational
 PUBLIC INPUT
 ELECTED OFFICIALS & DEPT HEAD COMMENTS
 ACTION ITEMS –
 COMMISSIONER REPORTS –
 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT –
 FINANCE – Approval of Bills
 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – 12/17/2019 Consent
 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS – Building Authority; EMS; Land Bank
 UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 NEW BUSINESS –
- 10:00 Tad Peacock, Conservation District Annual Report
- 10:15 Fred Oeflein – Flooding Issues at Watervale
- 10:30 Elizabeth Calcutt, Networks Northwest – Parks & Rec Plan
 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:

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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

THE BENZIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

December 17, 2019

The Benzie County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Tuesday, December 17, 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 presented. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Minutes:

Motion by Roelofs, seconded by Warsecke, to approve the regular session minutes of November 26, 2019 as amended, by removing a portion of Comm Farrell's report. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Roelofs, to approve the closed session minutes of November 26, 2019 as presented. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

9:05 a.m. Public Input – None

ELECTED OFFICIALS & DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Tom King, EMS Director, provided the board with a written report and talked about Benzie County EMS being selected by the Center for Medicare Studies to take part in a study to determine the true cost of doing business as an ambulance service provider.

Judge Mead spoke to the board regarding the hiring freeze in effect until January 1, 2020; they currently have one opening – Probation Officer, with another being open effective the end of the year; they will be replacing two positions after the first of the year – information only.

Eric VanDussen, Chair of the Building Authority, updated the board that mediation with the Building Authority attorney Bryce Kern and Attorney Ed Roy and Kuhn Rogers law firm have reached a settlement – Building Authority is being released from any financial obligations for the alleged \$50,000 they believe we owe them; Building Authority releases Kuhn Rogers for malpractice; No fault is being admitted; \$25,000 to the Building Authority from Ed Roy and Kuhn Rogers insurance company. Final fire inspection has been approved for the Maples. They do have a minor punch list that is being worked on to obtain final electrical and mechanical inspections. Asks that this board waive the confidentiality and release the opinion received from Cohl Stoker & Toskey regarding the millage for the debt and allow them to have a copy of same. This Board had approved the Building Authority the use of \$500,000 from the DTRF if needed, and only \$150,000 was used. He also spoke about the generator issue – who is responsibility for the cost to correct it, it is not up to capacity.

Written report provided by Rebecca Hubers, Emergency Manager/911 Director.

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COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Comm Warsecke had no report.

Comm Roelofs reported that the NMAAA has a new director – Heidi Justine. He has been busy with negotiations for five unions. Benzie County Veterans Affairs – all is going well this time of year. HSCB has a presentation regarding opioid activity.

Comm Farrell reported that she attended the Networks Northwest Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan, we have one, but it is in need of update. We need this plan in order to get Federal and State grants. Attended the Shoreline Erosion meeting in Manistee. The Lake Michigan issue is erosion, not flooding, so there is no money available for emergencies, only for long-term erosion prevention. Attended the Crystal Lake Township meeting and they will have a new cottage industry in the township – it is a landscape business; they have rewritten their Marijuana Ordinance and it will be on the March 10 ballot – to prohibit all marijuana establishments within CL Township. Centra Wellness meeting – big concern of the DHHS toward behavioral health – they will hold a meeting on January 9 from 6 – 8 p.m. to be both the Manistee and Benzie Boards up to date. She also attended the Health Dept special meeting regarding the Leelanau County millage that was passed regarding early childhood development.

Comm Nye also reported on the Centra Wellness – this issue is quite dire and needs to be discussed. Village of Benzonia has been approached for a variance by Dollar General for a parking lot – special meeting tomorrow. Village of Beulah discussed concern over snow removal of businesses and residents that are not keeping their sidewalks cleaned off – there will be fines for noncompliance. Also approved 3% increase in sewer ready to serve and usage fees. CLCBA held Christmas Magic last weekend. Benzonia Township discussed the Road Commission road improvement for Love Road, but before it happens, the grade of the hill is being discussed. Approved three new fire department trainees. The Recreational Adult use ordinance was approved. P/R – Master Plan is moving forward.

Comm Taylor reported that the Homestead Township meeting had a group to discuss issues with St. Ambrose Noise Ordinance violations with citations issued. Village of Honor are working on approving their budget and are working on a sewer project. Healthcare meeting went very well, the next meeting we will learn about HSAs.

Comm Jeannot provided a written report (attached) – attended committee appointment interviews; Lake Township meeting; Building Authority special meeting; Almira Township

Comm Sauer reported that Blaine Township has hired a new assessor – Amy DenHaan. Road Commission awarded two bids to Western Star for two trucks. Approved \$186,000 for roof repair to one of the Quonset huts. They will hold a Special meeting in March to start discussions on a building at the road commission. There will be a local road meeting on December 18 at 2 p.m. Village of Thompsonville are trying to finalize the Joint Planning Commission (JPC) withdraw of Weldon. Gilmore – SOS automatically registered to vote unless you refuse – that has increased voter registrations in each township. Health Dept interim agreement to make sure we can fulfil our obligations. School safety committee discussion regarding the boot system.

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Motion by Sauer, seconded by Farrell, to waive the Attorney/Client Privilege on the Cohl Stoker & Toskey opinion regarding the Maples bond decision. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

10:00 a.m. Pat Heins and Shaun Anchak, Drug Court Grant

Ms. Heins report that the court applied for a specialty grant for an Adult Drug Court program; \$28,000 funding through SCAO; this will be a contract employee at 15 hours per week. We will need a room and desk for this individual to meet with clients.

Mr. Anchak – this is being done collaboratively with the Prosecutor's Office and Indigent Defense. Now we will have six defendants and it will be a diversion approach. It will help get defendants into treatment faster and save jail bed space.

Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Warsecke, to acknowledge the Grant Application that was submitted on an earlier date for the Michigan Drug Court Grant Program. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Roelofs, to amend the 2019-20 Budget for Circuit Court as follows:

Increase

101-131-539.00	State Grants (revenue)	\$28,000
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Increase

101-131-801.00	Contracted Services – Drug Court (expense)	\$28,000
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Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

10:20 a.m. Recess

10:26 a.m. Reconvene

Doug Durand, Benzie Senior Resources Annual Report

Provided a written report and reported that they served 522 veterans and spouses of veterans, representing about 32% of our overall client base. 2000 Christmas Gift Bags have been prepared. 47% of the HDM clients said that without the BSR, they wouldn't have enough food. He reported on the Meals and Food Services; Home Services; Health & Safety Services; Support Services; Social Connections; Volunteers; Township Report, showing clients served.

Additional Highlights: In 2019 they received the Non-Profit Member Community Impact Award by the Chamber of Commerce; they had a successful Build-A-Van fundraising campaign with support from Benzie County 100 Women Who Care, Grand Traverse and of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians 2% Grant, March for Meals Restaurants and 82 Individual Donors. We couldn't do what we do without the collaboration with other organizations.

10:47 a.m. Motion by Sauer, seconded by Roelofs, according to MCL 15.268(c), the Benzie County Board of Commissioners is entering into a closed session for strategy and negotiation session connected with the negotiation for collective bargaining agreements with Attorney Matt Nordfjord. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

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11:33 a.m. Re-enter Open Session

Revisit Minutes:

Motion by Sauer, seconded by Farrell, to change the SWAC contracts in the November 26, 2019 to an expiration date of 2021. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke
Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion by Roelofs, seconded by Warsecke, to ratify the Total Tentative Agreement with FOPLC Deputy Unit dated December 12, 2019. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion by Roelofs, seconded by Farrell, to amend the previous Board of Commissioners decision to determine that the Employer and Employee contributions for the Defined Contribution plan for new hires to become effective January 1, 2020. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion by Roelofs, seconded by Farrell, that a new Defined Contribution plan with Employee contribution at 6%; Employer contribution: 1 year = 2%; 2 years = 4%; 3 years = 4%; 4 years = 6% and 5 years = 7% for all new employees with the same vesting period that was previously approved by the Board of Commissioners starting January 1, 2020. The Employer contribution would not exceed 7%. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Provided a written report and adds that he has emailed the attorney opinion to Kathy Dube of the Maples and the Building Authority board. When cleaning out room 138, we came across three banker boxes of ME reports – Mitch will be providing them to the Medical Examiner and signing the chain of custody to her.

FINANCE

Bills: Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Roelofs, to approve payment of the bills from November 27, 2019 thru December 26, 2019 in the amount of \$493,628.03, as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Michelle Thompson, County Treasurer, reported on the award of an \$80,000 grant from Rotary Charities of Traverse City for the Land Bank's housing project in Honor.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Roelofs, to approve items 1-4 of the November 26, 2019 Committee of the Whole Consent Calendar as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Airport Authority: Motion by Farrell, seconded by Nye, to reappoint Coury Carland to the Airport Authority for a term to expire December 31, 2023. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

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DHHS: Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Taylor, to appoint Dr. Donald Schaffer to the DHHS Board for a term to expire October 31, 2022. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

EMS: Motion by Roelofs, seconded by Jeannot, to reappoint Gaylord Jowett and Marty Bates, and appoint Ron Fought to the EMS Advisory Board for a term to expire December 31, 2022. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Building Authority: Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Nye, to reappoint Eric VanDussen to the Building Authority for a term to expire December 31, 2022. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Housing: Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Warsecke, to reappoint Jean Bowers, Amy Bissell and Dawn Olney to the Benzie County Housing Committee for a term to expire December 31, 2024. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Parks & Recreation: Motion by Sauer, seconded by Jeannot, to reappoint Barb Skurdall, Sean Duperron and Tad Peacock to the Parks & Recreation Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2022. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Planning Commission: Motion by Sauer, seconded by Warsecke, to appoint James Sheets as the Benzonia/Platte representative to the Planning Commission for a term to expire December 1, 2020. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

SWAC: Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Roelofs, to reappoint Marlene Wood to the Benzie County Solid Waste Advisory Board for a term to expire December 31, 2021. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Veterans Affairs: Motion by Roelofs, seconded by Nye, to reappoint Lawrence Bailey to the Benzie County Veterans Affairs for a term to expire December 31, 2023. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Land Bank: Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Roelofs, to accept the resignation of Terry Money from the Land Bank Authority with regrets. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS:

Point Betsie Amendment to Costal Management Grant with EGLE: Motion by Farrell, seconded by Jeannot, to approve the extension and enter into an Amendment to the Costal Management Program between Michigan Dept of EGLE and Benzie County for the Point Betsie Lighthouse, as presented, authorizing the chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Farrell Motion carried.

Recycling Site Leases – Almira Township, Frankfort, Save-A-Lot:

Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Roelofs, to enter into a 2-year (1/1/2020 to 12/31/2021) Recycling Site Lease with Almira Township, authorizing the chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell,

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Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Farrell, to enter into a 2-year (1/1/2020 to 12/31/2021) Recycling Site Lease with City of Frankfort, authorizing the chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Taylor, to enter into a 2-year (1/1/2020 to 12/31/2021) Recycling Site Lease with Homestead Township, authorizing the chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Nye, to enter into a 2-year (1/1/2020 to 12/31/2021) Recycling Site Lease with Subhash Kapur Living Trust (Save-A-Lot), authorizing the chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion by Roelofs, seconded by Farrell, to increase the wage of the non-union/non-elected employees effective January 1, 2020 by an additional .5%. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter received from MMRMA of denial of RAP grant for Jail Control Board Replacement.
- Notice of Intent received from Wexford Joint Planning Commission.
- Copy of letter sent to Governor Whitmer from Crawford County.
- Letter and Resolution received from Michigan Resource Stewards regarding Enbridge Pipeline 5.
- Resolution received from Eaton County regarding Changes to the Application of Fee-For-Service Model for Local Substance Abuse Service Delivery.
- Crystal Lake Elevation report for November 2019 received.
- Little Platte Lake Elevation report for November 2019 received.
- Benzie-Leelanau Health Dept minutes of November 21, 2019 received.
- Benzie Transportation Financial Reports for October and November 2019 received.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

12:16 p.m. Public Input

Dawn Olney, County Clerk, let the board know that the Organizational Meeting packets will be out to them next week.

Motion by Roelofs, seconded by Warsecke, to adjourn at 12:20 p.m. Motion carried. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

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5. Acknowledged the Grant Application that was submitted on an earlier date for the Michigan Drug Court Grant Program.
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7. Entered closed session for strategy and negotiation session connected with the negotiation for collective bargaining agreements with Attorney Matt Nordford.
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12. Approved payment of the bills in the amount of \$493,628.03, as presented.
13. Approved items 1-4 of the November 26, 2019 Committee of the Whole Consent Calendar as presented.
14. Reappointed Coury Carland to the Airport Authority for a term to expire December 31, 2023.
15. Appointed Dr. Donald Schaffer to the DHHS Board for a term to expire October 31, 2022.
16. Reappointed Gaylord Jowett and Marty Bates, and appoint Ron Fought to the EMS Advisory Board for a term to expire December 31, 2022.
17. Reappointed Eric VanDussen to the Building Authority for a term to expire December 31, 2022.
18. Reappointed Jean Bowers, Amy Bissell and Dawn Olney to the Benzie County Housing Committee for a term to expire December 31, 2024.
19. Reappointed Barb Skurdall, Sean Duperron and Tad Peacock to the Parks & Recreation Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2022.
20. Appointed James Sheets as the Benzonia/Platte representative to the Planning Commission for a term to expire December 1, 2020.
21. Reappointed Marlene Wood to the Benzie County Solid Waste Advisory Board for a term to expire December 31, 2021.
22. Reappointed Lawrence Bailey to the Benzie County Veterans Affairs for a term to expire December 31, 2023.
23. Accepted the resignation of Terry Money from the Land Bank Authority with regrets.
24. Approved the extension and enter into an Amendment to the Costal Management Program between Michigan Dept of EGLE and Benzie County for the Point Betsie Lighthouse, as presented, authorizing the chairman to sign.
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28. Entered into a 2-year (1/1/2020 to 12/31/2021) Recycling Site Lease with Subhash Kapur Living Trust (Save-A-Lot), authorizing the chairman to sign.
29. Increased the wage of the non-union/non-elected employees effective January 1, 2020 by an additional .5%.

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Committee of the Whole

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November 26, 2019

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

1. To authorize the execution of payment to Northern Michigan Regional Entity, with the knowledge that this will be paid before December 17, 2019.
2. To amend the Fund 101 budget in the amount of \$50,000 for the liquor tax, with the knowledge that this will be taken care of before December 17, 2019.
3. To accept the Budget Amendment request in the amount of \$57,427.00 for Fund 425 as presented.
4. To authorize Rebeca Hubers to enter into contract with Networks Northwest for completion of a Hazardous Mitigation Plan, acknowledging that this action will occur prior to the December 17, 2019 meeting.

Art Jeannot
Commissioner Report
December 17, 2019

- Attended 5 meetings on behalf of the county since November 26th.
- 12/4 Committee Interviews – for Airport Authority (2), DHHS (2), EMS Advisory (2). Several strong candidates for each interview. Out come will be discussed later in this meeting.
- 12/5 Lake Township – Township Supervisor's spouse passed away (Jerry Grobe). Discussed swimmers itch. They believe the Mallard Duck population may need to be re-located. Earlier this year we were informed by another group about the re-location of Mergansers.
- 12/6 BA – Special meeting to discuss settlement with the BA's previous legal counsel. Positive outcome for Benzie County. I have invited the BA Chairman and current legal counsel to give a presentation during "department head" reports. It's worth noting that to date, the County has had a net financial outcome with regard the changes on the BA board.
- 12/9 Almira Township – Met new fire chief. They appear to be well organized to include drafting a multi year capital improvement needs. The Board was complimentary of Jessie Zylstra's (Solid Waste) hard work and consciousness for his duties.
- 12/11 BCCC – Met new executive director (Rich Coates). The Board is going through strategic plan review in anticipation of the CVB combining with Traverse City Tourism Bureau. I have invited Rich to a future BOC meeting to introduce himself. He will also be brought before the BOC for appointment to the EDC/BRA.
- Other -
 - Dick Taylor, Chairman of the Friends of Betsie Lighthouse discussed with me their continued concern about erosion at the base of the lighthouse and road condition at the property as it relates to public safety. The current road condition does not accommodate an emergency vehicle being able to turn around easily during peak seasons.
 - Jeff Johnson's term is over at year end with the BA. We will need to recruit a qualified candidate. Jeff will not be seeking re-appointment, however is willing to stay on until a replacement is found if bylaws allow.

DAWN OLNEY
BENZIE COUNTY CLERK
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Destroy Date: _____

Closed Session

December 17, 2019

Union Negotiations w/Atty Matt Nordfjord
by phone

THE BENZIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 7, 2020

The Benzie County Board of Commissioners met in an organizational meeting on Tuesday, January 7, 2020, 448 Court Place, Government Center, Beulah, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order by County Clerk Dawn Olney at 9:00 a.m.

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

The invocation was given by Commissioner Sauer followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Election of Chair:

Commissioner Jeannot nominates Gary Sauer

Commissioner Nye nominates Bob Roelofs

Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Sauer, to close nomination. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Comm Farrell asks that each of the two nominees tell us why they want to be the chair this year.

Comm Sauer stated that he doesn't plan to stay in the leadership role forever, but some people feel when we change often, ~~the~~ it looks like we are a non-cohesive board. We came up with the strategic plan that needs to move forward, financial review, space needs – we need to continue these items. Unfunded liability – we have to address it as a part of the financial review. We are working on the Headlee. Sends the wrong message to the public if we change leadership in the middle of taking care of these items. Been chair for 2 years; and vice chair for 1 year. Honored to serve in those roles and will do the best he can if given that chance again. Thank you for the opportunity and will work as hard as I can for this board and Benzie County.

Comm Roelofs says thank you all for this past year; you have taught me many things. That I serve not only the residents that voted for me, I serve all of the Benzie County residents. ^{Getting} Get along with people is huge. Really appreciate what the employees bring to us. The Strategic Plan needs to be forefront. Financial study is huge – we need to pay attention to it. If elected, look forward to serving everyone.

Motion by Sauer, seconded by Jeannot, to have the vote for chair be open voice vote. Ayes: Jeannot, Sauer and Taylor Nays: Farrell, Nye, Roelofs and Warsecke Motion fails.

Secret ballot is used for election; tallied by clerk.

Commissioner Sauer received 3 votes

Commissioner Roelofs received 4 votes

Comm Roelofs assumes the chair.

Agenda:

Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Nye, to approve the agenda as amended, add Legal Counsel RFP prior to adoption of Resolutions. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

9:15 a.m. Public Input

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Valerie Gerhart – Advocates for Benzie County – public forum being held on Thursday, January 16, 2020 -- 5:45 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Mills Community House regarding childcare. A lasagna dinner will be served from 5:45 – 6:45 p.m. The program will begin following dinner.

9:18 a.m. Public Input Closed

Election of Vice Chair:

Commissioner Sauer nominates Art Jeannot

Commissioner Taylor nominates Rhonda Nye

Chair Roelofs nominates Evan Warsecke

Voice vote: Jeannot – Jeannot; Nye – Warsecke; Roelofs – Warsecke; Taylor – Nye; Warsecke – Warsecke; Farrell – Nye; Sauer -- Jeannot
Comm Warsecke declared Vice Chair for 2020.

Meeting Dates and Times:

Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Farrell, to set the start time for all 2020 Board of Commissioner meetings at 9:00 a.m. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs and Taylor Nays: Sauer and Warsecke
Motion carried.

Motion by Sauer, seconded by Nye, to set the 2020 meetings dates and times as presented. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Board Rules:

Changes to be made: All references to chairman or chairperson will now be chair.

1.1 – remove March and December

1.12 -- MCL 46.1 to be researched for Annual Meeting

1.51 -- Text to be added as a means of providing notice to the Board members

4.4 – Appointment to Authorities & Other Agencies: Remove AES and Add MAC Transportation and MAC Ag & Tourism

Motion by Nye, seconded by Farrell, to re-establish the HR Committee to meet monthly and report to the Committee of the Whole (COTW). Ayes: Farrell, Nye, Roelofs, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: Jeannot and Sauer

5.11 Agenda: Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Jeannot, to move Action Items to follow Elected Officials & Dept Head Comments and move Presentation of Correspondence before Public Input. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

10:25 a.m. Comm Farrell excused

Motion by Sauer, seconded by Warsecke, to adopt the 2020 Board Rules with changes. Roll call. Ayes: Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Farrell Motion carried.

Public Input Statement:

Motion by Nye, seconded by Taylor, to adopt the Public Input statement as presented. Roll call.

Ayes: Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: Sauer Exc: Farrell Motion carried.

Commissioner Committee Appointments:

Chair Roelofs requested that commissioners provide their preference list to him so that appointments can be made. Requests to be submitted by January 14, 2020.

Step 3 – COAM Grievance #19-935:

Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Warsecke, to appoint County Administrator Mitchell Deisch to act on its behalf regarding Step 3 of the COAM grievance # 19-935. Roll call. Ayes: Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Farrell Motion carried.

Resolutions:

Depositories: Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Nye, to adopt resolution 2020-001 setting the County Depositories as presented, authorizing the chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Farrell Motion carried.

ACH: Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Taylor, to adopt resolution 2020-002 ACH (Automatic Clearing House) Electronic Transfer Transactions as presented, authorizing the chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Farrell Motion carried.

Fair Housing: Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Taylor, to adopt resolution 2020-003 Fair Housing Resolution as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Farrell Motion carried.

Payment of Bills: Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Nye, to authorize payment of the bills from December 17, 2019 to January 7, 2020 in the amount of \$410,978.05. Roll call. Ayes: Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Farrell Motion carried.

RFQ – Legal Services: Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Sauer, to direct the appropriate management to put together an RFQ for general legal counsel for this board. Ayes: Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Farrell Motion carried.

County Administrator Mitch Deisch stated that he could have the information to this board by the end of March 2020.

10:53 a.m. PUBLIC INPUT

Comm Sauer said thank you for the opportunity to have served as Chair of this board; phone reimbursement to the chair is allowed and he never took it – he would ask that the chair continue that way.

Comm Jeannot stated that he feels we went through the right process today and we remember that we are working for all.

Annie Browning said that you did a really good job today; diverse perspectives are the best.

10:55 a.m. Public Input Closed

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Motion by Sauer, seconded by Roelofs, to adjourn until January 14, 2020 Regular Meeting or the call of the chair. Ayes: Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Farrell Motion carried.

Bob Roelofs -- Chairman

Dawn Olney – Benzie County Clerk

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1. Bob Roelofs elected chair for 2020.
2. Approved the agenda as amended, add Legal Counsel RFQ.
3. Evan Warsecke elected Vice Chair for 2020.
4. Set the start time for all 2020 Board of Commissioner meetings at 9:00 a.m.
5. Set the 2020 meetings dates and times as presented.
6. Authorized to re-establish the HR Committee to meet monthly and report to the Committee of the Whole (COTW).
7. Amended the Agenda format to move Action Items to follow Elected Officials & Dept Head Comments and move Presentation of Correspondence before Public Input.
8. Adopted the 2020 Board Rules with changes.
9. Adopted the Public Input statement as presented.
10. Appointed County Administrator Mitchell Deisch to act on its behalf regarding Step 3 of the COAM grievance # 19-935.
11. Adopted resolution 2020-001 setting the County Depositories.
12. Adopted resolution 2020-002 ACH (Automatic Clearing House) Electronic Transfer Transactions.
13. Adopted resolution 2020-003 Fair Housing Resolution as presented.
14. Authorized payment of the bills in the amount of \$410,978.05.
15. Directed the appropriate management to put together an RFQ for general legal counsel for this board. County Administrator Mitch Deisch indicated that he could have the information to this board by the end of March 2020.

Elected Officials And Department Heads

9-1-1
Police
Fire / EMS

Benzie County Central Dispatch

505 S. Michigan Ave Beulah MI 49617
Non-emergency 231-882-4487 / Fax 231-882-5894



To: Board of Commissioners
From: Rebecca Hubers – Director/EMC

Re: Recap of December 2019

The 911 Committee has not met since September 2019. A meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2020 to set the 2020 schedule and fill officer positions.

We completed dispatch applicant testing and interviews before the Thanksgiving holiday. We selected four strong candidates from that process and have put them on a list. They have all been advised that hiring is contingent on a resolution to lift the hiring freeze. My hope is to fill at least one position. We have four waiting, as there is the possibility that more than one may find employment with another agency as we wait for hiring to reopen.

After reviewing the needs requests from dispatch, projecting the future staff needs of dispatch, and the analyzing how best to utilize the Deputy Director/Dispatch Supervisor position to meet the 911 Center needs with my dual role. I will be requesting funding for an additional communications specialist position.

WestTel continues to search for a resolution to the technology glitch with “blind” transfers that it still being researched by all the phone associated groups.

I was advised the “echoes” complaint I reported to both West Tel and Equature is most likely external and is not a problem with the phone equipment.

The Frankfort repeater has been installed and there is also a technology glitch being researched by the vendor and the installer to get it to function properly. Grand Traverse Mobile is finishing their upgrade repairs. Because of the install delay, I learned that the approved funds for this project were not used in 2019 and returned to fund balance and the invoice was paid in January.

The priority project for the department is Computer Aided Dispatch laptop purchases and support equipment (docking stations & modems) for EMS/Fire/Police as operational software will no longer supported after January 2020. I have received quotes from two vendors and am finishing up on additional components and installation requirements. There is a shortage in the equipment line for this project, I will be requesting a budget amendment from fund balance. Committee review scheduled for January 9, 2020.

Dispatch station computers are also due for replacement.

Sincerely – Rebecca Hubers

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	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19
9-1-1 Calls	788	824	594	629	422	440	556	586	429	462	534	643
Admin Inbound calls	2213	2299	1727	1713	1540	1229	1661	1400	1411	1365	1575	1818
Transferred 9-1-1 to another PSAP	38	38	30	55	25	20	29	37	14	23	20	31
Transfers within building											205	205
Call for Service Nature types:												
Abandoned 9-1-1	36	43	55	36	20	28	34	30	31	26	44	77
Abandoned Vehicle	8	1		2	1	4	2	1	16	2	3	1
Accidental Dial	13	10	9	5	6	3	6	5	8	7	9	24
Alarm - Commercial	7	8	13	10	7	10	10	8	11	4	4	5
Alarm - Medical	9	4	2	11	4	5	4	7	7	6	9	5
Alarm - Residential	12	17	20	12	11	8	11	6	5	9	13	9
Ambulance Request	169	162	134	130	108	119	127	117	124	113	133	129
Ambulance Transfer	46	58	22	46	22	26	22	23	29	17	27	39
Animal Control Complaint	21	12	15	13	8	9	10	12	13	13	23	18
Assault	9	5	4	2	6	4	5	3	6	6	4	7
Assist Other Dept / County	22	17	19	10	14	12	14	18	14	18	16	23
Be on the Lookout		2	4	1	1	3	5	2	1		7	3
Boater in Distress		5	1									
Boating Complaint	5	6	3	1								2
Breaking and Entering	1	5	4	2	2	2	1		2	3	1	6
Breaking and Entering - In progress	2	3	1	2					1			1
Breaking and Entering - Vehicle					1						1	
Bullying			3				1				1	1
Bus Lights Disregarded			2	2	3	1			1	1	1	
Car vs Bear - Property Damage Accident											1	2
Car vs Deer - Property Damage Accident	21	15	28	36	45	23	13	11	22		14	20
Careless Use	5	6	4	4	2	3			3	4		2
Child Neglect	1									1		
Child Abuse		1					1	1			1	
Citizen Assist	12	4	11	6	1	3	5	4	4	8	7	9
Civil - Assist	1					1		3		1	1	4
Civil - Dispute	1	2	1	5	1	1	2	3	3	2	1	1
Civil - Standby	1	2	3	4	4	2	4	3	3	3	2	3
Computer Crime		1						1				
Counterfeit Money / ID											1	
Criminal Sexual Conduct (CSC)		2	1		2	1			1		2	2
Custody Dispute	1	3	2	2	1	1		2	1	1		1
Deer Permit Issued		1	1		2				1		1	
Disorderly Subject		2	1				1				2	1
Domestic Violence	8	1	4	5	4	5	4	3	7	4	3	4
Drug Activity	7	4	3	4	1			1	3	4	2	2
Embezzlement						1	1		1			
EMS Centralize		1										
Family Trouble	4	6	7		4	7	5	2	3	7	3	4
Fight in Progress	4	2	4		2			1		1		2
Fire - Alarm	10	6	5	5	1	1	3	4	2		5	3
Fire - Brush				1			1			3	4	1
Fire - Chimney							1				1	
Fire - Grass									1	2	2	
Fire - Other		12	4	6	5	4	2	7	3	8	9	7
Fire - Structure	1	1	2	3	5	3	4	4		4	7	2
Fire - Vehicle	2					2			2	4	2	1
Fireworks Complaint	14	4	2			2					2	4
Found Property	4	8	8	7	4	2	1		2	2	5	7
Fraud	6	10	6	6	6	5	2	2	5	2	3	5
Gas Drive Off	8	6	5	6	3	5	6	3	4	6	4	7
Gas Leak (Natural Gas)	1		1	1	1	2		3			2	
Harassment	8	5	7	5	2	4	3	4	3	8		2
Harassing Telephone Calls / Text		1		1	2		1	1			4	2

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	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19
Hazardous Material Spill / Leak										1		1
Identity Theft				1			1	1		1	1	1
Illegal Burn					2	1				3	6	2
Illegal Dumping	1	1	2						1	4	1	3
Illegal Fireworks												
Incorrigible Youth	2	1	1	3	1	1	2	2	1	1	4	
Injured Animal	5	1	1	7	5	6	7	5	8	2	2	2
Intoxicated Driver - Suspected	2	5	3	3	1	3		2	3	2	3	2
Intoxicated Subject	5	2	1	2	2	3	1	2	2	3	4	1
Landlord / Tenant Dispute	2		1		2	3		1	1			1
Larceny	15	16	5	13	7	7	10	2	9	9	7	14
Leaving the scene of accident									1		1	1
Livestock in the roadway	2		1		1	2				2	1	2
Lost Property / Animal	2	2	2	4	1					1	3	4
Loud Party	3	6		1								2
Marijuana Possession						1						
Malicious Destruction of Property	9	13	6	10	5	2	6	2	7	7	4	6
Minor in possession of tobacco												
Minor in possession of alcohol				1	1	1	1	2	2	1		
Misdialed 9-1-1	12	17	7	12	10	3	8	6	13	9	17	8
Missing Person	5	4	4	5	2	1		1	1	1		4
Motorist Assist	6	16	12	5	5	6	11	16	14	8	12	12
Neighbor Dispute	5	2	2	3	4	1	1	2	2	4	5	3
Noise Complaint	6	7	5	3							4	5
Off Road Vehicle Complaint	2	1								1		2
Open Door	3	1					2	1		1		
Open Intoxicant in a Motor Vehicle	1											
Other / Misc	41	43	48	22	22	25	26	18	23	15	24	35
Parking Complaint	10	10	4	2	2		3	2	3	5	3	4
Patient Transfer - EMS												
Peeping Tom					1							
Person in the Water		1	2									
Personal Injury Accident	8	11	8	1	2	4	7	5	4	1		5
Personal Protection Order - Entry		3	2	3	2			4	3	4	1	3
Personal Protection Order - Violation	1	2	1	1		1	2		1	3		2
Possession of Illegal Substance												
Power Line - Down, Fire, Arcing	6	17	15	29	2	6	7	7	1	5	7	5
Private Property Accident	9	13	4	3	1	6	5	3	5	2	4	8
Probation Violation							1					
Property Check	1	3	4		1	1		1			3	
Property Damage Accident	28	31	17	15	25	20	36	22	17	11	11	12
Property Dispute	1			1					1	1		
Prowler												
Reckless Driver	40	48	26	23	20	21	6		11	18	20	39
Road Hazard	9	7	12	4	7	8	11	11	14	7	2	3
Robbery - Armed												
Robbery - Unarmed												
Roll Over - Personal Injury Accident	1	1	1	2	3	2	1					1
Roll Over - Property Damage Accident				1	4	9	8	3	5	1	1	
Runaway	1	1	1							1	1	
Sex Offender Violations												
Shoplifting	5	1				1		1		1		1
shots fired complaint												
Snowmobile Complaint									1			
Stalking											1	
Suicidal Subject	1	5	4	3	5	4	2	3	6	2	6	6
Suspicious Mail / Package			1	1								
Suspicious Person	2	6	9	6	5	2	1		3	3	5	1
Suspicious Telephone Call / Text	1	1										
Suspicious Situation	24	30	22	20	17	10	11	20	17	11	21	22
Suspicious Vehicle	8	12	13	7	8	8	4	6	5	4	8	7

	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19
Test Call						6	6	62	9	8	5	4
Threats	6	3	3	6	1	2	6	2	5	1	5	
Traffic Stop	454	411	324	259	162	249	172	173	230	261	457	388
Tree Down in Road	17	37	25	67	4	7	7	24	5	18	10	10
Trespassing	2	3	9	6	4		3		3	2	4	1
Truancy										1		3
Unauthorized Driving Away Automobile	3	2	1	2	1	1	1	1			2	4
Uninitiated 9-1-1 call			10	1		1	1	5	3		1	
Unknown Accident	4	1	3		8	1	4		3		1	3
Unwanted Person	3	6	6	1	4		2	2	7	5	3	10
Unwanted Telephone Calls / Texts												2
Vandalism	4			1				1				
Vehicle in Ditch	2		3	3	15	10	23	19	6	3		3
Verbal Dispute	4		1		1	2		1	5	3	6	
VIN Inspection	3	4	4	11		5			1	5	3	3
Warrant Attempt	3			1	1	2	1			1		
Warrant Arrest	2	1	1									
Warrant Entry		17	16	19	11	9	10	21	20	12	15	16
Warrant TIP		1	2	2	1		1		1	1	1	
Water Rescue									1			2
Welfare Check	13	21	6	12	6	16	12	13	11	4	16	17
TOTAL	1,385	1,325	1,091	1,011	720	797	748	785	845	793	1,117	1,154

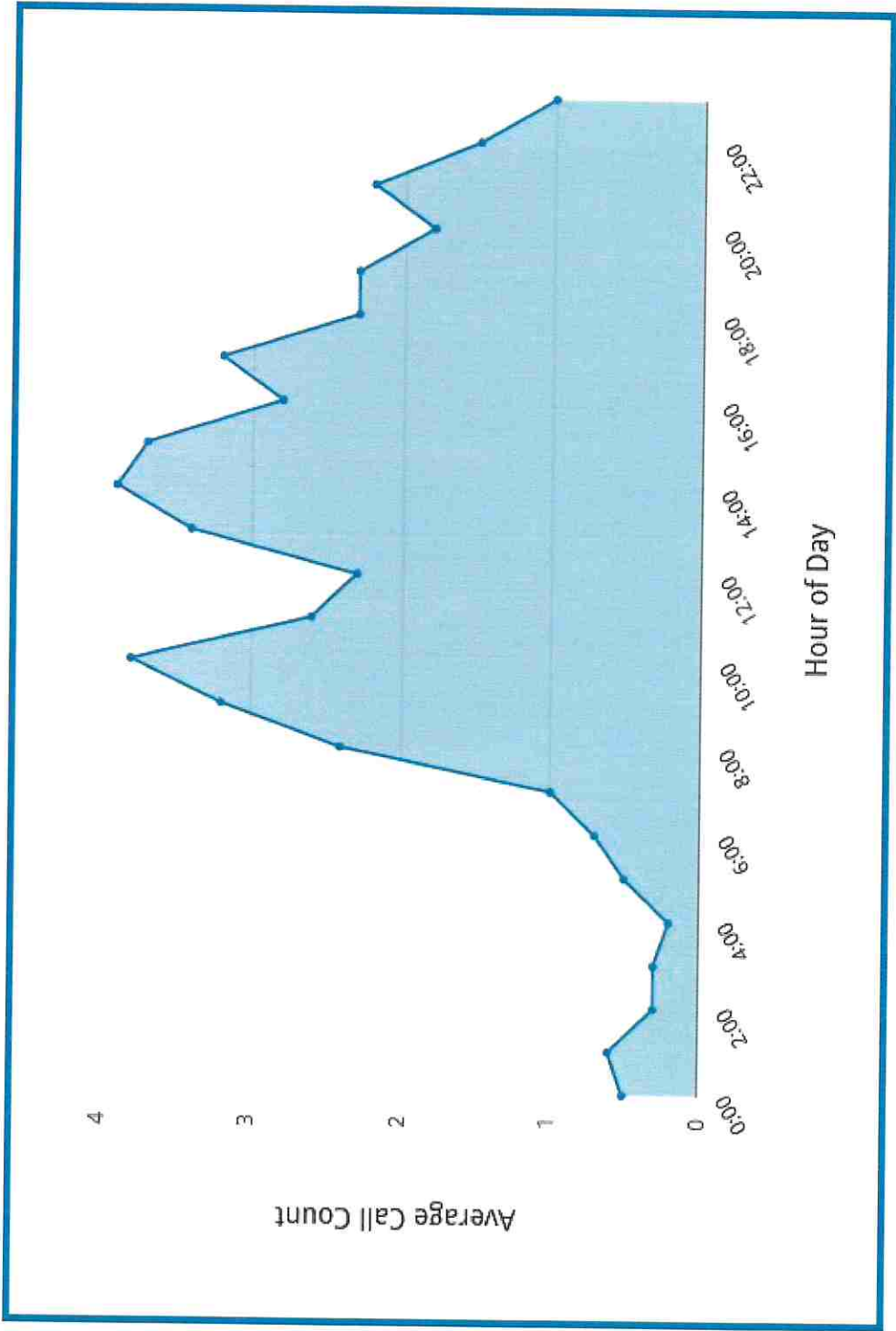
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Smart911												
					Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19
Total number of profiles as of =					382	383	431	734	751	754	754	758
9-1-1 calls to Dispatch with profile					31	10	18	10	8	12	6	10
Chat by text									20	13	27	36
Chat with response									13	7	17	19

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Admin Inbound Calls – Calls by Hour of Day

12/1/2019 to 12/31/2019



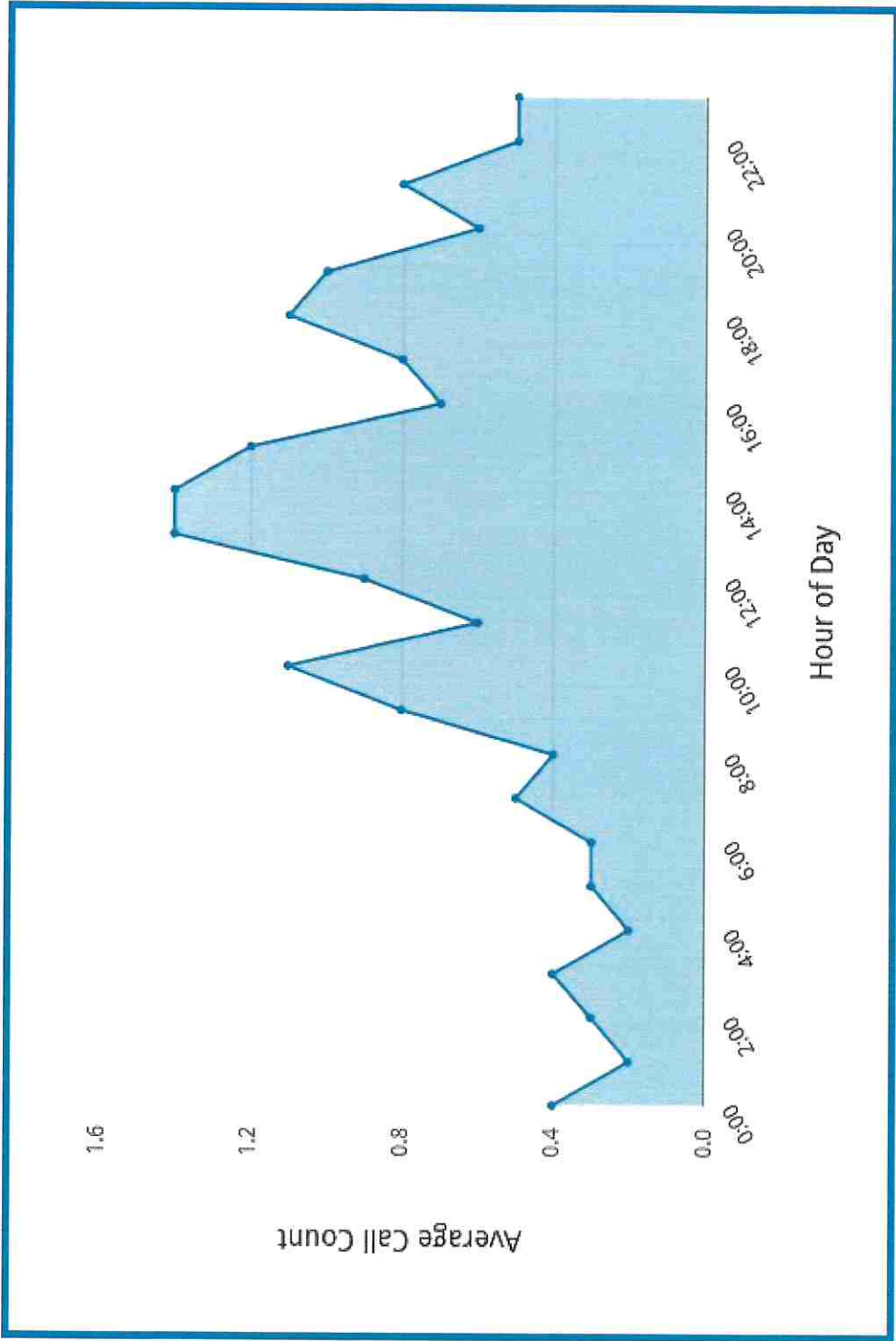
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Hour	Average Call Count	Highest Call Count	Total Call Count	Percentage	Tandem Transfers	NG911 Transfers	Blind Transfers	Attended Transfers	Conference Transfers	Total Transfers
—	1.9	12	1441	100.0%	0	0	130	25	0	155

BENZIE COUNTY (CENTRAL DISPATCH), MI

9-1-1 Inbound Calls – Calls by Hour of Day

12/1/2019 to 12/31/2019



SUMMARY

Hour	Average Call Count	Highest Call Count	Total Call Count	Percentage	Tandem Transfers	NG911 Transfers	Blind Transfers	Attended Transfers	Conference Transfers	Total Transfers
—	0.7	7	500	100.0%	22	0	1	0	0	23

ACTION ITEMS

Commissioner Reports

County Administrator Report



448 Court Place • Beulah, MI 49617

Memo To: Board of Commission
From: Mitchell D. Deisch, Administrator 
Date: January 8, 2019
Subject: January 14, 2020 BOC Administrator Update

1. **RPDO Accepting Neglect and Abuse Court Appointments** – Previously I have discussed with the BOC that Commissioner Gary Sauer and I have meet with Circuit Court Judge David Thompson about the lack of attorney's in Benzie County who are willing to accept court appointed neglect and abuse cases. Based upon this issue and need in Benzie County, conversations were started with Rep. Jack O'Malley regarding the possibility of requesting the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC) funding be used for court appointed neglect and abuse cases. Currently the MIDC funding can only be used on adult indigent criminal defense. Rep. O'Malley has agreed to work with Benzie County and propose new legislation that would allow for the Regional Public Defenders Office to be assigned to neglect and abuse cases. Attached is the paperwork that was presented to Rep. O'Malley.
2. **Contract Negotiations** – Right before the end of the 2019, the BOC and FOPLC Deputies agreed on a new contract. Several re-opener contracts (POAM 911, COAM Corrections Command, POAM Corrections) were waiting until the FOPLC contact was completed to see what wage increases and defined contribution %'s were agreed to. With the completion of this contract, Labor Attorney Matt Nordfjord, sent new economic proposals to the unions on Friday December 27, 2019. As of Friday January 3, 2020, we have not heard back from any of the POAM/COAM Business agents regarding the re-openers. Until we hear back from them, we are in a holding pattern. Likewise, we are also still negotiating with the POAM EMS. The most recent meeting with POAM EMS was 12/23/19 with a state appointed mediator. More to follow.
3. **Budget at a Glance** – Finance Manager Susan Boyd is finalizing the 2019/2020 Budget at a Glance document and it should be available in January 2020 for distribution.
4. **2019 Audit** – The September 30, 2019 annual audit is slated to start with Anderson Tackman mid-January 2020. Traditionally Auditors are here for approximately a week, with the final audit being presented to the full BOC in March-April 2020.
5. **RPDO Intergovernmental Transfers of Functions and Responsibilities Contract**- At the end of December 2019, Commissioner Gary Sauer executed the RPDO contract that was originally approved by the BOC in August 2019. The delay in signing the agreement by both Benzie County

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and Manistee County, was waiting for the MIDC to approve the next year grant funding agreement. A copy of the fully executed agreement is included.

6. **Quarterly Financial Review** – The first quarter financial review for FY 19/20 will be presented by Finance Manager Susan Boyd at the last meeting in January 2020.
 7. **Scheduled Vacation** – I am scheduled to be on vacation Monday January 27, 2020 through Friday January 31, 2020. I will be making my 11 or 12th trip to the Dominican Republic on a Rotary International Humanitarian Mission. I will be chaperoning 4 Benzie High School students with me on this trip. I will be back in the office Monday February 3, 2020.
-

Mitch Deisch

From: Jack O'Malley <JOmalley@house.mi.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 30, 2019 9:48 PM
To: Mitch Deisch
Cc: jhenry@manistee-county.mi.gov; Gary Sauer; David Thompson; Patricia Heins; David Kieft
Subject: Re: Scanned image from MX-3100N

Gentlemen

Thank you for the request and information. I have spoken briefly with the Judicial Chair and he thought that this sounded very reasonable.

I am hopeful we can get something done. Once we return to

Session next week we will put the wheels in motion to draft legislation. Once that draft is ready we'll forward to you to take a look.

We'll be in touch. Thanks for all you do for the people of the 101st!!!

Jack

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From: Mitch Deisch <MDeisch@benzieco.net>
Sent: Monday, December 30, 2019 3:28:11 PM
To: Jack O'Malley <JOmalley@house.mi.gov>
Cc: jhenry@manistee-county.mi.gov <jhenry@manistee-county.mi.gov>; Gary Sauer <garysauer53@yahoo.com>; David Thompson <dathompson@manistee-county.mi.gov>; Patricia Heins <c1951pah@manistee-county.mi.gov>; David Kieft <dkieft@manistee-county.mi.gov>
Subject: FW: Scanned image from MX-3100N

Dear Representative O'Malley,

Thank you for your willingness to work with Benzie County to amend how the current State of Michigan Indigent Defense Commissions defines how state funds can be used to provide only adult indigent defense. I am always hesitant to use the state definition of "grant dollars" or "grant agreement", based upon the fact that it was not County government that initially requested funds to improve indigent defense at the local level, rather it was a state law that ~~mandated County governments implement 4 requirements centered around improving indigent defense. We have been told that 4 more requirements are on their way that must also be implemented by County government.~~

Thus based upon the new MIDC statute, Counties were required to create a plan that would address the first 4 MIDC standards, which Benzie County accomplished by creating a Regional Public Defenders Office with Manistee County. By partnering with Manistee County, we were able to address a newly state mandated service more efficiently and less costly by creating a Regional Public Defenders Office. In addition to the Regional Public Defenders Office, Benzie has also partnered with Manistee County on creating a Regional Medical Examiner's Office and also have partnered with the 19th Circuit Court that serves both counties. Each of these initiatives have increased efficiencies and reduced expenses to both counties.

With the creation of the Regional Public Defenders Office, it exposed an area of concern regarding attracting and retaining quality attorneys in the two counties that can receive other court appointments. Three out of the five attorneys that staff the Regional Public Defender's office, previously accepted court appointed cases. Based upon the rules of the MIDC that state that funds used to support the Regional Public Defenders Office can only be used for adult indigent criminal defense. Currently the highly qualified attorneys in the Regional Public Defenders Office are not

allowed to accept neglect and abuse cases. Simply put, there are not enough remaining attorney's to accept neglect and abuse cases, thus putting the judges in a unpopular position of needing to assign outside legal counsel, that far exceeds the County's ability to pay.

What we are asking the legislature to consider is passing a new statute that allows MIDC funded attorney's to be allowed to accept neglect and abuse cases. This would address this unintended consequence of the MIDC statute.

Thank you for your time and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Mitchell D. Deisch
Benzie County Administrator
448 Court Place
Beulah, MI 49617
231-882-0558

-----Original Message-----

From: sharp@benzieco.net <sharp@benzieco.net>
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THE CIRCUIT COURT

MANISTEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE
415 THIRD STREET
MANISTEE, MICHIGAN 49660
231-723-6664
231-723-1645 (FAX)



BENZIE COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER
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STATE OF MICHIGAN
19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
MANISTEE AND BENZIE COUNTIES

HON. DAVID A. THOMPSON
CHIEF JUDGE

December 6, 2019

Rep. Jack O'Malley
Anderson House Office Building
S-1385 House Office Building
PO Box 30014
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Representative O'Malley:

Recently, I discussed with Benzie County Board Chairman Gary Sauer and Benzie County Administrator Mitch Deisch the unintended consequences the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission Act (Act 93 of 2013) has had on the Court's ability to ensure that parents and children have effective, well trained attorneys to represent each in neglect/abuse cases.

As a result of the Act, Benzie and Manistee Counties created the Manistee/Benzie Public Defender's Office for the delivery of indigent criminal defense. Five local attorneys, three of whom previously accepted appointments in neglect/abuse matters, are now employed by this office. It is my understanding that because the counties receive state monies to offset local expenditures for indigent criminal defense, each of these attorneys are now precluded from representing parties in neglect/abuse cases; although many times the criminal defendant is also a respondent in the neglect/abuse matter alleging the same and/or related conduct.

I ask that you consider whether a legislative remedy may be available to allow small counties to realize the absolute benefits provided to our citizens through the passage of the MIDC Act while at the same time ensure that courts and funding units have the ability to appoint attorneys from a local public defender office to represent parents in neglect/abuse cases.

Aside from ensuring that an individual's constitutional rights are sufficiently protected, such an opportunity would also give courts the flexibility to ensure that permanency for children is accomplished

In a timely, efficient manner without jeopardizing title IV-E Social Security dollars that funding units rely on when managing a counties respective Child Care Fund.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 231-723-6664.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hon. David A. Thompson". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "D" and a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Hon. David A. Thompson, Chief Judge

DAT/pah

Cc: Mr. Gary Saurer, Chairman, Benzie County Board of Commissioners
Mr. Mitch Delsch, Benzie County Administrator
Mr. Jared Henry, Chief Public Defender for Manistee and Benzie Counties.

Memorandum on Issues Regarding the Appointment of Neglect and Abuse
Attorneys following the MIDC ACT

Rep. Jack O'Malley
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The 19th Circuit Court is having difficulty finding attorneys to accept neglect and abuse appointments. There are only three attorneys accepting neglect and abuse appointments in Benzie County with talks of some leaving the contract. Often in neglect and abuses cases, the court will have to appoint an attorney to represent the father, an attorney to represent the mother, and an attorney to represent the children (guardian ad litem). When the father is unknown, the court will also appoint attorneys to each putative father for the purposes of establishing paternity. In our rural community, the demand is greater than the supply.

Three local attorneys who were previously accepting both criminal and neglect and abuse appointments in Manistee County and Benzie County, are now employed as attorneys in the Public Defender's Office; thus, decreasing the supply of neglect and abuse attorneys in the area even further. The Public Defender's Office was recently created by the Counties to meet the State's minimum standards of defense adopted by the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission. MCL 780.989.

The Hon. David A. Thompson, Judge of 19th Circuit Court, has appeared before the Manistee-Benzie Joint Court Committee and requested the County Board of Commissioners discuss with the newly formed Public Defender's Office about helping with neglect and abuse cases. The Public Defender's Office could only accept one appointment per neglect and abuse case. Since the Public Defender's Office is one law firm, it cannot represent multiple parties with competing defenses/claims. A proper example of this is when a petition for adjudication arises out of a companion criminal

complaint. The Public Defender's office would likely get the underlying criminal complaint, and therefore would have to represent the same criminally accused parent in the neglect and abuse file. The Public Defender's Office cannot represent the criminally accused parent and the child (as guardian ad-litem) involved in the neglect and abuse file.

Although there is a willingness to help, the salary and fringe benefits for the attorneys in the Public Defender's Office are paid for using State dollars specifically earmarked for adult indigent criminal defense. MCL 780.993. These State appropriated dollars are passed through the Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Commission to the local counties by grant agreement. Even the counties' local share contribution is specifically earmarked for adult indigent criminal defense by statute. MCL 780.993(1) and (2). The Michigan Indigent Defense Commission has declared that local systems are not allowed to use these monies to lend assistance in the neglect and abuse files. Therefore, the Public Defender's Office is not permitted to accept neglect and abuse cases without jeopardizing funding.

One option is for the counties to add additional funding above the local share to hire an attorney specifically for handling neglect and abuse cases and allow that attorney to be supervised and housed within the Public Defender's Office. Representatives of the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission has declared that local systems are not permitted to operate in this fashion as well. This has left counties with few attorneys with no options.

This problem is not exclusive to Manistee and Benzie County. Reports from rural counties across Michigan believe that absent Legislative action, they will continue to suffer from a shortage of available attorneys.

The Michigan Legislature should consider adding provisions to the Michigan Indigent Defense Act to allow for the representation of Neglect and Abuse cases as discussed. Consider placing this proposal before the Michigan Judiciary Committee, or a similar committee, to draft legislation that will provide the same benefits to parties in neglect and abuse proceedings that are currently being realized

from the changes to the representation of the adult criminal accused following the passage of the Michigan Indigent Defense Act.

Mitch Deisch

From: Jack O'Malley <JOMalley@house.mi.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2019 4:59 PM
To: Mitch Deisch
Cc: David Thompson; Gary Sauer; jhenry@manistee-county-mi.gov; John Wells
Subject: RE: Neglect and Abuse Representation

Mitch

Thanks for the update, I look forward to working on legislation that will make a change. I did chat with the Chair of the House Judiciary Committee as this bill would eventually make it to him. He thought that the concept was a good one. I think people here know that there will need to be adjustments to the law...and this is one! Send the paper along when it's ready!

Jack

From: Mitch Deisch <MDeisch@benzieco.net>
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2019 3:58 PM
To: Jack O'Malley <JOMalley@house.mi.gov>
Cc: David Thompson <dathompson@manistee-county-mi.gov>; Gary Sauer <garysauer53@yahoo.com>; jhenry@manistee-county-mi.gov
Subject: Neglect and Abuse Representation

Rep. O'Malley,

I just wanted to follow up with your office regarding a conversation that we had several weeks ago with Benzie County Chairperson Gary Sauer regarding the utilization of the Benzie/Manistee Regional Public Defender's Office for representation on neglect and abuse case.

As you will recall the MIDC currently is not supportive of the use state funds to be used for neglect and abuse cases.

Last week the 19th Circuit Court Judge David A. Thompson, Benzie County Chairperson Gary Sauer, Regional Public Defender Jared Henry and myself discussed the need for preparing a memo/position paper that would be submitted to your office for it to be placed in legislation that would be submitted to the full House of Representatives. Please know that we are currently working on this documentation and that once it is completed, it will be submitted to your office.

Thank you for your willingness to assist not only Benzie County, but all counties that are challenged to find enough attorneys who will accept this indigent representation.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Mitchell D. Deisch
Benzie County Administrator
448 Court Place
Beulah, MI 49617
231-882-0558

**AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES
CONTRACT BETWEEN
THE COUNTY OF BENZIE AND THE COUNTY OF MANISTEE**

THIS INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES CONTRACT ("Agreement"), made and entered into this 26 day of December, 2019 by and between the County of Benzie, a municipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of Michigan ("Benzie County") and the County of Manistee a municipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of Michigan ("Manistee County").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Michigan Constitution of 1963, Article 7, Section 28 permits a political subdivision to exercise jointly with any other political subdivision any power, privilege or authority which such political subdivisions share in common with each other and which each might exercise separately;

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Transfers of Functions and Responsibilities Act, being MCL 124.531 et seq., (the "Act") gives effect to the Constitutional provision by providing that two (2) or more "Political Subdivisions" may enter into a contract with each other providing for the transfer of functions or responsibilities to one another upon the consent of each Political Subdivision involved in the contract;

WHEREAS, the Benzie County is a duly constituted government entity which also constitutes a "Political Subdivision" as defined in the Act;

WHEREAS, Manistee County is a duly constituted government entity which also constitutes a "Political Subdivision" as defined in the Act;

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan passed the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (the "MIDC") legislation that requires all Counties to implement the first four standards to enhance indigent defense;

WHEREAS, the MIDC requires each County to implement the standards to enhance indigent defense;

WHEREAS, both Benzie and Manistee have cooperated in creating the Benzie/Manistee Regional Public Defenders Office to address the required standards developed by the MIDC;

WHEREAS, Manistee County is authorized by law to provide the services required by the MIDC for both Benzie and Manistee County; and

WHEREAS, the Counties believe that there will be significant advantages and benefits for indigent defense services through Benzie/Manistee Regional Public Defenders Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises contained in this agreement, Benzie County agrees to jointly implement the MIDC contract with the State of Michigan for the first four criteria and jointly agrees to work toward implementing the next four criteria once they are approved by the MIDC under the following terms:

1. **TERM AND TERMINATION.** This Agreement will begin on _____, 2019 and continue in full force and effect until terminated. Either county may terminate this Agreement, with or without cause, by giving a one (1) year written notice to the other county to the Agreement, prior to such Termination; provided, however, neither county may withdraw from this Agreement unless it has first satisfied any and all financial and/or other commitments for which it has become obligated during the term of the Agreement. If Manistee County provides written notice to Benzie County that it cannot lawfully fulfill the responsibilities and obligations transferred to Manistee County under this Agreement, through no fault of Manistee County, and that Manistee County is unable to obtain/restore its ability to fulfill those responsibilities and obligations; Manistee County may terminate this Agreement no earlier than 30 days from the date Benzie County receives the notice.
 2. **GRANT FIDUCIARY.** Manistee County will act as the fiduciary for Grant # 2020- __ with the State of Michigan to provide funds to the Benzie/Manistee Regional Public Defenders Office __ (the "Grant Agreement"), which will provide required indigent defense in both counties as described in Grant Agreement which is incorporated by reference and attached to this Agreement as Exhibit 1. All grant funds will flow through Manistee County. Benzie County will submit all invoices associated with the Regional Public Defenders Office to Manistee County for reimbursement. The parties expressly recognize that due to the fact that Manistee County will act as the fiduciary for the Benzie/Manistee Regional Public Defenders Office, the State of Michigan only requires Manistee County to sign the grant agreement with the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission.
 3. **EMPLOYMENT STATUS.** All employees of the Benzie/Manistee Regional Public Defenders Office shall be considered employed by Manistee County and will receive all benefits offered by Manistee County (the "designated employees"). The designated employees will be processed on the Manistee County payroll system, and to the extent possible, all bills for indigent defense for Benzie County will be submitted to and paid by Manistee County. Manistee County will provide a detailed quarterly accounting to Benzie County for Benzie's share of reimbursable expenses submitted to the State.
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4. **COMPENSATION.** Manistee County shall receive \$14,000 from the Benzie County local share, as approved by the MIDC, in compensation for services rendered as the grant fiduciary. These services include payroll, accounts payable, and human resources as it relates to the joint county public defense system.
 5. **HIRING/APPOINTMENT.** The designated employees will be paid a starting wage at hire or appointment as agreed upon by both counties. Further, both counties will have representation and participate in the hiring of the Regional Public Defender position.
 6. **OVERSIGHT.** The Regional Public Defender shall report directly to the Benzie County Administrator and Manistee County Administrator/controller.

7. COMMITTEE. The Regional Public Defender will participate in the Joint Regional Public Defenders Office Committee made up of representatives of Benzie and Manistee Counties.
8. CONTRACTING. Contracts for necessary services, equipment leases, etc. may be executed by Manistee County after both County Administrators have reviewed and agreed in writing to the terms of said contracts and such expenditures are consistent with the budget appropriation and Grant Agreement. Copies of all executed contracts shall be provided to each County's Administrator.
9. BUDGETING. The County Controllers/Administrators annually to review this Agreement and discuss related budgetary matters.
10. LIBERAL CONSTRUCTION. The provisions of this Agreement and the Intergovernmental Transfers of Functions and Responsibilities Act of 1967, shall be liberally construed in favor of the enforceability and validity of this Agreement.
11. CONFLICTING STATUTORY PROVISIONS. If any provision of this Agreement conflicts with any statute of the State of Michigan providing for the authorization or performance of joint or cooperative agreements or undertakings between public agencies of this State, the provisions of such statute(s) shall control.
12. NOTICES. Any notice required to be given pursuant to the terms and provisions of this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be sent by first class mail or email to the County Administrator.
13. WAIVERS. No failure or delay on the part of the parties to this Agreement in exercising any right, power, or privilege shall operate as a waiver nor shall a single or partial exercise of any right, power, or privilege preclude any other further exercise of any other rights, power, or privilege.
14. ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACTS. None of the parties shall assign or subcontract its duties and/or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party.
15. MODIFICATION OF AGREEMENT. Modifications, amendments, or waivers of any provision of this Agreement may be made only by the written mutual consent of the parties.
16. APPLICABLE LAW AND VENUE. This Agreement shall be construed according to the laws of the State of Michigan.
17. DISREGARDING TITLES. The titles of the sections set forth in this Agreement are inserted for the convenience of reference only and shall be disregarded when construing or interpreting any of the provisions of this Agreement.
18. COMPLETE AGREEMENT. This Agreement and any additional or supplemental documents incorporated by specific reference contains all the terms and conditions agreed by the parties, and no other agreements, oral or otherwise, regarding the subject matter of this Agreement or any part thereof, shall have any validity or bind any party.

19. INVALID PROVISIONS. If any clause or provision of this Agreement is rendered invalid or unenforceable because of any state or federal statute or regulation or ruling by any tribunal of competent jurisdiction, that clause or provision shall be null and void, any such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remainder of this Agreement. Where the deletion of the invalid or unenforceable clause or provision would result in the illegality and/or unenforceability of this Agreement, this Agreement shall be considered to have terminated as of the date in which the provision was rendered invalid or unenforceable.

20. CERTIFICATION OF AUTHORITY TO SIGN AGREEMENT. The persons signing this Agreement on behalf of the parties certify by their signatures that they are duly authorized to sign this Agreement on behalf of said parties and that this Agreement has been authorized by said parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement.

For Benzie County:

 12-26-19
Chairperson Date

 12/26/19
Administrator Date

For Manistee County:

 12/27/19
Chairperson Date

 12/27/19
Administrator Date

Finance Report

BILLS TO BE APPROVED January 14, 2020

Motion to approve Vouchers in the amount of:

\$	102,907.97	General Fund (101)
\$	20,288.54	Jail Fund (213)
\$	11,943.45	Ambulance Fund & ALS (214)
\$	15,166.42	Funds 105-238
\$	3,344.31	ACO Fund (247)
\$	18,253.48	Building (249)
\$	1,353.22	Dispatch 911 Fund (261)
\$	29,512.59	Funds 239-292
\$	43,775.22	Funds 293-640
\$	28,300.09	701 Fund
\$	-	Trust and Agency Funds & MSU Trust and Agency Fund (702-771)
<u>\$</u>	<u>274,845.29</u>	

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DAWN OLNEY
BENZIE COUNTY CLERK
BEULAH, MI 49617

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Dept 101 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS							
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101-101-860.00	TRAVEL	ROELOFS, ROBERT	MILEAGE FOR OCT/NOV/DEC 2019	MILEAGE	01/09/20	163.56	73431
101-101-900.00	PRINTING & PUBLISHING	PIONEER GROUP	BOC MEETINGS	43100200	01/09/20	61.00	73422
Total For Dept 101 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS						262.84	
Dept 131 CIRCUIT COURT							
101-131-805.00	DISTRICT CT APPOINTED AT	SPILLAN, JOHN	COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY	123119	01/09/20	1,532.76	73434
101-131-813.00	PROBATION EXPENSES	JACKPINE BUSINESS CEN	STAPLER/PENS/PADS/PAPER	449349-0	01/09/20	118.17	73387
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Total For Dept 131 CIRCUIT COURT						1,718.45	
Dept 136 DISTRICT COURT							
101-136-727.00	OFFICE SUPPLIES	MCCARDEL WATER CONDIT	JAN 2020 RENTAL	65-3316	01/09/20	9.00	73406
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101-136-805.10	PROBATE CT APPOINTED AT	HONEYWELL, MICHAEL R	C SHAVER	19-0182-MI	01/09/20	98.33	73380
101-136-805.10	PROBATE CT APPOINTED AT	KISH DYKSTRA & SCOTT	G THORNELL	28056	01/09/20	352.50	73398
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101-136-955.10	DUES & REGISTRATIONS	STATE OF MICHIGAN	CEO CERT: KIM LONG-MILLER	DP148	01/09/20	60.00	73440
101-136-962.20	JIS RELATED COSTS	STATE OF MICHIGAN	COURT CODE P10 / JAN-FEB-MAR 2020	DP140	01/09/20	963.82	73438
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Dept 141 FRIEND OF THE COURT							
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101-142-860.00	TRAVEL	CAMERON CLARK	MILEAGE/PHONE REIM	1/7/20	01/09/20	599.70	73359
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Dept 172 ADMINISTRATOR							
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Dept 253 COUNTY TREASURER							
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101-253-860.00	TRAVEL	THOMPSON, MICHELLE	MILEAGE FOR DECEMBER 2019	123119	01/09/20	62.70	73448
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Dept 261 MSU EXTENSION							
101-261-730.00	POSTAGE	BENZIE COUNTY CLERK	POSTAGE DECEMBER	123119	01/09/20	1.50	73342
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Dept 262 ELECTIONS							
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Dept 262 ELECTIONS							
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Dept 265 BUILDING & GROUNDS							
101-265-748.00	GAS, OIL & GREASE	BENZIE COUNTY ROAD CO	FUEL CHARGES DECEMBER	1267	01/09/20	39.55	73347
101-265-800.00	CONTRACTED SERVICES	GOTSCHALK CLEANING S	CLEANING SERVICES DECEMBER	906	01/09/20	3,200.00	73376
101-265-820.00	SNOW REMOVAL	BENZIE COUNTY ROAD CO	PARKING LOT MAINTENANCE DECEMBER	5244	01/09/20	66.38	73347
101-265-821.00	GARBAGE DISPOSAL	AMERICAN WASTE	WASTE DISPOSAL JANUARY	3422398	01/09/20	190.00	73334
101-265-850.00	TELEPHONE	PTS	PAY PHONE JANUARY 2020	2035324	01/09/20	50.00	73425
			Total For Dept 265 BUILDING & GROUNDS			3,545.93	
Dept 266 LEGAL & CONTRACTED SERVICES							
101-266-810.00	LEGAL FEES	FIGURA, RICHARD	GENERAL MATTERS	BC-674	01/09/20	694.00	73372
			Total For Dept 266 LEGAL & CONTRACTED SERVICES			694.00	
Dept 267 PROSECUTING ATTORNEY							
101-267-727.00	OFFICE SUPPLIES	VISA=SARA SWANSON	VISA #0132 DECEMBER	12162019	01/10/20	126.69	73458
101-267-901.00	RESOURCE MATERIALS	REXL INC. DBA LEXISNE	4252ZSHK8 DECEMBER BILLING	3092429143	01/11/20	88.00	73427
101-267-955.00	CONVENTIONS & MEETINGS	VISA=SARA SWANSON	POTTS, SONYA ESTABLISHMENT OF SUPP	139549	01/31/20	80.00	73459
101-267-955.10	DUES & REGISTRATIONS	VISA=SARA SWANSON	VISA #0132 DECEMBER	12162019	01/10/20	315.00	73458
			Total For Dept 267 PROSECUTING ATTORNEY			609.69	
Dept 275 DRAIN COMMISSION							
101-275-860.00	TRAVEL	DIXON, CRAIG	MILEAGE NOV & DEC	123119	01/09/20	87.00	73370
			Total For Dept 275 DRAIN COMMISSION			87.00	
Dept 285 CENTRAL SERVICES							
101-285-940.20	EQUIPMENT LEASE	TEAM FINANCIAL GROUP,	ADMINISTRATION COPIER	40020703	01/09/20	106.80	73446
			Total For Dept 285 CENTRAL SERVICES			106.80	
Dept 286 TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT							
101-286-963.00	COMPUTER SUPPORT	I.T. RIGHT	MONTHLY CONTRACTED SERVICES JANUAR	20162314	01/09/20	1,669.92	73383
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			Total For Dept 286 TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT			4,705.71	
Dept 301 SHERIFF							
101-301-727.00	OFFICE SUPPLIES	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVIC	DET BUR OFF SUPP	17CV-LQ73-JC31	02/05/20	24.99	73333
101-301-748.00	GAS, OIL & GREASE	BENZIE COUNTY ROAD CO	DEC 2019 FUEL	1266	01/20/20	2,510.19	73347
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101-301-800.00	CONTRACTED SERVICES	I.T. RIGHT	MONTHLY CONTRACTED SERVICES JANUAR	20162314	01/09/20	498.05	73383
101-301-850.00	TELEPHONE	CHARTER COMMUNICATION	DEC 2019	0010078122119	01/07/20	44.83	73363
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101-301-955.00	CONVENTIONS & DUES	VISA=TED SCHENDEL	MEMBERSHIP AND GOG	12302019	01/24/20	230.00	73460
			Total For Dept 301 SHERIFF			3,459.05	
Dept 601 HEALTH DEPARTMENT							
101-601-836.00	APPROPRIATIONS	BENZIE LEELELANAU HEALT	2ND QTR FY 2019/2020 APPROPRIATION	12302019	01/09/20	59,925.50	73352
			Total For Dept 601 HEALTH DEPARTMENT			59,925.50	
Dept 648 MEDICAL EXAMINER							
101-648-835.00	LAB FEES	MCLAREN MEDICAL LABOR	LAB FEES OCTOBER & NOVEMBER	2015.7/2015.8	01/09/20	147.00	73407

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Fund 101 GENERAL FUND							
Dept 648 MEDICAL EXAMINER							
101-648-959.00	FORENSIC AUTOPSIES	GOSLINOSKI, LOIS R. D	AUTOPSIES/DECEMBER 2019	123119	01/09/20	2,400.00	73375
			Total For Dept 648 MEDICAL EXAMINER			2,547.00	
Dept 649 MENTAL HEALTH							
101-649-836.00	APPROPRIATIONS	CENTRA WELLNESS NETWO	APPROPRIATIONS JANUARY 2020	893	01/09/20	10,091.92	73361
			Total For Dept 649 MENTAL HEALTH			10,091.92	
			Total For Fund 101 GENERAL FUND			102,907.97	
Fund 205 TNT OFFICER MILLAGE FUND							
Dept 000							
205-000-748.00	GAS, OIL & GREASE	BENZIE COUNTY ROAD CO	DEC 2019 FUEL	1266	01/20/20	219.22	73347
205-000-840.00	INTELL/INVESTIGATIONS	TRANSUNION RISK & ALT	DEC INTEL2019	939561-201912-1	02/15/20	50.00	73452
			Total For Dept 000			269.22	
			Total For Fund 205 TNT OFFICER MILLAGE FUND			269.22	
Fund 209 SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER							
Dept 000							
209-000-748.00	GAS, OIL & GREASE	BENZIE COUNTY ROAD CO	DEC 2019 FUEL	1266	01/20/20	55.80	73347
			Total For Dept 000			55.80	
			Total For Fund 209 SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER			55.80	
Fund 213 JAIL OPERATIONS FUND							
Dept 265 BUILDING & GROUNDS							
213-265-782.00	MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	NAPA AUTO SUPPLY, INC	SNOW BATT/MAINT SUPPLY	5366-444864	01/15/20	1.03	73413
213-265-783.00	EQUIP. SERVICES & SUPPLI	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVIC	MAINT SUPPLIES	1CJD-L4FG-1NLL	02/05/20	47.98	73333
213-265-783.00	EQUIP. SERVICES & SUPPLI	KSS ENTERPRISES	BODY SHAMPOO	1198426-1	01/29/20	48.10	73399
213-265-784.00	GARBAGE PICK-UP	AMERICAN WASTE	JAN 2020 PICK UP	3423695	01/31/20	100.00	73334
213-265-935.00	JAIL REPAIRS	JOHNSON CONTROLS FIRE	WIRING CELL B24/25	86493573	01/15/20	831.00	73389
			Total For Dept 265 BUILDING & GROUNDS			1,028.11	
Dept 351 JAIL - CORRECTIONS							
213-351-740.00	FOOD SUPPLIES	CANTEEN SERVICES	CRACKERS	93887	01/28/20	15.14	73360
213-351-740.00	FOOD SUPPLIES	CANTEEN SERVICES	MEALS DEC 2019	93886	01/15/20	7,068.00	73360
213-351-748.00	GAS, OIL & GREASE	BENZIE COUNTY ROAD CO	DEC 2019 FUEL	1266	01/20/20	58.16	73347
213-351-748.00	GAS, OIL & GREASE	VISA-TED SCENDEL	MEMBERSHIP AND GOG	12302019	01/24/20	6.97	73460
213-351-834.00	PRISONER MEDICAL - BENZI	ALL ACCESS CARE PLLC	DEC 2019 JAIL MEDICAL	IN47406	01/21/20	10,636.96	73332
213-351-940.20	EQUIPMENT LEASE - COPIER	TEAM FINANCIAL GROUP,	CONTRACT PAY	00022534	01/19/20	461.25	73446
213-351-961.00	TRAINING & SCHOOLS	VISA-DAN SMITH	TRAINING & SCHOOLS	12302019	01/24/20	105.75	73454
213-351-963.00	COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	I.T. RIGHT	MONTHLY CONTRACTED SERVICES JANUAR	20162314	01/09/20	908.20	73383
			Total For Dept 351 JAIL - CORRECTIONS			19,260.43	
			Total For Fund 213 JAIL OPERATIONS FUND			20,288.54	
Fund 214 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) FUND							
Dept 265 BUILDING & GROUNDS							
214-265-750.00	MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	FRANKFORT HARDWARE	ST 3 SUPPLIES	031495	01/09/20	55.27	73373
214-265-750.00	MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	MI PEST	PEST CONTROL	14961	01/09/20	60.00	73409
214-265-820.00	SNOW REMOVAL	A J'S EXCAVATING LLC	SNOW PLOWING ST 2	10754	01/09/20	105.00	73331
214-265-922.00	WATER & SEWER	MCCARDEL WATER CONDIT	RENTAL - 225 PARK, FRANKFORT	65-3322	01/09/20	52.50	73405
			Total For Dept 265 BUILDING & GROUNDS			272.77	

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Fund 214 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) FUND							
Dept 655 ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT (ALS)							
214-655-735.00	MEDICAL SUPPLIES	BOUND TREE MEDICAL, L	MED SUPPLIES	83463011	01/09/20	311.42	73357
214-655-735.00	MEDICAL SUPPLIES	BOUND TREE MEDICAL, L	MED SUPPLIES	83448099	01/09/20	60.00	73357
214-655-735.00	MEDICAL SUPPLIES	BOUND TREE MEDICAL, L	MED SUPPLIES	83451896	01/09/20	551.58	73357
214-655-735.00	MEDICAL SUPPLIES	MUNSON MEDICAL CENTER	PHTLs,PALS, PHARM CHARGES	11-19	01/09/20	660.00	73412
214-655-748.00	GAS, OIL & GREASE	BENZIE COUNTY ROAD CO	FUEL	1270	01/09/20	2,003.53	73347
214-655-748.00	GAS, OIL & GREASE	WEX BANK	SHELL FUEL BILL	62857193	01/09/20	339.57	73465
214-655-748.00	GAS, OIL & GREASE	XPRESS LUBE	A33 OIL CHANGE	48352	01/09/20	75.85	73466
214-655-751.00	UNIFORMS	TELE-RAD, INC.	JACKET FOR RYAN LEONARD AND MATT D	895982	01/09/20	207.98	73447
214-655-800.05	CONTRACTED SERVICES - TH	THOMPSONVILLE AMBULAN	TVMI-19-0342		01/09/20	250.00	73449
214-655-961.00	TRAINING & SCHOOLS	MUNSON MEDICAL CENTER	PHTLs,PALS, PHARM CHARGES	11-19	01/09/20	695.00	73412
214-655-963.00	COMPUTER SUPPORT	I.T. RIGHT	MONTHLY CONTRACTED SERVICES JANUAR	20162314	01/09/20	87.89	73383
214-655-970.00	EQUIPMENT	STRYKER FLEX FINANCIA	INSTALLMENT PAYMENT/MONITOR	159888	01/09/20	3,945.51	73443
214-655-970.06	EQUIPMENT - COMPUTERS	I.T. RIGHT	COMPUTER	20162602	01/09/20	2,482.35	73383
			Total For Dept 655 ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT (ALS)			11,670.68	
			Total For Fund 214 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (E			11,943.45	
Fund 217 SNOWMOBILE PATROL FUND							
Dept 332 SNOWMOBILE LAW ENFORCEMENT							
217-332-748.00	GAS, OIL & GREASE	BENZIE COUNTY ROAD CO	DEC 2019 FUEL	1266	01/20/20	27.67	73347
217-332-749.00	VEHICLE REPAIRS	NAPA AUTO SUPPLY, INC	SNOW BATT/MAINT SUPPLY	5366-444864	01/15/20	100.06	73413
			Total For Dept 332 SNOWMOBILE LAW ENFORCEMENT			127.73	
			Total For Fund 217 SNOWMOBILE PATROL FUND			127.73	
Fund 228 SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING FUND							
Dept 000							
228-000-748.00	GAS, OIL & GREASE	BENZIE COUNTY ROAD CO	FUEL FOR DECEMBER 2019	1271	01/09/20	224.97	73350
228-000-800.00	CONTRACTED SERVICES	AMERICAN WASTE	RECYCLING SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 20	3502253	01/09/20	14,109.40	73334
228-000-934.00	OTHER REPAIRS/ MAINTENAN	A J'S EXCAVATING LLC	DECEMBER SNOW REMOVAL	10772	01/09/20	150.00	73331
228-000-963.00	COMPUTER SUPPORT	I.T. RIGHT	MONTHLY CONTRACTED SERVICES JANUAR	20162314	01/09/20	29.30	73383
			Total For Dept 000			14,513.67	
			Total For Fund 228 SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING FUND			14,513.67	
Fund 231 SOIL EROSION (SESSC) FUND							
Dept 723 SOIL EROSION CONTROL							
231-723-800.00	CONTRACTED SERVICES	ASSOCIATED GOVERNMENT	BUILDING PERMITS/INSPECTIONS DECEN	1995	01/09/20	200.00	73335
			Total For Dept 723 SOIL EROSION CONTROL			200.00	
			Total For Fund 231 SOIL EROSION (SESSC) FUND			200.00	
Fund 241 LAND BANK AUTHORITY FUND							
Dept 000							
241-000-800.00	CONTRACTED SERVICES	GROGANLAW PC	LANDBANK AUTHORITY LEGAL WORK	1014	01/09/20	474.10	73378
			Total For Dept 000			474.10	
			Total For Fund 241 LAND BANK AUTHORITY FUND			474.10	
Fund 247 ANIMAL CONTROL FUND							
Dept 265 BUILDING & GROUNDS							
247-265-924.00	ELECTRIC & HEATING	CONSUMERS ENERGY	ELECTRIC FOR DEC AND PAST DUE FOR	20643434884	01/09/20	495.71	73366
247-265-924.00	ELECTRIC & HEATING	DTE ENERGY	GAS BILL FOR DEC AND NOV	910020929329	01/09/20	343.11	73371

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Fund 263 LOCAL CORRECTION OFFICER'S TRAINING FUND							
Dept 000	TRAINING & SCHOOLS	DELTA COLLEGE PUBLIC	TRG CORRECTIONS	4135414	01/15/20	100.00	73369
263-362-961.00	TRAINING & SCHOOLS	VISA=DAN SMITH	TRAINING & SCHOOLS	12302019	01/24/20	150.00	73454
263-362-961.00	TRAINING & SCHOOLS		Total For Dept 362 OTHER CORRECTIONS ACTIVITIES			250.00	
Fund 264 SHERIFF FORFEITURE FUND							
Dept 000	PROJECT EXPENSES	VISA=ROSA KYLE	T&S/PHONE	12302019	01/24/20	31.78	73457
264-000-967.00	PROJECT EXPENSES		Total For Dept 000			31.78	
Fund 269 LAW LIBRARY FUND							
Dept 000	CONTRACTED SERVICES	SWANDER, CANDICE	LAW LIBRARIAN CONTRACT DEC	123119	01/09/20	750.00	73445
269-000-800.00	RESOURCE MATERIALS	I.C.L.E.	CIVIL JURY INSTRUCTIONS UPDATE	761633	01/09/20	138.50	73381
269-000-901.00	RESOURCE MATERIALS	INSTITUTE OF CONTINU	MI MODEL CRIMINAL JURY INSTRUCTION	762039	01/09/20	267.50	73386
269-000-901.00	RESOURCE MATERIALS		Total For Dept 000			1,156.00	
Fund 292 CHILD CARE FUND							
Dept 000	CONTRACTED SVCS - VOL CO	LORI WADE	SOCIAL WORKER CONTRACT JAN	1/6/20	01/09/20	1,250.00	73400
292-000-832.00	IN HOME CARE MISC.	KATHI HOUSTON	VOL COOR CONTRACT & REIM	I/6/20	01/09/20	2,166.67	73391
292-000-840.00	IN HOME CARE MISC.	BRAINS	MISSED APPT FOR EVAL G.B.	752327	01/09/20	150.00	73358
292-000-840.95	IN HOME CARE MISC.	GVSU-SCHOOL OF CRIMIN	2 VISION 20/20 MEMBERSHIPS	JAN 7	01/09/20	50.00	73379
292-000-840.95	IN HOME CARE MISC.	KATHI HOUSTON	VOL COOR CONTRACT & REIM	I/6/20	01/09/20	66.75	73391
292-000-840.95	IN HOME CARE MISC.	SHOP AND SAVE	AFTER SCHOOL FOOD	JAN	01/09/20	335.38	73432
292-000-850.00	TELEPHONE	CAMERON CLARK	MILEAGE/PHONE REIM	1/7/20	01/09/20	50.00	73359
292-000-850.00	TELEPHONE	ROBINSON, KELLIE	MILEAGE AND PHONE REIM	DEC 31	01/09/20	50.00	73430
292-000-860.00	TRAVEL/GAS CARDS	ROBINSON, KELLIE	MILEAGE AND PHONE REIM	DEC 31	01/09/20	39.44	73430
292-000-862.00	MENTORING/TUTORING	PATTY HIGGINS	TUTORING FOR C.G.	DEC	01/09/20	37.50	73419
292-000-862.01	INCENTIVES	KAYLEE ROSA	XMAS GIFTS/INCENTIVES REIMBURSEMENT	12/19	01/09/20	420.97	73394
292-000-862.01	INCENTIVES		Total For Dept 000			4,616.71	
Fund 293 VETERAN'S RELIEF FUND							
Dept 000	VETERANS FINANCIAL AID	JOWETT FAMILY FUNERAL	DEATH BENEFITS FOR VA	123119	01/09/20	775.00	73390
293-000-839.10	VETERANS FINANCIAL AID	TRI-GAS DISTRIBUTING	VA BENEFIT - INV# 75270	75270	01/09/20	582.39	73453
293-000-839.10	VETERANS FINANCIAL AID		Total For Dept 000			1,357.39	
Fund 412 MCF RENOVATIONS FUND							
Dept 000	LEGAL FEES	BK LAW	LEGAL SERVICES FOR BUILDING AUTHOR	10085	01/09/20	15,000.00	73341
412-000-810.00	PROJECT EXPENSES	COMSTOCK CONSTRUCTION	MAPLES BUILDING PROJECT THRU NOVEM	016	01/09/20	20,915.71	73365
412-000-967.00	PROJECT EXPENSES		Total For Dept 000			35,915.71	
Fund 412 MCF RENOVATIONS FUND							
Dept 000	LEGAL FEES	BK LAW	LEGAL SERVICES FOR BUILDING AUTHOR	10085	01/09/20	15,000.00	73341
412-000-810.00	PROJECT EXPENSES	COMSTOCK CONSTRUCTION	MAPLES BUILDING PROJECT THRU NOVEM	016	01/09/20	20,915.71	73365
412-000-967.00	PROJECT EXPENSES		Total For Dept 000			35,915.71	
Fund 412 MCF RENOVATIONS FUND							
Dept 000	LEGAL FEES	BK LAW	LEGAL SERVICES FOR BUILDING AUTHOR	10085	01/09/20	15,000.00	73341
412-000-810.00	PROJECT EXPENSES	COMSTOCK CONSTRUCTION	MAPLES BUILDING PROJECT THRU NOVEM	016	01/09/20	20,915.71	73365
412-000-967.00	PROJECT EXPENSES		Total For Dept 000			35,915.71	

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Fund 425 EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND							
Dept 426 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT							
425-426-967.02	PROJECT EXPENSES - CERT	DAVID HANCHETT	MULTIPLE RECEIPTS FOR CERT TRAILER	01/07/20	01/09/20	535.82	73368
425-426-967.02	PROJECT EXPENSES - CERT	GRAND TRAVERSE MOBILE	INSTALLATION INVOICE FOR CERT TRAI	53269	01/09/20	1,800.00	73377
			Total For Dept 426 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT			2,335.82	
			Total For Fund 425 EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND			2,335.82	
Fund 516 DELINQUENT TAX REVOLVING FUND							
Dept 000							
516-000-694.00	CASH OVER/SHORT	ROBERTA WAYBRANT	OVERPAID ON DELINQUENT TAXES 04-00	123019	01/09/20	27.00	73429
516-000-999.00	CONTINGENCY	SUNTRUST BANK	3RD QTRLY BANK FEES	19090065	01/09/20	26.25	73444
			Total For Dept 000			53.25	
			Total For Fund 516 DELINQUENT TAX REVOLVING FUND			53.25	
Fund 532 TAX FORECLOSURE FUND							
Dept 253 COUNTY TREASURER							
532-253-730.00	POSTAGE	TITLE CHECK LLC	DEC CERTIFIED MAILING FOR 2017 FOR	CM1912-07	01/09/20	3,522.82	73450
532-253-800.00	CONTRACTED SERVICES - RE	BENZIE COUNTY REGISTE	TO RECORD 17 REDEMPTIONS	010820	01/09/20	510.00	73346
			Total For Dept 253 COUNTY TREASURER			4,032.82	
			Total For Fund 532 TAX FORECLOSURE FUND			4,032.82	
Fund 569 BUILDING AUTHORITY							
Dept 000							
569-000-800.00	CONTRACTED SERVICES	MAY, SHARRON	RECORDING SECRETARY FOR BA MEETING	121919	01/09/20	75.00	73404
569-000-860.00	TRAVEL	MAY, SHARRON	MILEAGE FOR 12/19/19	121919M	01/09/20	5.23	73404
			Total For Dept 000			80.23	
			Total For Fund 569 BUILDING AUTHORITY			80.23	
Fund 701 GENERAL AGENCY FUND							
Dept 136 DISTRICT COURT							
701-136-214.01	DUE TO SHERIFF'S DEPT -	BENZIE COUNTY SHERIFF	DECEMBER 2019 OWI REIMBURSEMENT	DP146	01/09/20	84.90	73351
701-136-228.20	DUE STATE - DNR JUDGE	STATE OF MICHIGAN	DECEMBER 2019 FEE TRANSMITTAL	DCST1219	01/09/20	197.50	73437
701-136-228.30	DUE STATE - D. L. REINS	STATE OF MICHIGAN	DECEMBER 2019 FEE TRANSMITTAL	DCST1219	01/09/20	60.00	73437
701-136-228.37	DUE STATE - CRIME VICTIM	STATE OF MICHIGAN	DECEMBER 2019 FEE TRANSMITTAL	DCST1219	01/09/20	2,349.00	73437
701-136-228.42	DUE STATE - STATE COURT	STATE OF MICHIGAN	DECEMBER 2019 FEE TRANSMITTAL	DCST1219	01/09/20	150.00	73437
701-136-228.47	DUE STATE - OWI REIMBURS	STATE OF MICHIGAN	DECEMBER 2019 FEE TRANSMITTAL	DCST1219	01/09/20	300.00	73437
701-136-228.56	DUE STATE - EFILEING FEE	STATE OF MICHIGAN	DECEMBER 2019 FEE TRANSMITTAL	DCST1219	01/09/20	515.00	73437
701-136-228.57	DUE STATE - STATE JURY	STATE OF MICHIGAN	DECEMBER 2019 FEE TRANSMITTAL	DCST1219	01/09/20	60.00	73437
701-136-228.58	DUE STATE - CIVIL FILING	STATE OF MICHIGAN	DECEMBER 2019 FEE TRANSMITTAL	DCST1219	01/09/20	1,862.00	73437
701-136-228.59	DUE STATE - JUSTICE SYST	STATE OF MICHIGAN	DECEMBER 2019 FEE TRANSMITTAL	DCST1219	01/09/20	3,412.50	73437
701-136-230.00	DUE OTHER UNITS - ORDINA	COLFAX TOWNSHIP	DECEMBER 2019 TWP ORDINANCE FEES	01/07/2020	01/09/20	167.00	73364
701-136-265.00	CASH BONDS PAYABLE	85TH DISTRICT COURT	BOND APPLIED/COSTS	DP141	01/09/20	300.00	73330
701-136-271.00	RESTITUTIONS PAYABLE	CENTRAL STATE BANK	RESTITUTION PAYMENT FROM TODD VOIC	18-107-FY	01/09/20	20.00	73362
701-136-271.00	RESTITUTIONS PAYABLE	SLAUGHTER, SUZANNE	RESTITUTION PAYMENT FROM ALICIA LO	15-038-ST	01/09/20	20.00	73433
701-136-275.00	REFUNDS	BARRINGER, KYLE M	REFUND - OVERPAYMENT ON F & C	17-203-SD	01/09/20	5.50	73340
701-136-275.00	REFUNDS	GLIDDEN, GEORGE	REFUND - OVERPAYMENT	19-775414-SM	01/09/20	5.00	73374
			Total For Dept 136 DISTRICT COURT			9,508.40	
Dept 141 FRIEND OF THE COURT							
701-141-222.04	DUE MANISTEE - STATUTORY	MANISTEE COUNTY TREAS	FEE COLLECTIONS DECEMBER	123119	01/09/20	517.67	73403
701-141-222.05	DUE MANISTEE - PROCESSIN	MANISTEE COUNTY TREAS	FEE COLLECTIONS DECEMBER	123119	01/09/20	154.97	73403

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Dept 141 FRIEND OF THE COURT							
Dept 148 PROBATE COURT							
701-148-228.06	DUE STATE - SHARED FEES	STATE OF MICHIGAN	DECEMBER 2019 FEE TRANSMITTAL	PCST1219	01/09/20	267.22	73436
701-148-228.42	DUE STATE - GENERAL FEES	STATE OF MICHIGAN	DECEMBER 2019 FEE TRANSMITTAL	PCST1219	01/09/20	180.00	73436
701-148-228.56	DUE STATE - EFILING FEE	STATE OF MICHIGAN	DECEMBER 2019 FEE TRANSMITTAL	PCST1219	01/09/20	125.00	73436
701-148-228.58	DUE STATE - CIVIL FILING	STATE OF MICHIGAN	DECEMBER 2019 FEE TRANSMITTAL	PCST1219	01/09/20	750.00	73436
Total For Dept 141 FRIEND OF THE COURT						672.64	
Dept 215 COUNTY CLERK							
701-215-228.05	DUE STATE - NOTARY FEES	MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF	NOTARY FEE TRANSMITTAL	DEC 2019	01/09/20	8.00	73410
701-215-228.16	DUE STATE - PISTOL PERMI	STATE OF MICHIGAN (#3	CPL FOR DECEMBER 2019	551-553619	01/09/20	1,678.00	73442
701-215-228.37	DUE STATE - CRIME VICTIM	STATE OF MICHIGAN	CIRCUIT COURT FEE TRANSMITTAL	DEC 2019	01/09/20	429.62	73439
701-215-228.42	DUE STATE - STATE COURT	STATE OF MICHIGAN	CIRCUIT COURT FEE TRANSMITTAL	DEC 2019	01/09/20	140.00	73439
701-215-228.56	DUE STATE - EFILING FEE	STATE OF MICHIGAN	CIRCUIT COURT FEE TRANSMITTAL	DEC 2019	01/09/20	200.00	73439
701-215-228.58	DUE STATE - CIVIL FILING	STATE OF MICHIGAN	CIRCUIT COURT FEE TRANSMITTAL	DEC 2019	01/09/20	952.00	73439
701-215-228.59	DUE STATE - JUSTICE SYST	STATE OF MICHIGAN	CIRCUIT COURT FEE TRANSMITTAL	DEC 2019	01/09/20	277.87	73439
701-215-265.00	CASH BONDS PAYABLE	BENZIE COUNTY CLERK	BOND MONEY APPLIED KEN BONNEY	19-2655-FH	01/09/20	1,508.00	73343
701-215-265.00	CASH BONDS PAYABLE	BENZIE COUNTY CLERK	BOND MONEY APPLIED TIMOTHY MAEDER	19-2639-FH	01/09/20	90.00	73344
701-215-265.00	CASH BONDS PAYABLE	BENZIE COUNTY CLERK	BOND MONEY APPLIED PHILLIP WATKINS	19-2635-FH	01/09/20	1,408.00	73345
701-215-265.00	CASH BONDS PAYABLE	KENNETH BONNEY	BOND MONEY RETURNED KEN BONNEY	19-2655-FH	01/09/20	3,492.00	73396
701-215-265.00	CASH BONDS PAYABLE	PHILLIP WATKINS	BOND MONEY RETURNED PHILLIP WATKIN	19-2635-FH	01/09/20	392.00	73420
701-215-271.00	RESTITUTIONS PAYABLE	BLARNEY CASTLE - FRAN	RESTITUTION FROM MICHAEL REED	02-1795-FC	01/09/20	37.50	73354
701-215-271.00	RESTITUTIONS PAYABLE	BLARNEY CASTLE OIL CO	RESTITUTION FROM BAILEY BORTON	16-2469-FH	01/09/20	100.00	73355
701-215-271.00	RESTITUTIONS PAYABLE	KAYLA CHOWNYK	RESTITUTION FROM LUCAS BRIGHT	11-2233-FH	01/09/20	10.00	73392
701-215-271.00	RESTITUTIONS PAYABLE	KAYLA CHOWNYK	RESTITUTION FROM LUCAS BRIGHT	11-2233-FH	01/09/20	10.00	73393
701-215-271.00	RESTITUTIONS PAYABLE	RICHARD VETTER SR.	RESTITUTION FROM RODERICK BAKER	13-2328-FH	01/09/20	75.00	73428
701-215-271.00	RESTITUTIONS PAYABLE	TOM AND ROBIN LEE	RESTITUTION FROM DONALD MARSHALL	14-2364-FH	01/09/20	50.00	73451
701-215-271.10	FAMILY DIVISION RESTITUT	BLARNEY CASTLE OIL CO	RESTITUTION FROM RALPH HOOK	19-3083-DL	01/09/20	13.47	73356
701-215-299.03	CIRCUIT COURT MISCELLANE	KENNETH A ARMSTRONG	OVERPAYMENT FOR VITAL RECORDS	1/8/2020	01/09/20	16.00	73395
Total For Dept 215 COUNTY CLERK						10,887.46	
Dept 268 REGISTER OF DEEDS							
701-268-228.40	DUE STATE - REMONUMENTAT	STATE OF MICHIGAN	REMONUMENTATION FEES	01/02/2020	01/09/20	5,606.62	73435
Total For Dept 268 REGISTER OF DEEDS						5,606.62	
Dept 301 SHERIFF							
701-301-228.16	DUE STATE - FINGER PRINT	MICHIGAN STATE POLICE	LIVESCAN DEC 2019	551-553865	02/20/20	302.75	73411
Total For Dept 301 SHERIFF						302.75	
Total For Fund 701 GENERAL AGENCY FUND						28,300.09	

GL Number	Inv. Line Desc	Vendor	Invoice Desc.	Invoice	Due Date	Amount	Check
Fund Totals:							
Fund 101	GENERAL FUND					102,907.97	
Fund 205	TNT OFFICER MILLAGE FUND					269.22	
Fund 209	SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER					55.80	
Fund 213	JAIL OPERATIONS FUND					20,288.54	
Fund 214	EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES					11,943.45	
Fund 217	SNOWMOBILE PATROL FUND					127.73	
Fund 228	SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING FUND					14,513.67	
Fund 231	SOIL EROSION (SESSC) FUND					200.00	
Fund 241	LAND BANK AUTHORITY FUND					474.10	
Fund 247	ANIMAL CONTROL FUND					3,344.31	
Fund 249	BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND					18,253.48	
Fund 259	INDIGENT DEFENSE COUNSEL					22,984.00	
Fund 261	911 EMERGENCY SERVICE FUND					1,353.22	
Fund 263	LOCAL CORRECTION OFFICER'S					250.00	
Fund 264	SHERIFF FORFEITURE FUND					31.78	
Fund 269	LAW LIBRARY FUND					1,156.00	
Fund 292	CHILD CARE FUND					4,616.71	
Fund 293	VETERAN'S RELIEF FUND					1,357.39	
Fund 412	MCF RENOVATIONS FUND					35,915.71	
Fund 425	EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND					2,335.82	
Fund 516	DELINQUENT TAX REVOLVING FU					53.25	
Fund 532	TAX FORECLOSURE FUND					4,032.82	
Fund 569	BUILDING AUTHORITY					80.23	
Fund 701	GENERAL AGENCY FUND					28,300.09	

Total For All Funds:

274,845.29

Committee Of The Whole

**THE BENZIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
December 17, 2019**

The Benzie County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, December 17, 2019, 448 Court Place, Government Center, Beulah, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Evan Warsecke at 1:30 p.m.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda:

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

Minutes:

Motion by Farrell, seconded by Taylor, to approve the Committee of the Whole minutes of November 26, 2019 as presented. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

1:33 p.m. Public Input - None

Maridee Cutler, Deputy County Administrator

Korey Kelly would like to purchase 5 years of MERS service credit.

Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Taylor to recommend to the Board of Commissioners, that Korey Kelley be allowed to purchase up to 5 years of MERS service credit, as presented.

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

Tom King, EMS Director,

Mutual Aid and Intercept Agreement between Benzie County EMS and Thompsonville EMS.

Motion by Sauer, seconded by Taylor, to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to approve the Mutual Aid and Intercept Agreement between Benzie County EMS and Thompsonville EMS as presented. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None
Motion carried.

Mutual Aid Agreement between Benzie County EMS and North Flight.

Motion by Sauer, seconded by Warsecke, to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement between Benzie County EMS and North Flight, as presented. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None
Motion carried.

Ambulance Purchase.

Motion by Sauer, seconded by Farrell, to recommend to the Board of Commissioners, to amended

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The 2019/2020 budget to purchase the ambulance for \$293,444.80, as presented.

Increase 214-655-970.01 Equipment – Ambulance \$60,445.00

Increase 214-000-691.00 Budgeted Use of Fund Balance \$60,445.00

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

Dillion Rosa, Animal Control

New Furnace for Animal Control.

Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Taylor, to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to approve the purchase of a new furnace for Animal Control, from Nye Plumbing and Heating, not to exceed \$6,672.32, as presented. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Abstained: Nye Motion carried.

Dan Smith, Jail Administrator:

Installation of 1 Ansul R-102 Fire Suppression System.

Motion by Roelofs, seconded by Farrell, to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to approve the purchase of R-102 fire suppression system from Summit Companies, not to exceed \$3,587.00, as presented. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Troy Lamerson, Sherriff Department Lieutenant

True Narc Discussion.

Motion by Taylor, seconded by Sauer, to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to approve \$1,812.00 out of TNT fund balance to help purchase the True Narc, if sufficient funds are available. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Kyle Rosa, Undersheriff:

Hiring Freeze Discussion

Hiring freeze is causing an issue in their office. May be a moot point as of the settlement of the contracts. We accepted money from the DNR for snowmobile program. We are two months behind getting employees to do that job. These positions are part-time only. One has done it in the past, the other position unsure currently.

Comm Jeannot stated that the prior part-time person would be ok to bring on now.

Comm Taylor stated that the new contract states that any new hires after January 1, 2020 would be define contribution. So after the first of the year will be fine.

Mitch Deisch, County Administrator:

Continued County Discussion on Financial Stability.

Draft Benzie County General Fund Operating Millage Resetting Headlee Milestone Schedule passed out and discussed. Going to go downstairs and see if the General Ledger for 1982 can be located and see what services were being budgeted and provided for at that time. Wants to know how much time you want him to spend on this.

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Comm Jeannot recommend that you spend up to 5 hours on it and then come back and tell us what you got.

Comm Sauer would like to know what mandated items have been put on Benzie County by the State and now they are not covering it, example Public Defenders Office.

Comm Warsecke recommends that you put as much time as you feel is enough and then come back to the Board of Commissioners.

Ad Hoc Committee #1 – Gary, Sherry, Art, Mitch, Susan and Shelley. Looking at other counties regarding re-setting general fund operating mileage. Looking at setting up meetings with these other counties.

Comm Nye stated that there is information on Headlee Campaigns if you google it. A lot of valuable information out there.

Comm Sauer stated that you need to look at Dawn's historical folder on what has been done in the past.

2:36 p.m. Public Input

Comm Sauer wanted to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

2:36 p.m. – Public Input Closed

Motion by Roelofs, seconded by Farrell, to adjourn at 2:36 p.m. Ayes: Farrell, Jeannot, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Evan Warsecke, Chair (COTW)

Tammy Bowers, Chief Deputy County Clerk

Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the Committee of the Whole Consent Calendar of December 17, 2019 as follows:

1. Korey Kelley be allowed to purchase up to 5 years of MERS service credit, as presented.
2. Approve the Mutual Aid and Intercept Agreement between Benzie County EMS and Thompsonville EMS, as presented.
3. Approve the Mutual Aid Agreement between Benzie County EMS and North Flight, as presented.
4. Amended the 2019/2020 budget to purchase the ambulance for \$293,444.80, as presented.

Increase 214-655-970.01	Equipment – Ambulance	\$60,445.00
Increase 214-000-691.00	Budgeted Use of Fund Balance	\$60,445.00
5. Approve the purchase of a new furnace for Animal Control, from Nye Plumbing and Heating, not to exceed \$6,672.32, as presented.
6. Approve the purchase of R-102 fire suppression system from Summit Companies, not to exceed \$3,587.00, as presented.
7. Approve \$1,812.00 out of TNT fund balance to help purchase the True Narc, if sufficient funds are available.

Committee Appointments

Dear Clerk Olney,

December 19, 2019

On this date during the Building Authority meeting, I was asked for the purpose of continuity and my liaison representation with Department of Health and Human Services (Maples Board), if I would be amenable to remaining on the Building Authority until such time as a replacement is selected and seated by the Benzie County Board of Commissioners.

This I agreed to do, subject to the Board of Commissioners action of approval for reappointment and the further understanding that a replacement be actively sought.

Commissioner Sauer was in attendance and indicated his support of the above as did the current Building Authority members.

Your assistance in the above matter is requested; and moreover, your guidance would be most appreciated.

Sincerely,

Jeff Johnson

3843 Highland Drive

Beulah, MI 49617

(937) 631-5363

Jeffryjohnson262@gmail.com

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APPOINTMENT TO BOARD, COMMISSIONS AND AGENCIES

APPLICATION

DATE: **10/24/2019**

Name: **Ronald J. Fought**

Address (including PO Box): **510 Main Street PO Box 226**

County District: _____ Home Telephone: **231-633-5122**

Occupation: _____ Business Telephone: _____

Please list the Board, Commission or Agency you are applying for:

1. **EMS**

Please state your interest, experience and/or education that would relate to your serving on the above-named organizations.

I am a Registered Nurse with a background of Trauma/Emergency Services

Previously have I was Director of Emergency services for Lake Superior State College providing Basic EMT Training for 17 Volunteer Corps, City Fire, City Hospital, and Air Force Base, in addition to establishment of two 3 Credit courses for Nursing Police, and Fire Electives.

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DAWN OLNEY
BENZIE COUNTY CLERK
BEULAH, MI 49617

RONALD (Ron) J. FOUGHT RN
510 Main Street PO Box 226
Frankfort, Michigan 49635
231-633-5122

E-mail: rfought@benziemaps.com (work)
Rjfought1@msn.com (personal)

Summary of Experience

Benzie County Medical Care Facility

December 2017- Current

Charge Nurse

Over 38 years of nursing and patient care leadership experience in hospital(Federal, For-Profit, and Not-For-Profit), universities, and integrated delivery systems (IDS) in rural and urban settings, 32 of which have been at the Senior Executive level. Background includes physician relations, cross-institutional networking, program development, team building, quality/risk management, community involvement, managed care, and bioethics.

March 2009 to October 2017

Jesse Brown Veterans Administration Medical Center, Chicago, IL
Jesse Brown VA Medical Center is a primary healthcare facility located in the heart of the Illinois Medical District. The inpatient facility with 205 beds (188 acute and 17 intermediate care beds) is located at 820 South Damen Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, located, on the Chicago's near west side. JBVAMC provides care to approximately 58,000 veterans who reside in the City of Chicago and Cook County, Illinois and six counties in northwestern Indiana. A budget of over \$250 million supports approximately 1,700 full time employees, including 145 physicians and 450 nurses. The 5 Jesse Brown's Medical Center locations offer outpatient services. The 4 community based outpatient clinics are located at: 211 East Ontario in Chicago, Illinois; 30 East 15th Street, Suite 207 in Chicago Heights, Illinois; 7731 South Halsted Street, in Chicago, Illinois; and 9330 Broadway in Crown Point, Indiana.

Associate Director Patient Care Services/Nurse Executive: Responsible for ensuring all standards of practice and nursing care are met for all nursing personnel, executive leadership that is characterized by substantial and continuous responsibility for population groups or integrated programs that cross service and/or discipline lines and influence organizational mission and health care; demonstrating leadership in planning, implementing, evaluating, and improving holistic care delivery using collaborative strategies with others while ensuring compliance with the Medical Center/Network mission, and nationally recognized standards; practicing of an executive nature, complex managerial and administrative components associated with critical health care issues and activities that influence the organizational mission, health care policy; and initiating and participating in interdisciplinary projects and committees with the aim of improving outcomes in the management of complex client care or the systems and process of the organization.

- **FY 2012 YTD reduction in FTEE in Patient Care Services of 41.8 FTEE exceeding goal of 41.6 FTEE. Results Driven**
- **FY 2011 YTD reduction of overtime from high of 1491 hours pay period 23 to 660 hours pay period 08. Results Driven**
- **HCLI Graduate Technical Qualifications**
- **Certified Mentor Technical Qualifications**
- **Senior Executive in DEMPS Building Coalitions**
- **Continue serve as Chairperson of Disciplinary Appeals Boards at the pleasure of the Under Secretary of Health. Technical Qualifications**

May 2005-January 2009

Yakima Regional Medical and Cardiac Center, Yakima Washington
A for profit acute care facility owned and operated by Health Management Associates, licensed for 214 patients, with an average daily census of 80 and an active Medical Staff of 259. Regional is the only hospital in Yakima that performs open-heart and neuro surgery.

Chief Nursing Officer: Responsible for Nursing practice at the Yakima Regional Medical and Cardiac Center of **Health Management Associates** Reporting to the Chief Executive Officer. Washington State Nurses Association organizes Yakima Regional Registered Nurses through a contract. (Re-negotiated October 2007.) SEIU organizes Yakima Regional Licensed Practical Nurses through a contract (Re-negotiation completed 01/11/2008). Currently re-negotiating 1199NW Hospital and Health Care Employees Union, SEIU (October 2008).

- Stabilized the work environment to increase recruitment and retention capabilities. **Leading Change**
- Developed an annual Nursing Operations Plan that provided much needed focus during a time of transition from not-for-profit faith based to a for profit entity. **Leading People**
- Reduced Agency usage from < \$150,000 monthly to < \$3000 monthly through varied strategies. **Results Driven**
- Implemented an Admission Nurse program that has improved patient, physician, and nurse satisfaction. Program currently in the expansion mode with the addition of 24 hour coverage and an "Admission Unit" to facilitate patient flow. **Business Acumen**
- Successfully completed multiple surveys from JCAHO and the Department of Health. Triennial JCAHO survey completed August 2008 with full accreditation. **Technical Qualification**
- Significantly improved relationships with the local Schools of Nursing increasing student rotations, which ultimately led to increase new graduate recruitment. **Building Coalitions**
- A Pediatric Unit was designed, remodeled and opened December 3, 2007.
- A Cardiac Care Center inpatient unit designed, remodeled and opened March 17th, 2008 due to increased need for capacity. **Results Driven**
- Recent CARF re-certification identified areas of accommodation. **Technical Qualifications**
- Certification as a Certified Chest Pain Center, December 2007. **Business Acumen**

1999 to December 2004

ALEGENT HEALTH, Omaha, Nebraska

An integrated health care delivery system consisting of 8 acute care Hospitals with 1,473 beds, 1 long-term care facility with 456 beds, a Primary care physician network of 47 sites supporting 100 employed physician Associates and a 697-physician member hospital organization. The system has Over 8,000 employees. A not-for-profit corporation sponsored by Catholic Health Initiatives and Immanuel Healthcare System, Inc., affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.

Chief Nurse Executive: Responsible for Nursing practice at the Immanuel Medical Center campus of ALEGENT HEALTH. Reported to the Vice President of Operations, Alegent Health and then with a re-organization the VP, COO of Immanuel Medical Center. Direct Reports (8) include Nursing Operation Directors of Orthopedic/Spine, Medical/Oncology/Bone Marrow Transplant, Post Intensive Care, Intensive Care, Cardiac Universal Care Unit, Maternal/ Child, Surgical/Pediatric/Epilepsy, and Emergency Department. Clear matrix reporting (6) exists with the Nursing Operation Directors for Acute Rehabilitation, Surgical/Anesthesia Services, Behavioral Health Services (3), and Heart/Cardiovascular Institute. Member of the Alegent Health Nursing Council, which is responsible for the integration of nursing, services across the system.

- Re-evaluated skill mixes and implemented changes in professional staff specific to designated areas of nursing practice. **Net Result:** Reduced professional staff mixes from 96% to 70% with the introduction of licensed and non-licensed care partners. **Business Acumen**

- Investigated, developed and implemented a nurse refresher course for registered and licensed practical nurses. **Net Result:** To date, 120 candidates have successfully completed the program and are actively employed within the system and community at a cost of < \$3,000 per individual participant. **Business Acumen**
- Eliminated the use of travelers by enhancing campus based staffing resources. **Net Result:** Realized annualized savings of > \$1,500,000. **Results Driven**
- Developed a career advancement program for system employees leading to a registered nurse degree that includes a monthly stipend, reimbursement for tuition and books with a 3-year commitment to the organization. **Net Result:** Eleven individuals have completed the program and are actively employed within the system. Another 12 individuals will complete the program in the spring of 2004. **Building Coalitions**
- Encouraged the system to consider Magnet status to enhance recognition of exceptional nursing practice. **Net Result:** Two of 5 metro facilities have submitted applications with the other 3 scheduled to apply. **Leading**
- Coordinated the design of a new 24-bed, state of the art critical care unit that was completed on time and within budget. **Net Result:** Unit opened January 21, 2004. **Business Acumen**
- Researched, developed and led an international nurse exchange to Latvia. **Net Result:** Enhanced the ability of staff to recognize and work with a diverse environment. **Building Coalitions**

1996 - 1999

AGNESIAN HEALTH CARE, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

A tax-exempt, \$118 million, integrated delivery system **comprised of St. Agnes Hospital (\$89 million) and Fond du Lac Regional Clinic (\$29 million)**, a 52 Physician multi-specialty group practice sponsored by the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Agnes.

1996-1999

Vice-President Nursing/Patient Care Services: Responsible for

Inpatient/ambulatory nursing services, food service, environmental/linen services, home delivered services (home care, hospice and home oxygen), Pastoral care, Samaritan Free Clinic, quality improvement, risk management, Parish nursing, infection control and customer service.

- Directly managed 1 assistant vice-president, 10 directors, 6 shift managers, 1 coordinator, 1 supervisor, and an operating budget of \$45,000,000 net revenue.
- Implemented the Partners in Practice model of care delivery. **Net Result:** Realized annualized savings of 6.3 FTEs and \$230,476.
- Implemented parish nurse program within catchment area. **Net Result:** Increased potential annualized revenue of \$40,800 for the first year of operation. **Building Coalitions**
- Reduced productive hours of care per patient by 0.5. **Net Result:** Achieved annualized savings of \$160,052. **Results Oriented**
- Participated in the quality improvement program. **Net Result:** Implemented division-wide improvement teams, established clinical pathway for total knee replacement, reduced length of stay by 39%, reduced pneumonia length of stay by 22%, initiated customer problem resolution program, and increased customer satisfaction. **Results Oriented**

(Dual Role)

1996 - 1997

Vice-President Nursing/Patient Care Services/Interim Chief Operating Officer:

Reporting to the President/CEO of Agnesian HealthCare responsible for 14 professional and support departments, and interim Leadership of an \$8,000,000, 70-bed sister hospital.

- Administered operations of Waupun Memorial Hospital during transition from part-time contracted President to full-time President/Administrator. **Net Result:** Recognized as one of the Top 100 Hospitals for 1996. **Leading People**
- Convinced medical staff and Board of Directors of need for additional medical services in family practice and obstetrics. **Net Result:** Successful recruitment secured a far-reaching point of entry into the system. **Building Coalitions**
- Initiated facility analysis. **Net Result:** Received Board of Directors approval for a \$5,000,000 facility upgrade. **Building Coalitions**

1986 to 1999	<p>ST. AGNES HOSPITAL, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin A tax-exempt, \$88 million, 330-bed licensed, community, acute care hospital, Providing primary and secondary levels of health care services.</p>
1992 - 1999	<p>Vice-President Nursing/Patient Care Services: Reporting to the EVP/COO responsible for operational Management of the nursing/patient care division. Managed 1 assistant Vice-president, 10 directors, and an operating budget of \$43,000,000 net</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitated the creation and development of strategic plans. Net Result: Initiated new and expanded programming in cancer treatment, sports medicine, behavioral health, neurosurgery, and orthopedics producing new margins of \$25,149,986. Recruited 5 new physicians. Participated in ongoing operations improvement identifying opportunities for revenue growth and/or cost reduction. Net Result: Increased available cash from \$6,543,000 to \$10,155,000 over a 3-year period. Leading Change Initiated a multi-disciplinary pain center. Net Result: Gained new revenue of \$108,000 annually. Business Acumen
1986 to 1991	<p>Vice-President Nursing: Reporting initially to the President/CEO and the EVP/COO responsible for operational management of the Nursing division with an operating budget of \$26,000,000 net revenue.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reactivated the Ethics Committee, which became a national model. Net Result: Generated revenues of \$10,000 annually through presentations and consultations. Provided nursing support in the establishment of a weekly, free community clinic for the under insured. Net Result: Provided health care services for 1,300 working poor annually. Building Coalitions Initiated a nursing scholarship program for licensed practical nursing. Net Result: Generated 30 registered nurses for the organization over a 6-year period. Building Coalitions Introduced utilization of nursing assistants into the team. Net Result: Achieved annualized savings of \$332,800. Leading Change Business Acumen Promoted to Vice-President Nursing/Patient Care Services.
1985 to 1986	<p>METHODIST HOSPITAL, Madison, Wisconsin A tax-exempt, 280-bed licensed, acute care hospital providing primary, Secondary and tertiary levels of health care services with specialty focus on Open heart, hemodialysis and obstetrics.</p> <p>Vice-President, Nursing: Reporting to the President/CEO responsible for administration of division of nursing, managing 5 directors and 1 administrative associate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implemented the "Scatter Bed" concept for pediatric patients. Net Result: Successfully closed a dedicated pediatric unit with 100% support of pediatricians and staff. Leading Change Coordinated, with Vice-President of Medical Affairs, clinical unit placement within the new organization. Net Result: Integrated 100% of clinical services within 12 months of merger, creating Meriter Hospital. Building Coalitions
1978 to 1985	<p>Wausau HOSPITAL CENTER, Wausau, Wisconsin A 320-bed licensed, acute care community hospital providing primary, Secondary and tertiary levels of health care services with specialty focus on Oncology, open heart, neurosurgery and emergency care. A merged facility between a Catholic and community hospital.</p>
1979-1985	<p>Director of Nursing: Reporting to Vice-President of Nursing and servicing on the senior executive team managed 8 nursing units.</p>
1978-1979	<p>Director of Emergency Services: Reporting to the President/CEO responsible for management of a regional trauma center.</p>
1976 to 1978	<p>ST. LAWRENCE HOSPITAL, Lansing, Michigan</p>

An inter-city Catholic community hospital.

Head Nurse, Intensive Care Unit: Reporting to the VP Nursing responsible for directing 31 professional, technical and supportive employees in a 9-bed medical/surgical intensive Care unit.

1974 to 1976

Lake Superior State University, Saulte Ste Marie, Michigan
A state supported university with 1, 200 students.

Primary Instructor/Coordinator of Emergency Services: Reporting to the Chair/Nursing responsible for establishing a state approved EMT, a credit course for college students, fire Department, air force base, hospital, and volunteer ambulance service. **Net Result:** Insured the continuation of instruction at the end of the grant period through initiation of an instructor course for volunteers. **Building Coalitions**

1973 to 1974

CHEBOYGAN COMMUNITY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, Cheboygan, Michigan
A 70-bed community hospital in a rural community of northern Michigan.

Head Nurse, Operating/Emergency Room: Reporting to the Director of Nursing responsible for coordinating the Emergency and surgery departments while functioning as staff, as well as carrying out management responsibilities.

Education:

M.P.H. – Nursing Administration, 1984
Division of Hospital/Health Care Administration
University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Certificate – Patient Care Administration, 1982
University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota

B.S. – Nursing, Certificate: Health Nurse Practitioner, 1976
Lake Superior State University, Saulte Ste Marie, Michigan

Continuing Education:

A.A.S. – Nursing, 1973
Ferris State University, Big Rapids, Michigan

Certificate – Practical Nursing, 1971
Northwestern Michigan College, Traverse City, Michigan

A.A. – Liberal Arts, 1968
Alpena Community College, Alpena, Michigan

**Professional and
Community**

Affiliations:
American College of Health Care Executives

**Recognition of
Excellence:**

Certification: Healthcare Management, American College of Healthcare Executives (FACHE 2007)
Wisconsin Nurse Executive of the Year (1990)
Certification: Nurse Executive
American Nurses Association
Scholarship: Improving Hospital Ethics Committees; Educating Across the Health Professions: University of Connecticut (1987)

Publication Credits:

“Screening in the Emergency Department,” Supervisor Nurse, December, 1974
“Men and Women in nursing... A Place for Men in Nursing,” The Michigan Nurse, October 1975
“The Hospital Ethics Committee: Who Knows It Exists and How to access it?”
HEC Forum, Vol. I, Issue 1, 1989

Dawn Olney

From: Tim Markey - Chief <chief@homesteadtwp.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2019 10:29 PM
To: Dawn Olney
Subject: Re: EMS Committee

Dawn,

Sorry for the delay, I forgot to bring this up at the last chief's meeting. I did send out a query to the chiefs and should have something back for you shortly. I do believe that I will continue to represent the fire chiefs as no one else wants to.

Regards,

Tim Markey

On 11/22/2019 10:51 AM, Dawn Olney wrote:

Tim:

Your term as the Fire Chief Rep to the EMS Advisory Board expires the end of this year.
I would ask for a letter to let me know what is the rep to that board.

Dawn Olney

Dawn Olney, CCO, MCCO
Benzie County Clerk
448 Court Place
Beulah, MI 49617
231-882-9671 Ext. 411

APPOINTMENT TO BOARD, COMMISSIONS AND AGENCIES

APPLICATION

DATE: January 3, 2020
Name: Khonda Nye
Address (including PO Box): 6515 South St Benzonia MI 49616
County District: 4 Home Telephone: 231-510-8804
Occupation: Village Clerk/County Commissioner Business Telephone: Same

Please list the Board, Commission or Agency you are applying for:

1. Land Bank Authority

Please state your interest, experience and/or education that would relate to your serving on the above-named organizations.

I am interested in filling the seat vacated by Terry Money on the Land Bank Authority. I have a Bachelor Degree from MSU, held a real estate license for seven years and have, with my husband, built 5 homes in Benzie County over the years. I have been attending Land Bank meetings and am aware and impressed with the wonderful work they do. The concept that they take properties in our county + leave them better than they found them is a concept I would be honored to be a part of.

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DAWN OLNEY
BENZIE COUNTY CLERK
BEULAH, MI 49617

Correspondence

Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners

Resolution 2019-51

In Support of Line 5 Tunnel

At a Regular Meeting of the Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners, on November 20, 2019: Motioned by West. Supported by Comai:

WHEREAS, Enbridge's Line 5 has been operating safely and reliably in the Straits of Mackinac for more than 66 years; and

WHEREAS, Enbridge's Line 5, a light crude and natural gas liquids pipeline, helps to safely meet Michigan's energy needs by fulfilling more than half of the propane needs of the state, and 69% of the needs of Upper Peninsula residents; and

WHEREAS, the products delivered to regional refineries provide jobs and ultimately fuel our lives; and

WHEREAS, issues have been raised by several concerned parties regarding the possibility and impact of a breach of Line 5 into the Straits of Mackinac. Multiple and extensive inspections and safety tests over the last several years have confirmed the integrity of Line 5 at the Straits of Mackinac.

WHEREAS, consequences to energy supply, local producers, regional airports and refineries, jobs, local economies and the pocketbook of Michiganders across the entire state are too great for Line 5 to be shut down before the tunnel replacement can be completed.

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan, under the Snyder administration, and Enbridge negotiated an "agreement" for a 5 year \$500 million project, to construct a tunnel 100 feet below bedrock to encase Line 5, the entire length of the Straits, in one-foot-thick concrete walls in order to mitigate the chances of any leaks of product into the Great Lakes.

WHEREAS, the recently elected Michigan Attorney General, Dana Nessel, has subsequently opposed the negotiated "agreement" and filed a law-suit in Ingham County Circuit Court to close down Line 5 immediately, effectively canceling all efforts to begin construction of the tunnel; and

WHEREAS, this action may very well provide unintended consequences for all parties as the litigation to close down Line 5 may take years to be resolved in the court with no assurance of the outcome and;

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WHEREAS, the time to resolved the litigation may simply result in the delay of the start of the construction of the tunnel thereby leaving the existing Line 5 in place unnecessarily for several additional years.

WHEREAS, Enbridge has demonstrated a willingness to work with the State to both protect the Great Lakes and ensure the continued safe delivery of energy we all rely on.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners hereby joins with other Michigan Counties in extending its support for Enbridge's proposed tunnel replacement project and urges the State of Michigan to work with Enbridge to complete the tunnel project as quickly as possible and not disrupt Line 5 service before the tunnel can be completed.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mackinac County sends this resolution to all counties of Michigan as an invitation to join in expressing support for increasing the safety of our current energy infrastructure as our society simultaneously seeks energy efficiencies and energy alternatives that will continue to reduce risks to our environment.

Motioned by West. Supported by Comai. Roll call vote:

Yeas: West, Comai, Cox, Ngirarsaol, Fisher.

Nays: Crambell, Sweet.

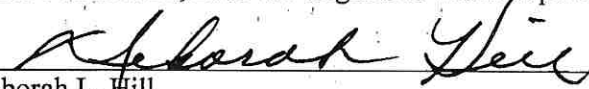
Absent: None

5 yeas. 2 nays.

Motion Carried.

 12-10-2019
Kohn E. Fisher,
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners Kalkaska County

I, the undersigned, Clerk of Kalkaska County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners, at its Regular Meeting on November 20, 2019 the original of which is part of the Board's minutes.


Deborah L. Hill
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners Kalkaska County

Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners
Resolution 2019-56
Supporting Passage of Legislation to Adopt 4-Year
Terms for County Commissioners

At a Regular Meeting of the Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners, on December 18, 2019:

WHEREAS the 1963 Michigan Constitution stipulated four-year terms for the County Board of Supervisors, the preceding body to today's Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS the Legislature voted in 1966 to abolish Boards of Supervisors and formally replace them with the Boards of Commissioners after the 1968 elections; and

WHEREAS Public Act 261 of 1966 promulgated that the length of terms for the new County Commissioners shall be concurrent with that of State Representatives, as specified, as specified in Article IV, Section 3 of the Michigan Constitution; and

WHEREAS the scope of duties of a County Commissioner has greatly increased in the last century – road patrols, indigent defense, mental health treatment and substance abuse prevention programing, solid waste pick-up and disposal, food and water supply safety, park operations, economic development efforts, emergency management and response, etc.; and

WHEREAS Michigan is one of only five states in the United States that provides for exclusively two-year terms for County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS all other county and township elected officials in Michigan are elected to terms of at least four years; and

WHEREAS the position of County Commissioner is a highly complex oversight role that requires years to master; and

WHEREAS legislation to amend state law to enact four-years terms has been filed in the form of House Bills 4937-38 and Senate Bills 504-505; and

WHEREAS the Michigan Association of Counties supports the legislation as introduced;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners supports House Bills 4937-38 and Senate Bills 504-505 to enact four-year terms for County Commissioners.

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Motioned by West to adopt Resolution 2019-56. Supported by Comai. Roll call vote:

Yeas: West, Comai, Crambell, Sweet, Fisher.

Nays: None

Absent: Cox, Ngirarsaol

5 yeas. 0 nays. 2 absent. Motion Carried.

 12-18-2019

Kohn E. Fisher,
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners Kalkaska County

I, the undersigned, Clerk of Kalkaska County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners, at its Regular Meeting on December 18, 2019 the original of which is part of the Board's minutes.



Deborah L. Hill
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners Kalkaska County

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Benzie County was called to order by Chairman Rosa at the Road Commission offices in Honor, Michigan on Thursday November 14, 2019 at 9:32 a.m.

Present: Chairman Bob Rosa Manager Matt Skeels
Vice-Chairman James Bowers Deputy Clerk Pat Cote
Member Ted Mick

The agenda was accepted as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Bowers and supported by Commissioner Mick to amend the October 24, 2019 Minutes to say ...” effective 1/1/2020,” instead of ...”1/1/2019.” Ayes: Rosa, Mick and Bowers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The October 24, 2019 minutes were approved as amended.

Motion by Commissioner Bowers and supported by Commissioner Mick to pay bills #46629 to #46698 in the amount of \$134,848.66, MERS payment in the amount of \$54,449.17, and Payroll #22 & #23 for \$109,498.30. Ayes: Rosa, Bowers and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Cash Summary: Manager Skeels gave the Hooker Road bridge report.

Work Summary:

Mike Johnson Shop Foreman/Facility Manager – We've had our first snow. Mike, the new mechanic is running with the ball. C.J. is still off on short-term disability, Mike is helping a lot. He is seasonal. Clarence is retiring in the spring.

Scott Fasel Superintendent – Plowing snow. Unable to wrap up some of the jobs we were trying to finish before snowfall. The guys did a good job clearing up the snow. They are getting back on to trees. A couple of the new seasonal drivers are working out very well.

Matt Skeels Manager – Presented his comments during the Cash Summary presentation.

Standing guest: Gary Sauer, County Commissioner – Summit was well attended. Broadband update-Eclipse will get M22 project. They may be able to access fiber optics through US 31. The Court Security workshop was mandated by the Supreme Court to address serious issues. Attended the Michigan Septic Tank Workshop. Some would like to see a statewide code and eliminate local codes. Space use discussions continue at the Government Center. They are currently at 51% per industry standards. The Veteran's Day ceremony had a good turnout. Concerns were voiced about the Lindy and Pioneer (Weldon) Road intersection. Discussion about painting on the road to square up the intersection. Manager Skeels stated that we would look into the situation during painting season. Bob Rosa inquired about the Broadband discussions and what it means for our county.

10:00 a.m. Opening of Bids for Two (2) Tandem Axle – Three bids were received.

1. JX Truck Center – Peterbilt Model 367
2. Zaremba – International HX 515 SFA 6X4 Allison Transmission
3. Grand Traverse Diesel – Western Star 4700SF

Administration will review them and give a recommendation at the December 5, 2019 board meeting.

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Public Input – Dr. Nielson asked for a solution to the guardrail issues on M22 in Elberta.

Items Before the Board:

Dr. Richard Nielsen for Crystal Lake Township – Deferred payment plan for 2020 – Motion by Commissioner Rosa and supported by Commissioner Bowers to accept a deferred payment plan for Shorewood and Airport Roads to pave in the spring, bill in September and pay by April 20th, with a \$10K down payment and pave up to \$170K in 2020. Ayes: Rosa, Bowers & Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Possible plans for crack sealing on some of the current roads with millage funds in 2021. Would like to do Lobb and South Shore primary roads. Dr. Nielson inquired about the possibility of cost sharing with the township to get them done sooner than when we have them scheduled to be done. Typically, the Road Commission pays for all of the Primary road needs. They would like to use \$14K matching funds toward Bridge Street. They also need new tubes on Thomas Road. Commissioner Rosa questioned why they couldn't contribute above and beyond our portion.

Health Insurance Renewal Premiums to follow Hard-Cap – Manager Skeels – Motion by Commissioner Rosa and supported by Commissioner Bowers to require employee contributions for health care premiums to follow the Hard Cap rule on PA 152 for 2020. Ayes: Rosa, Bowers & Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Dental Insurance Premium Cost in Excess of Employer Portion – Manager Skeels – Motion by Commissioner Bowers and supported by Commissioner Mick to waive the \$5.33 charge to employees for the cost of family dental insurance coverage above the BRCR maximum \$120.00 contribution. Ayes: Rosa, Bowers & Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

CRA COOP Agreement – Manager Skeels – Motion by Commissioner Mick and supported by Commissioner Bowers to approve and accept the agreement as presented, and to give permission for Manager Skeels to sign the agreement. Ayes: Rosa, Bowers & Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence/Information/Discussion: *Shop Foreman and Superintendent excess vacation time* – Manager Skeels informed the Board that there may come a time before year end when he may have to consider paying out excess vacation time to the Shop Foreman and Superintendent.

Public Input: Gary Sauer discussed the possible consequences of extended credit for Crystal Lake Township.

Board Round Table: 200 acres being logged by Alan Leman's property. The gravel pit hearing is on the December agenda. Some of the townships are working toward getting out of the Joint Planning Commission.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Robert Rosa, Chairman

Patricia L Cote, Deputy Clerk

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Benzie County was called to order by Chairman Rosa at the Road Commission offices in Honor, Michigan on Thursday December 5, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.

Present: Chairman Bob Rosa Manager Matt Skeels
Vice-Chairman James Bowers Clerk Jennifer Kolinske

Absent: Member Ted Mick

Motion by Commissioner Bowers and supported by Commissioner Rosa to amended the agenda adding Honor Bank CD and Administrative Assistant Wage. Ayes: Rosa and Bowers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Bowers and supported by Commissioner Rosa to amend the November 14, 2019 minutes to state "The October 24, 2019 minutes were approved as amended". Ayes: Rosa and Bowers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The November 14, 2019 were approved as amended.

Motion by Commissioner Bowers and supported by Commissioner Rosa to pay bills #46699 to #46750 in the amount of \$173,850.21 and Payroll #24 for \$59,983.51. Ayes: Rosa and Bowers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Cash Summary: Clerk Kolinske presented the Cash Summary. There is a discrepancy of \$28,262.82 between the bank statement and the Cash Summary. Clerk Kolinske will go back and reconcile the cash summaries from the beginning of this fiscal year and report back to the board what she found.

Work Summary:

Mike Johnson Shop Foreman/Facility Manager -Shop is running very smoothly right now. Still have one mechanic off on disability.

Scott Fasel Superintendent -Crew is working hard at getting hard pack snow off of the roads. We have received more funds from the MDOT for tree removal. Working on 2020 paving project estimates with Troy as well as chip-seal and crack-seal. We might possibly be able to get more funds from MDOT for repairs to the salt shed in 2020. He would like to use these funds to pour a new pad, new door and paint the building. If we get enough funds there is a need to build a platform for the new trucks to access the brine tanks as well. MDOT is looking at the M-22 causeway water and erosion issues. This road may be scheduled for resurfacing in 2020. New loader will arrive at MI Cat on December 11th. Estimate for new sign truck came back under budget.

Matt Skeels Manager – N/A

Standing guest: Gary Sauer, County Commissioner – Reported he attended the MAC Tourism/Ag meeting via phone. The discussion was on Ottawa Counties purchase of development rights through grants with a 25% match and PA 116. Michigan is losing 1/3 acre per hour to development while the National stats are two acres per hour. Attended Maples and Building Authority meetings. Hope to have occupancy permit for Maples by the end of this month, just waiting for final sign off. Health Dept – Leelanau County passed an early childhood millage; however, it will not start generating revenue for them until next December. They want County to administer the program. Village of Elberta held a public hearing to apply for a DNR Trust Fund grant to improve the parking lot and beach access. Betsie Valley Trail Management Council will receive a \$150,000 Passport grant for the Beulah to Molineaux Road segment for improvements

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Public Input – Ron Hitesman – Discussed Hayes Road/Black Bridge issues. Their township would like to use the local road distribution funds they have accumulated to start working on this. Possibly just do south side to start. Looking into possible grant funds from Conservation Resource Alliance. Brad Link suggested BCRC look into condition of footings before proceeding. Mr. Hitesman also state that there is lots of conflict within their township on what to do with this bridge.

Items Before the Board:

Truck Bid Award – Board discussed bid sheet summary. Dan Walters from Grand Traverse Diesel discussed pros/cons of their trucks and over all the future of the industry as it applies to road commission needs. Motion by Commissioner Rosa and supported by Commissioner Bowers to award the truck bid to Western Star. Ayes: Rosa and Bowers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Roof Repairs for Spring 2020 – Manager Skeels discussed the option to use West Roofing Systems, Inc. which can apply a 12-mill coating on all roofs that would restore slipperiness with a ten-year warranty as opposed to only correcting the areas we are currently having issues with. Cost to do this is approximately \$186,000 and doesn't need to be bid since the company is part of MDOT's list of approved vendors. Motion by Commissioner Bowers and supported by Commissioner Rosa to approve using West Roofing Systems, Inc. for our roof repairs up to \$186,000. Ayes: Rosa and Bowers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Set January Organizational Meeting Date – Meeting set for January 9, 2020.

Honor Bank CD - Motion by Commissioner Bowers and supported by Commissioner Rosa to renew our Honor bank CD with an additional \$150,000 if the rates come in at 2.25% or higher. Ayes: Rosa and Bowers. Nays: None. Motion carried

Administrative Wage – Motion by Commissioner Rosa and supported by Commissioner Bowers to approve a one-time stipend of \$1.00 per hour for Pat Cote, Administrative Assistant for all hours worked between October 9, 2019 to December 6, 2019.

Correspondence/Information/Discussion:

Set up Special Meeting Study Session to discuss "New Building" options – Meeting set for March 5, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. Manager Skeels mentioned that we should include a bargaining unit employee in this session as well.

Public Input: Manager Skeels has been discussing culvert issues with Blaine & Joyfield Township. Swamp Road has bad culverts that need to be replaced before paving. Proposing moving paving project from 2020 to 2021 so that the culverts can be done first.

Board Round Table: Jen returned to work December 2, 2019. Hope to back to full-time eight-hour days by January 10, 2020. The 3% union raise per their contract was implemented on the December 12, 2019 payroll. Administrative wages to be reviewed at the December 19, 2019 board meeting. Rural Task Force meeting will be here at BCRC on December 13, 2019 at 1:00 p.m., Local Road Committee meeting will be held here at BCRC on December 18, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Robert Rosa, Chairman

Jennifer L Kolinske, Clerk

**BENZIE-LEELANAU DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT
SPECIAL BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Thursday, December 12, 2019 4:00 p.m.
Benzie Resource Center
6051 Frankfort Highway
Benzonia, Mi 49616**

Chairperson Gary Sauer called the meeting to order at 4:02pm

Members Present:

Dr. Barbara Conley - Leelanau County Member at Large
Gary Sauer - Benzie County Board of Commissioners
Melinda Lautner - Leelanau County Board of Commissioners
Dr. George Ryckman - Benzie County Member at Large
Carolyn Rentenbach – Leelanau County Board of Commissioners
Linda Farrell – Benzie County Board of Commissioners

Staff Present:

Lisa Peacock – Health Officer
Dodie Putney – Director of Administrative Services
Eric Johnston – Environmental Health Director

Guests Present- none

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion by: Conley to approve the agenda.

Seconded by: Rentenbach

Voice vote: 6 yea 0 nay 0 excused **Motion carried**

Public Comment – none

Leelanau Early Childhood Millage Planning & Development Proposal:

Lisa reviewed the conceptual draft including scope of work and budget information that could be presented to the Leelanau County Board of Commissioners for consideration if approved by the Board of Health. The focus of a proposed interim agreement is outlined below:

	Year 1: Leelanau County Early Childhood Millage Planning and Development Interim Agreement
Contractor Name	Benzie Leelanau District Health Department Organizational Structure: District Health Department
Method of Selection	Leelanau County Early Childhood Services Millage Proposal was affirmed by election on November 5, 2019. The purpose was stated as <i>funding the development, implementation, coordination, and monitoring of early childhood health, vision, dental, mental, and emotional health and related early childhood development programs for residents of Leelanau County.</i> Benzie Leelanau District Health Department was indicated in the ballot language as an agency that may receive a portion of the funding. The Benzie Leelanau District Health Department has

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	extensive experience in collaborating with community partners to provide support for families during the early childhood period.
Period of Performance	January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020 Anticipated 6-12 months period for planning and development
Scope of Work	<p><u>Overview of request</u></p> <p>The goal of this proposal would be to establish an interim agreement that would allow for BLDHD to increase staffing capacity to facilitate planning and development of a multi-year strategic implementation plan with clear goals, objectives and measures, in collaboration with BLDHD Board of Health, Leelanau County Administration and Leelanau County Board of Commissioners as well as legal counsel, and to continue ongoing Parenting Communities services at current level to assure no gaps in service to the community.</p> <p><u>Background</u></p> <p>After initial discussions between the BLDHD Administration and Board of Health, and Leelanau County Administration, as well as respective legal counsel, it was determined that an interim plan would be beneficial to properly develop comprehensive plans for implementation of the Leelanau County Early Childhood millage. Early childhood programs to be developed and implemented through the millage are designed to provide all Leelanau County parents of children from birth to age 6 with a comprehensive framework of support to maximize the health and well-being of both parents and young children with the intention of strengthening the future of Leelanau County by strengthening young families.</p> <p>Program elements may include parenting information; opportunities for support and networking with other parents; coordination and assistance with resources to meet basic needs (food, housing, transportation, safety, etc....); information and assistance accessing preventive physical and dental health care; referral or direct provision of behavioral health support services; and child developmental assessment. Home visits, parent-child playgroups, and parent-centered community events are the primary activities conducted to achieve this goal of creating a network of support for Leelanau County parents and children.</p> <p><u>Project Overview</u></p> <p>During this interim period, initial staffing would be established at BLDHD to facilitate the planning process for implementation of the early childhood millage in collaboration with Leelanau County and the BLDHD Board of Health. Expectations of the project would include developing a community advisory committee that would ensure programs are implemented as intended, reviewing and evaluating data on community needs and gaps as well as community supports and strengths, and oversight/evaluation of current Parenting Communities model. Staff and leadership under the interim agreement would be responsible for developing a multi-year, comprehensive strategic implementation plan with clear goals and objectives for consideration and eventual approval by the BLDHD Board of Health and the Leelanau County Board of Commissioners.</p> <p>The Early Childhood Planning and Development Team will focus on 5 main objectives during interim period:</p> <p>Objective #1: Evaluate and oversee current Parenting Communities staff and program which includes home visiting, parent and child play and support groups, and community events and outreach.</p> <p>Objective #2: Develop policies, procedures, and documentation system for expanded program, incorporating existing elements where appropriate.</p>

Objective #3: Establish a community advisory committee to assure community input into program development.

Objective #4: Summarize available data and establish metrics to be measured to assess progress toward program goals.

Objective #5: Develop Strategic Implementation Plan with clear goals and objectives for implementation of millage.

The Early Childhood Planning and Development Team would initially consist of:

1. Early Childhood Program Coordinator, 0.5 FTE. Examples of the anticipated work within this role includes:
 - Develops a county-wide early childhood committee with the goal of improving coordination of services among all partners providing services to families with young children.
 - Reviews and analyzes data pertaining to early childhood needs, barriers, and assets in Leelanau County for the purpose of prioritizing program planning
 - Leads work in collaboration with Health Department leadership and staff, Leelanau County Administration and Board of Commissioners, and BLDHD Board of Health to develop multi-year strategic millage implementation plan with clear goals, objectives, and measures of progress.
 - Ensures that families, schools, health care providers, community agencies, businesses and others are informed of programs and services available for young children and their parents.
 - Identifies innovative, evidenced-informed opportunities for improving the health and well-being of families and young children in Leelanau County.
 - Explores strengths and barriers in access to mental health/infant mental health services and works with partners to develop plan to reduce barriers and increase access.
2. Program Supervisor, 0.5 FTE. Examples of the anticipated work within this role may include:
 - Evaluates and oversees current Parenting Communities program
 - Develops policies and procedures for program implementation
 - Develops process and outcome measures and ensures data collection and reporting of measures
 - Supervises program staff, including hiring, evaluation, scheduling, etc.
 - Ensures all program staff receive required trainings
 - Coordinates the acquisition of supplies needed for all program activities
 - Ensures programs expenses do not exceed budgets
3. Licensed Social Worker, 0.5 FTE. Examples of the anticipated work within this role may include:
 - Conducts intake visits to assess family needs
 - Develops plan with the family to determine the best programs/services to meet needs and makes referrals as indicated.
 - Provides direct services for families with complex or mental health needs
 - Administers standardized assessments as determined by established policies

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides support, direction, and reflective supervision activities for CHW staff • Lends expertise to implementation plan development <p>4. Community Health Worker (CHW): 1.6 FTE. Examples of the anticipated work within this role may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Health Workers are trained in early childhood principles and are preferably certified as CHW's. • Conducts home visits based on family needs and interests, which may include parenting support and education; education about preventive health care for children and adults; assessment of physical/mental/social needs of the family and linking to health care providers and community resources; assessment of physical/social/emotional development of the child; individualized assistance in addressing barriers to improve the health of the family. • Coordinate and facilitate weekly playgroups in each community • Participate in community events such as health fairs and reach out to families at other strategic locations such as the baby pantry. • Coordinate community events based on parent interests (education, social, community service) • Participate in team planning and reflective supervision activities • Lends expertise to implementation plan development <p>5. BLDHD Personal Health Director (.1 FTE; 2 day/month during planning phase, expect to decrease once programs and staff are established). Examples of anticipated work within this role may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develops and monitors budgets • Reports to Board of Health and Board of Commissioners • Oversight of Coordinator and Supervisor positions • Oversight of multi-year implementation plan development • Conducts quality assurance activities to ensure fidelity to program policies and procedures <p>6. BLDHD Director of Administrative Services (.025 FTE; ½ day/month). Examples of anticipated work within this role may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitors expenses and revenue and works with Director of Personal Health to develop program budget and ensure ongoing expenses within budget • Prepares financial reports for Board of Health and Board of Commission • Works with Leelanau County staff to ensure proper transfer and accounting of funds
Method of Accountability	Benzie Leelanau District Health Department Administrative team including Health Officer, Administrative Services Director, and Personal Health Director will provide overall monitoring and supervision as well as reporting to Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department Board of Health and the Leelanau County Board of Commissioners.
Itemized Budget and Justification	Benzie Leelanau District Health Department Budget: Up to \$375,934, January 1, 2020-December 31, 2020 for 6-12 months planning and development process. Would request two payments – 1 at commencement of interim period and another at 6 months.

	<u>Salary and Wages</u> <u>\$159,966</u> CHW/PHT, 1.6 FTE (at an annual salary of \$38,103) = \$60,965 Early Childhood Coordinator, 0.5 FTE (at an annual salary of \$51,694) = \$25,847 Licensed MSW, 0.5 FTE (at an annual salary of \$58,442) = \$29,221 Personal Health Director, 0.1 FTE (at an annual salary of \$82,212) = \$8,221 Personal Health Supervisor, 0.5 FTE (at an annual salary of \$67,314) = \$33,657 Administrative Services Director, 0.03 FTE (at an annual salary of \$82,212) = \$2,055 <u>Fringe Benefits @ 48.5%</u> <u>\$77,584</u> FICA, Unemployment Ins, Retirement, Health, Life, Vision, Dental, Work Comp, Long term Disability <u>Travel</u> <u>\$290</u> Travel to meetings, trainings, and community events to promote Early Childhood Services to families and community = 500 miles X 0.58 = \$290 <u>Supplies and Materials</u> <u>\$18,560</u> Meeting facilitation materials and supplies = \$1000 Postage, copying, promotional materials promoting Early Childhood Services = \$400 Software licenses (\$1290/user X 4 for new employees) (Patagonia & Office 365) = \$5,160 Laptop computers X 4 for new employees (including docking stations and operating systems) = \$11,600 Desktop printer/scanners X 2 for remote worksites if needed = \$400 <u>Contractual</u> <u>\$2,000</u> Legal expenses to ensure compliance with contractual/millage obligations <u>Other Expenses</u> <u>\$19,967</u> Communications: \$84/mon. x 3.625 FTE x 12 mon. = \$3,654 Space Cost: \$375/mon. x 3.625 FTE x 12 mon. = \$16,313 <u>Total Direct Expenditures</u> <u>\$276,163</u> <u>Indirect Cost Calculation</u> <u>\$99,771</u> Direct Expenditures = \$260,183 X 18% = \$52,037 (IDC rate #1) Direct Expenditures = \$260,183 X 24% = \$62,444 (IDC rate #2) <u>Total All Expenditures</u> <u>\$375,934</u>
Extra Information	

Motion by: Farrell to accept the Interim Agreement Proposal prepared by Peacock with the requested changes made by the Board of Health and then allow Peacock to present the Interim Agreement to the Leelanau County Board of Commissioners.

Seconded by: Conley

Voice vote: 5 yeas 1 nay 0 excused **Motion carried**

Public Comment-none

Board Comments-none

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 5:11 pm

Gary Sauer, Chair

Renee Youker, Recording Secretary

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December 13, 2019

Dawn Olney
County of Benzie
448 Court Place
Beulah, MI 49617-0377

Dear Dawn Olney:

Thank you for your recent renewal with the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA). On behalf of the MMRMA Board of Directors, I am very pleased to provide County of Benzie with \$53,184. This represents your share of the distribution of excess net assets to Members, which was declared by the Board in January 2019. In accordance with your instructions, your share of the distribution will be deposited in your Member Funds Held on Deposit with MMRMA.

This distribution is based on the most recent analysis of net asset adequacy at June 30, 2018. Each year, the Board determines whether to declare a net asset distribution. This year, the Board declared a net asset distribution to eligible Members of \$28 million. MMRMA's ability to declare this distribution is a direct reflection of our consistently strong performance results. Many factors contribute to these results, including better than expected loss trends, good risk management practices, responsiveness to risk control recommendations, and solid investment income. Since a new analysis is performed each year, there is no guarantee of future distributions.

However, the essential and most important factor allowing MMRMA to distribute excess net assets is the long-term commitment of its Members. A majority of MMRMA Members have over 20 years of continuous membership, and several have more than 30 continuous years with our organization. The method used to calculate the distribution of excess net assets recognizes and rewards those municipalities with sustained longevity. In addition to the years of continuous membership, the calculation method considers General Fund contributions and claim loss history in excess of your self-insured retention (SIR) layer over the past five years. The ultimate recognition of the success of our organization goes to you – the MMRMA Members. Without your ongoing participation, such distributions would not be possible. The Board and I sincerely thank you for your loyal support of MMRMA.

Warmest regards,

Michael L. Rhyner
Executive Director

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BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DECEMBER 10, 2019

RESOLUTION

BY: BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, The 1963 Michigan Constitution stipulated four-year terms for the county Board of Supervisors, the preceding body to today's Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, The Legislature voted in 1966 to abolish Boards of Supervisors and formally replace them with Boards of Commissioners after the 1968 elections; and

WHEREAS, Public Act 261 of 1966 promulgated that the length of terms for the new county commissioners shall be concurrent with that of state representatives, as specified in Article IV, section 3 of the Michigan Constitution; and

WHEREAS, The scope of duties of a county commissioner has greatly increased in the last century — road patrols, indigent defense, mental health treatment and substance abuse prevention programming, solid waste pick-up and disposal, food and water supply safety, park operations, economic development efforts, emergency management and response; and

WHEREAS, Michigan is only one of five states in the United States that provides for exclusively two-year terms for county commissioners; and

WHEREAS, All other county and township elected officials in Michigan are elected to terms of at least four years; and

WHEREAS, The position of county commissioner is a highly complex oversight role that requires years to master; and

WHEREAS, Legislation to amend state law to enact four-year terms has been filed in the form of House bills 4937-38 and Senate Bills 504-505; and

WHEREAS, The Michigan Association of Counties supports the legislation as introduced; Therefore, Be It RESOLVED That the Bay County Board of Commissioners supports House Bills 4937-38 and Senate Bills 504-505 to enact four-year terms for county commissioners; Be It Further RESOLVED That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Senator Kevin Daley, Representatives Brian Elder and Annette Glenn, the Michigan Association of Counties and the other 82 Michigan Counties.

MICHAEL J. DURANCZYK, CHAIR
AND BOARD

Commissioner 4 Year Terms

Resolution co-sponsored by Commissioners Michael J. Duranczyk, 1st District, and Ernie Krygier, 2nd DistrictMOVED BY COMM. LUTZSUPPORTED BY COMM. RYDER

COMMISSIONER	Y	N	E	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	E	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	E
MICHAEL J. DURANCZYK	X			KIM J. COONAN	X			MICHAEL E. LUTZ	X		
ERNIE KRYGIER	X			THOMAS M. HEREK	X						
VAUGHN J. BEGICK	X			TOM RYDER	X						

VOTE TOTALS:

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BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DECEMBER 10, 2019

BAY COUNTY RESOLUTION REQUESTING DECLARATION OF THE GREAT LAKES
SHORELINE AS A DISASTER AREA AND SEEKING ASSISTANCE

- WHEREAS, Near record high water levels in the Great Lakes, as well as the bays and rivers connected to them, have contributed toward major erosion on beaches and shorelines all across the State of Michigan throughout 2019; and
- WHEREAS, With the Michigan winter, ice flows and jams will continue to worsen the already bad situation throughout the Great Lakes; and
- WHEREAS, The Great lakes are Michigan's most vital and precious resource; and
- WHEREAS, The County of Bay realizes that storms, high water, and wind driven wave action are causing severe erosion of the shoreline; and
- WHEREAS, The Great Lakes are the State of Michigan's economic and property value driver for the tax base along the shoreline and connecting tributaries; and
- WHEREAS, The current conditions of the Great Lakes shoreline negatively affects businesses and the tourism industry by limiting access to the beaches; the loss of private property along the shoreline negatively affects the local, county, and state tax base; and municipal water systems and the inland water levels throughout the state are all negatively affected; Now, Therefore, Be it Hereby
- RESOLVED That the Bay County Board of Commissioners requests that the Governor of the State of Michigan along with our State Legislature declare the Shoreline of the Great Lakes in the State of Michigan a disaster area, and that the Governor and the State Legislature seek assistance from Congress and the President of the United State for this devastating situation which has a negative impact statewide.

ERNIE KRYGIER, 2ND DISTRICT
BAY COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Krygier - Great Lakes Shoreline Disaster Area Declaration

MOVED BY COMM. LUTZSUPPORTED BY COMM. KRYGIER

COMMISSIONER	Y	N	E	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	E	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	E
MICHAEL J. DURANCZYK	X			KIM J. COONAN	X			MICHAEL E. LUTZ	X		
ERNIE KRYGIER	X			THOMAS M. HEREK	X						
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Benzie County Forestry FY2018-2019

- 82 office initial contacts
- 49 landowner site visits covering 3,006 acres
- 143 landowner follow-up contacts
- 11 landowner referrals to consultant and industry foresters covering 2,028 acres
- 41 regional outreach educational events reaching 1,594 area landowners
- 31 regional media occurrences (newsprint, web, radio, tv)

Natural Resources Conservation Services 2018/19

- Cover crops – 45 acres
- nutrient management – 155 acres
- Integrated pest management – 139 acres
- Invasive species removed – 94 acres
- Abandoned orchards removed – 30 acres

Invasive Species Network in 2018/2019

- Surveyed over 6,000 acres of high-quality habitats for invasive species at over 400 sites
- Restored over 30 acres with native plants
- Treated over 1,200 acres of high-priority invasive species at over 300 sites
- Coordinated 10 workbees and 58 other events
 - Engaged nearly 60 volunteers for over 120 volunteer hours
- Contacted over 3,600 people in-person and over 400,000 using traditional & social media
 - Nearly 400 people contacted ISN for the first time to have their questions answered
- Responded to Early Detection reports:
 - Black swallow-wort populations treated in Kingsley
 - Hogweed population treated in Manistee
 - New species: Chinese yam confirmed in Grand Traverse Co.
 - Dozens of responses to mistaken reports via phone/email

2018-2019 Benzie CD Outreach

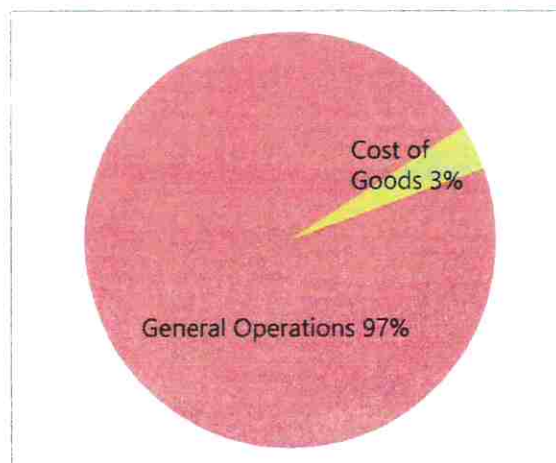
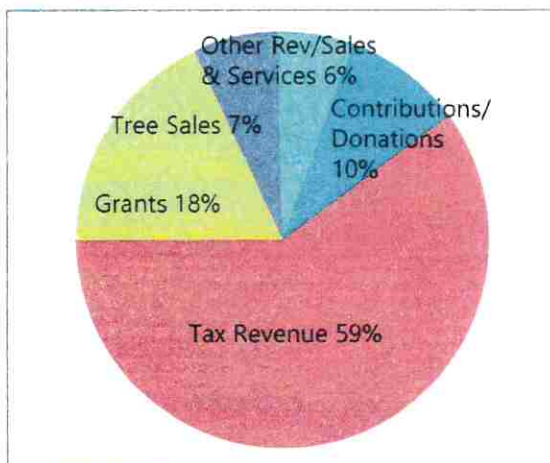
- Website page visits – 6,678
- Website page views – 16,474
- Phone calls – 564
- Walk-ins – 547
- Eblast opens – 15,506
- Facebook post/page reach – 33,800
- Newsprint circulation – 50,000 plus!



Fiscal Year Finances 2018 - 2019

REVENUE	Contributions/Donations	\$24,550
	Tax Revenue	\$157,619
	Grant Income	\$47,328
	Tree Sales	\$17,443
	Sales & Services	\$15,512
	Other Revenue	\$2,916
TOTAL REVENUE		\$265,368

EXPENSES	General Operations	\$226,293
	Cost of Goods	\$8,243
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$234,536
	NET ORDINARY INCOME	\$30,832



BENZIE WATERS

(Facts & Figures At-A-Glance 2019)

Aquatic Invasive Species Pathways Program

Clean Boats: 241
Educated Boaters: 669



River Clean Ups Lake & Stream Monitoring: Volunteer Hours

New & Returning Volunteers: 121
Volunteer Hours: 518

Direct Engagement & Education

Students & Adults: 3,059+



Dawn Olney

10:30

From: Elizabeth Calcutt <elizabeth.calcutt@networksnorthwest.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 8, 2020 11:06 AM
To: Dawn Olney
Subject: Recreation Plan materials for Board packets
Attachments: Benzie County Board Memo 1.8.20.pdf; Draft Rec Plan Resolution - County Board.docx; Benzie Joint Plan DRAFT 1.6.20.pdf

Hi Dawn,

Thanks for taking my call and getting this on next week's agenda. Attached is a memo for the Benzie County Board of Commissioners regarding the County's recreation plan update, a draft/sample resolution of adoption, and the draft Joint Recreation and Cultural Plan. Again, we are looking to have the County Board take action at this meeting so that we can submit the plan by the Feb. 1 deadline.

Thanks!
Elizabeth

Elizabeth Calcutt
Community Planner



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MEMO

To: Benzie County Board of Commissioners

From: Elizabeth Calcutt, Community Planner, Networks Northwest

Date: January 8, 2020

Re: Benzie County & Benzonia Township Joint Recreation and Cultural Plan – Draft, Comments, and Next Steps

Attached for your review is the draft Benzie County & Benzonia Township Joint Recreation and Cultural Plan.

The draft Plan was developed as an update to the County's 2015 Recreation and Cultural Plan and expanded to include Benzonia Township. Prior to commencing the plan update, the Benzie County Parks and Recreation Commission extended an invitation to all local units of government within the County that did not have a current recreation plan on file with DNR to participate in this update as a joint recreation planning process. Benzonia Township chose to collaborate with the County, developing its first Recreation Plan. By planning together, the County is supporting an efficient planning process and a more coordinated recreation system, while still enabling local units of government to maintain separate ownership and control of our own park lands.

The update is based on current community information and facility conditions, input received from the 2019 Community Survey, discussions and recommendations of the County Parks and Recreation Commission and the Township's Memorial Park Committee, and with assistance from Networks Northwest. The Plan identifies the County's and Township's recreation needs and objectives, and was developed according to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Plans.

In November, the draft plan was released for the 30-day public review period. Notice was published in the Benzie Record Patriot and posted at the Township and County offices. Copies of the plan were available on the Networks Northwest website and at the Township and County offices. One comment was received during the public review period (attached). Following the 30-day review, the County Parks and Rec Commission hosted a public hearing on December 16, 2019. No public comments were received. The Township Board is hosting a second public hearing on January 8, 2020 with a focus on the Township elements of the Recreation Plan. The Township Board will take action on the Plan as part of their regular meeting on January 8.

On December 16, the Parks and Recreation Commission passed a resolution recommending adoption of the Joint Recreation & Cultural by the Benzie County Board. Following the review of the draft plan by the County Board, the remaining approval steps for the draft plan are as follows:

1. The County Board of Commissioners takes action on the Joint Plan and any proposed changes.
2. Once approved, the plan and supporting materials will be forwarded to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for their approval.

Comments and proposed changes are attached.

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Comments received during the public review period of the Joint Recreation & Cultural Plan 2020-2024 DRAFT

From: **Diane Tracy** <dianertracy@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Nov 22, 2019 at 10:27 AM
Subject: Public review of Recreation & Cultural Plan draft
To: Elizabeth Calcutt <elizabeth.calcutt@networksnorthwest.org>
Cc: Cathy Demitroff <democ@benzie.com>

Elizabeth -

Many thanks to you and the Benzie County Parks and Recreation Commission for your work on the new master plan. I downloaded the 11/13/2019 draft of the Benzie County Recreation and Cultural Plan available for public review and sent it to the Benzie Aquatic Center board and a handful of additional volunteers/interested parties. I received one suggestion about amending Action 3.42 on page 45. I'm sending along a revised version of that text for your consideration:

Action 3.42 "Support the creation of additional facilities for indoor wellness activities that are in demand but not supported with year-round facilities, potentially including walking, aquatics, and other exercise related facilities."

Please let me know if you have any questions about this suggestion or would like to speak with me about it. Thank you!

Diane

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Diane Robertson Tracy
DianeRTracy@gmail.com
734-277-4994

Proposed Changes

Bold italicized text is proposed ***new/revised*** text.

1. Page 45, *Goals, Objectives, & Action Plan Priorities*

Action 3.42: Support the creation of additional ***year-round*** facilities for indoor wellness activities ***that are in demand but are not adequately available***, potentially including walking, aquatics, and other exercise related facilities.

BENZIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**BENZIE COUNTY JOINT RECREATION PLAN
RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION**

Resolution Number:

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner _____
and seconded by Commissioner _____.

WHEREAS, Benzie County has undertaken a 5-Year Recreation Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities, and goals and actions for improving and maintaining recreational facilities during the five year period covering 2020 through 2024; and,

WHEREAS, Benzie County has entered into this planning process in collaboration with Benzonia Township allowing for an efficient planning process and a more coordinated recreation system, while still enabling Benzonia Township to maintain separate ownership and control of its park land; and,

WHEREAS, Benzie County is of the understanding that the Benzonia Township Board intends to pass a similar resolution of adoption of the Joint Recreation Plan; and,

WHEREAS, Benzie County has developed the Plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources; and,

WHEREAS, input was received through meetings, a questionnaire, a 30-day public review period, a public hearing held on December 16, 2019 by the Benzie County Parks and Recreation Commission, and a public hearing held on January 8, 2020 by the Benzonia Township Board to obtain input on recreation needs and opportunities, and all other aspects of the recreation plan; and,

WHEREAS, Benzie County has developed the plan for the benefit of the entire community to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the entire community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Benzie County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the Benzie County Joint Recreation & Cultural Plan at the regular meeting of the Benzie County Board of Commissioners on January 8, 2020.

AYES:

NAYS:

I, _____, County Clerk, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a resolution that was adopted by the Benzie County Board of Commissioners at the meeting held on the 8th day of January, 2020.

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BENZIE COUNTY CLERK
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Dawn Olney, County Clerk

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Benzie County Joint Recreation and Cultural Plan 2020-2024

Benzie County Parks and Recreation Commission

Recommended Adoption: December 16, 2019

Benzie County Board of Commissioners

Adopted: _____

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www.benzieco.net

Benzonia Township Board of Trustees

Adopted: _____

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Consultant

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Benzie County **Recreation and Cultural Plan** **2020-2024**

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Introduction

Benzie County, located in the northwestern portion of Michigan's Lower Peninsula, is a rural, thickly forested county scattered throughout with beautiful, high-quality lakes and rivers. One of the County's many assets is recreation, with countless year-round opportunities for activities like camping, boating, swimming, hiking, fishing, golf, hunting, cross country skiing, or simply enjoying nature. The seasons provide a background for community events like the Coho Salmon Festival, Winterfest, and Frankfort Film Festival; along with a wealth of outdoor activities and arts and cultural opportunities. Spring and summer supports popular outdoor activities such as bike riding, fishing, hiking, and horseback riding. Autumn color tours and hunting season draw visitors and residents alike to Benzie County's hilly forests, while winter snows bring snowmobiling, skiing, ice fishing, and snowshoeing, making Benzie County a four-season playground. These recreation opportunities, along with the County's rural character, are key elements in Benzie County's economy and quality of life.

The County's lakes, rivers, forests, trails, community events, and recreation programming provide other benefits as well. Recreation activities and events bring residents and visitors together, fostering opportunities for cultural activities, education, and civic engagement. They promote public health and wellness by encouraging opportunities for physical activity, which is critical in staying healthy, reducing stress, fighting obesity, and preventing chronic health conditions. Parks and trails are also safe options for non-motorized transportation – which is especially important for those that do not own a car or cannot drive due to age, disability, or income.

Parks also act, increasingly, as economic drivers, raising property values, drawing new residents to the community, and encouraging new development and tourism. The Parks and Recreation Commission believes that cultural activities and pursuits in Benzie County frequently overlap with recreational activities and pursuits. Therefore, it is in the best interest of the residents of Benzie County, as well as visitors from outside the County, for the Parks and Recreation Commission to plan for both their cultural and recreational needs. Cultural facilities – such as historic sites, museums, galleries, libraries, and event venues – also play an important role, increasing tourism and contributing to communities' sense of place and quality of life. Because of these important contributions, recreation and cultural improvements and enhancements support and encourage – and in some cases, create – new investment and economic development.

To help guide future cultural and recreation improvements and enhancements, the Benzie County Parks and Recreation Commission initiated an update to the 2015 Benzie County Recreation and Cultural Plan. Prior to commencing the update, the Parks and Recreation Commission extended an invitation to all local units of government within the County that did not have a current recreation plan on file with DNR to participate in this update as a joint recreation planning process. And in 2019, the Recreation & Cultural Plan was updated as a joint plan with Benzonia Township. By allowing units of government to plan together, the DNR is supporting an efficient planning process and a more coordinated recreation system, while still enabling local units of government to maintain separate ownership and control of our own park lands.

Recreation and Cultural Plan Purpose and Intent

The Plan is intended to identify the County's and Township's highest recreation priorities and to offer an implementation road map for the recreation goals and objectives identified by the community throughout the various planning efforts. The Plan is important to all residents of Benzie County and Benzonia Township for several reasons. First, it provides the only comprehensive inventory of parks, recreational facilities, and cultural entities in Benzie County. Second, it is a requirement of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to apply for DNR grant funding. Since 1985, Benzie County has received over \$3 million in DNR grant monies for the development of different recreational facilities and the preservation of recreational properties. Benzonia Township has not been the

direct recipient of DNR monies to date.

This plan also provides Benzie County and Benzonia Township residents with a means of sharing their opinions on recreational and cultural matters in the County and Township, and addresses the maintenance and sustainability of existing parklands and cultural resources, as well as the acquisition and development of new ones. It addresses the need for greater partnerships between local jurisdictions and non-governmental agencies within Benzie County and the region, and it focuses on the recreational and cultural amenity and programming needs of citizens and visitors to Benzie County. And, because of the wealth of environmental resources in Benzie County, the Benzie County Parks and Recreation Commission is committed to environmental preservation in all of their activities.

The Recreation and Cultural Plan also helps lay the groundwork for budgeting for and funding recreation improvements. There are great recreational resources available, but few financial or institutional resources to adequately incorporate these resources into the recreational and cultural infrastructure of the County and communities within the County. Therefore, developing existing parklands and acquiring new ones can be difficult and requires intergovernmental and non-governmental cooperation and good planning. The Benzie County Recreation and Cultural Plan is intended to aid the County and communities within the County in budgeting and planning for cost-effective and efficient recreation improvements.

Plan Development

The Benzie County Joint Recreation and Cultural Plan was prepared with guidance and oversight from the Benzie County Parks and Recreation Commission. The Township elements of the plan were prepared with guidance and oversight from Benzonia Township officials and the Memorial Park Committee.

The Plan is organized as follows:

- *Chapter 1, Community Description*, includes information regarding community population, natural features, and other community information. The intent of this section is to provide a context for the plan that will assist in establishing goals.
- *Chapter 2, Administrative Structure*, summarizes the process through which recreation decisions are made.
- *Chapter 3, Recreation Inventory* itemizes existing recreational facilities in the County, with a focus the four properties owned and/or managed by the County and the one property owned by the Township.
- *Chapter 4, Planning and Public Input*, provides background on related plans and explains how public input was gathered and used in developing and prioritizing recreation goals, objectives, and actions.
- *Chapter 5, Goals, Objectives, and Action Plan*, describes proposed recreation goals and improvements, and suggests specific implementation activities to achieve those goals.

DNR Recreation Planning Guidelines

This Plan was developed according to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Plans*.

Through its recreation grants program, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) provides financial assistance to communities that would like to purchase land for parks, or are planning to improve or develop recreation facilities. To be eligible to apply for most of these grant programs, a community must have a 5-year recreation plan, approved by the DNR, that meets certain requirements. This Recreation Plan was developed to comply with all DNR requirements for recreation plans.

Chapter 1:

Community Description

Benzie County includes twelve townships, six villages, one city, and extensive State and Federal lands. It is one of 83 counties in Michigan. Benzie County was organized in 1863 and officially created in 1869. Benzie County is relatively small in area and population: in 2018, its population was 17,753; ranking it 66th out of Michigan's 83 counties in terms of population. It is the smallest county in Michigan with only 317 square miles, and has a population density of approximately 56 people per square mile.

While Benzie County is small geographically, it boasts a wealth of natural resources: it includes 25 miles of Lake Michigan shoreline, along with 135 inland lakes (over 1 acre in size), including Crystal Lake, which is the ninth-largest lake in the State of Michigan. The County also includes parts of the Pere Marquette State Forest, as well as the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. A number of streams and rivers also run through the area, including the Betsie River, a State-designated Natural River System.

Benzie County's topography is largely the result of glacial actions that took place thousands of years ago. Receding glaciers carved out Crystal Lake and the valleys of the Platte and Betsie Rivers, and deposited sand atop bluffs, creating the renowned dunes along the shoreline. This unique topography has helped make Benzie County a recreation destination, providing plentiful opportunities for fishing, boating, alpine and cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, swimming, camping, and hiking; and spectacular vistas.

Along with the great recreational resources available, Benzie County is rich with cultural activity. There are several annual arts and crafts fairs; festivals, including the Coho Festival, Winterfest, and Frankfort Film Festival; a great abundance of art galleries; and a number of historically significant landmarks, including the County-owned Point Betsie Lighthouse. The cultural opportunities in Benzie County contribute to the quality of life here and attract visitors and seasonal residents.

Community Needs

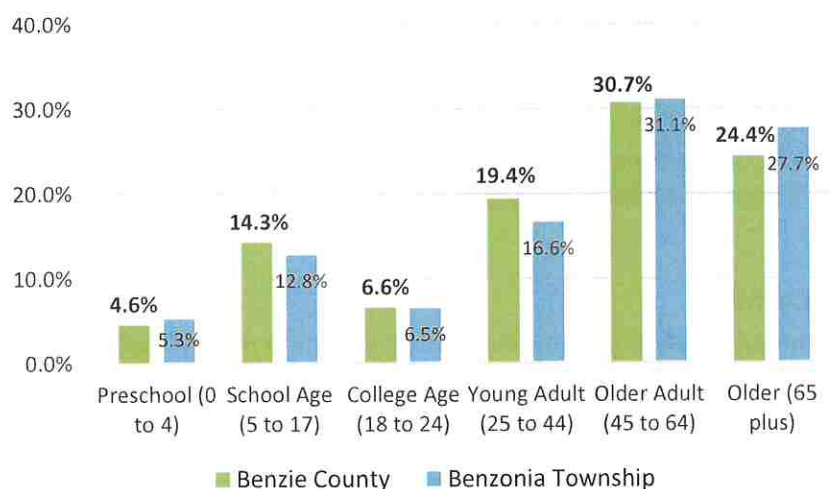
A community's recreation needs depend on the age, income, and other needs of its residents. Benzie County has undergone significant population shifts over the past decade, which has impacted its recreation needs and opportunities.

Age

The age of a community's residents is an important factor in determining recreation needs: facilities should accommodate the varying abilities and interests of residents at different stages of life. According to the 2017 American Community Survey, the median age in Benzie County is 48.9 and 51.2 in Benzonia Township, both over 10 years more than the state median age.

While the overall population remained relatively steady between 2010-2017, the age of residents changed. Similar to demographic trends experienced during the recession, there was an increase

2017 Population Estimates by Age



among the senior population, and a decline in age groups most likely to have children at home between 2010 and 2017. The American Community Survey (ACS) estimates that the population 65 and older increased by close to 20%, while the number of individuals aged 35-44 decreased by 28%, and individuals under the age of 18 decreased by 16%. Although some of this growth in the senior population reflects natural age increases, especially as the Baby Boomers reach retirement age, this growth can also be accounted for by new residents that moved to the area following retirement.

These trends have significant impacts on recreation needs: seniors represent an important and growing segment of the County's population, necessitating new recreation facilities and features. The provision of barrier-free access is becoming an increasingly high priority. Passive recreation opportunities, such as walking paths, are also becoming more important as the population ages. However, almost 20% of the County's population is below the age of 18, so to focus solely on the aging population leaves many residents' recreation needs unmet.

Benzie County's communities are increasingly looking to attract young families and individuals. Ensuring that the recreation needs of youth are addressed can make the community more attractive to families, helping to reverse the decline in younger populations, while also improving opportunities for physical activity and social development among the region's children and adolescents.

Community Health

Providing access for all residents to safe and enjoyable recreational facilities is important in ensuring a high quality of life and personal health. The 2017 American Community Survey (ACS) reports that 11% of Benzie County's population under of 65 years have a disability. Disabled individuals have specific community needs relative to public spaces, with significant challenges related to accessibility. Many recreation opportunities in this region are focused on natural resources that may be difficult to access due to terrain and other environmental features. Encouraging accessibility features in parks and recreation facilities can increase safe access for all.

Similar to the rest of the nation, state, and region, Benzie County is contending with a rise in obesity. Nearly one-third of residents living in Benzie County are obese and another one-third are overweight (2019 County Health Rankings, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation). Obesity is caused by many different factors, including physical inactivity, and it is associated with many chronic conditions, including type 2 diabetes, hypertension, heart disease and stroke, poorer mental health, and a reduced quality of life. Obesity among those in poverty is of particular concern, as national studies show that those in poverty are more likely to experience obesity and related disease.

Physical activities and exercise play an important part in preventing and addressing obesity. Improving access to parks and recreation opportunities, and incentivizing and encouraging physical activity, can promote physical fitness and improved health outcomes.



Income

When planning for recreation, it is important to ensure that activities and amenities in the community are within the financial means of the majority of residents. The American Community Survey (ACS) reports that 2017 per capita income was \$26,790 in Benzie County and \$26,489 in Benzonia Township, compared to \$28,938 statewide, and \$31,177 nationally. The 2017 median household income was \$53,185 in Benzie County and \$50,069 in Benzonia Township, compared to the state's median income of \$52,668, and the national median

of \$57,652. In Benzie County, 23% of full-time, year-round workers are earning less than \$25,000. The poverty rate for the County is 10.0%; the poverty rate for people under 18 is 12.8%. The poverty rate for Benzonia Township is 11.9%, and 15.5% for people under 18.

Lower-income residents may have greater challenges in accessing recreation: parks may be less prevalent or offer fewer amenities in low-income communities, which often have fewer public revenues that can be used to develop and maintain recreation facilities. In addition, the costs associated with a wide variety of recreation activities, such as biking, golfing, skiing, paddling, and even organized sports, can prevent many households or individuals from participating.

Obesity is closely connected with lifestyle issues such as physical activity, and higher rates of obesity and diabetes among those in poverty may, in part, reflect issues associated with recreation access and costs. While public recreation facilities are often available at low or no-cost, many individuals are priced out of recreation opportunities like fitness programs or facilities or by the cost of equipment for participation in activities.

Seasonal Population

Benzie County's recreation and cultural opportunities contribute to a significant seasonal population. Tourists and seasonal residents alike travel to the County for day trips, hotel stays, camping, or vacation homes to take advantage of the abundant recreational opportunities and thriving arts and cultural scene. A 2014 Northwest Michigan Seasonal Population Analysis, conducted by the Michigan State University Land Policy Institute, found that Benzie County's population grows by over 8,000 people during the summer months, representing 40% of the County's total population at that time.

The large influx of seasonal residents has a tremendous impact on the County's economy, and also on its recreation needs and opportunities. Activity at and demand for recreation facilities region-wide climbs dramatically, with boat launches, beaches, open spaces, and other outdoor facilities often experiencing large crowds. This increased activity brings added visitor spending at the region's businesses, but also comes with community costs in the form of added maintenance for trash removal, landscaping, and other activities. Transportation, too, is impacted, as traffic volumes increase and some parking lots overflow. With limited recreation budgets and staff in many communities, some communities struggle to plan for, budget, and address seasonal usage patterns at local parks.



Economy

Benzie County's recreation and cultural assets are vital to its economy, employing residents, generating tourism, capturing visitor spending, and supporting related economic activity. In addition to direct dollars in the economy, recreation acts as one of the region's most important and recognized quality of life assets, which draws millions of visitors annually and attracts both new residents and visitors.

For many people, access to arts and culture are at the heart of their quality of life. Even beyond the impacts to residents' quality of life, communities that offer arts and cultural opportunities also stand to benefit economically and socially: from drawing more tourists to the community and building a vibrant environment that is attractive to entrepreneurs and knowledge workers, the arts can be an important tool in a community's economic toolbox.

Tourism & Economic Impact

Benzie County's recreation and cultural scene has an enormous indirect economic impact, forming the foundation of the County's thriving tourist economy. Visitors who come for recreation and cultural activities spend dollars on hotels, restaurants, and related expenses, supporting a significant number of related jobs and additional economic activity. In 2017 the accommodation and food services industry alone employed nearly one-third (32%) of the County's paid employees (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics).

While data is not available to identify the indirect economic impacts of recreation in the County, state and national studies highlight the impact of specific recreation activities and parks. The Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore alone contributed more than \$130 million in total visitor spending to the economy in Northwest Michigan. The National Park Service also provides jobs, both year-round and seasonal, and visitor spending at the park supports a significant number of jobs locally.

Data reflecting the indirect economic impact of arts and culture in the County is also lacking, however, national arts organizations (such as Data Arts and Americans for the Arts) indicate that for every \$1 invested in arts and culture, \$51 is returned in economic development. Michigan's cultural tourism generated \$1.86-billion or 12.7% of direct tourism spending. Further statistics support the sector's impact on education, quality of life and community vitality.

Talent Attraction

Communities with a high quality of life and a variety of cultural and recreation opportunities for all ages are needed to attract an educated and skilled workforce. In today's knowledge-based economy, the presence of a skilled, knowledgeable, and educated workforce is critical in attracting new business, entrepreneurial activity, and subsequent economic growth.

A high-quality natural environment provides for a wealth of four season activities including hiking, skiing, biking, swimming, boating, and other activities that contribute to a high quality of life. Providing opportunities for personal enrichment and social interaction, arts and cultural activities are also important contributors to a high quality of life.



Frankfort Dow Memorial Field

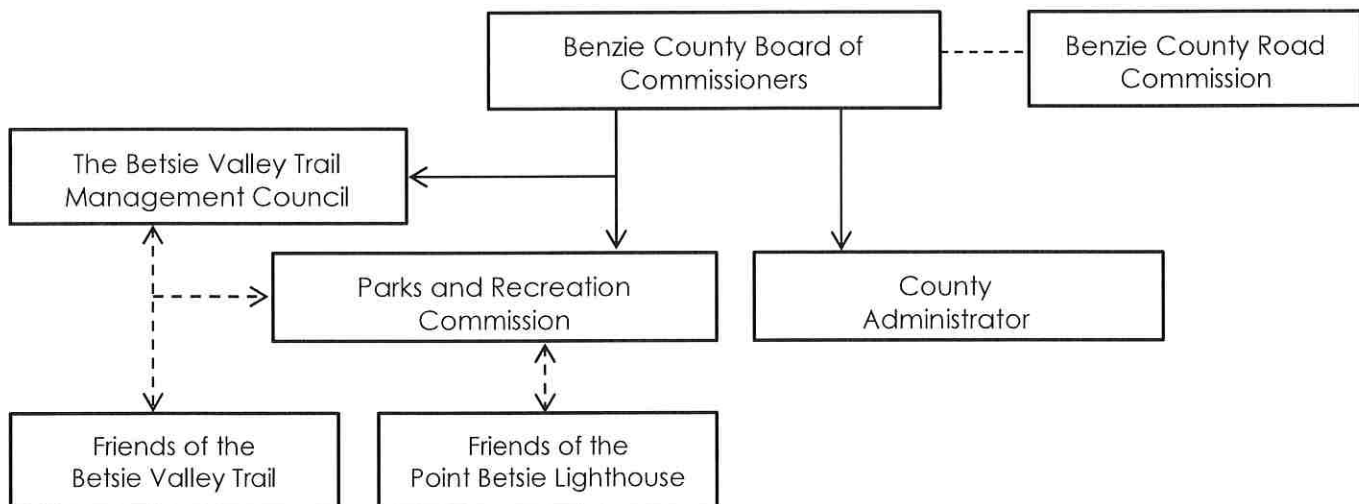
Chapter 2:

Administrative Structure

The Benzie County Parks and Recreation Commission is responsible for involving the citizens in recreational and cultural planning so that a wide variety of recreational needs are met. The commission is comprised of ten members. The mission statement of the Parks and Recreation Commission reads:

To provide quality recreational opportunities for all residents and visitors to the County. To protect and maximize the existing resources of the County. To foster stewardship and partnership for the expansion of recreational resources for future community benefit.

The organizational chart of the Parks and Recreation Commission and how it fits into the county government is as follows:



The Benzie County Parks and Recreation Commission was established under the enabling legislation of PA 261 of 1965 (MDNR, 2006). This act “authorizes the creation and prescribes the powers and duties of county and regional parks and recreation commissions; and prescribes the powers and duties of county boards of commissioners with respect to county and regional parks and recreation commissions” (Michigan Legislature).

The Benzie County Parks and Recreation Commission, the Betsie Valley Trailway Management Council, and the Friends of Point Betsie Lighthouse (non-profit) are the designated county administrative entities that govern recreation and cultural opportunities for Benzie County. The Betsie Valley Trailway Management Council oversees the Betsie Valley Trail, the Friends of Point Betsie Lighthouse manage the Point Betsie Lighthouse, and the Parks and Recreation Commission assumes all other responsibilities that pertain to County-owned parks, recreation, and culture. There is no parks and recreation department and there are no paid staff members of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Services are often contracted out, or provided through volunteers and partnerships with other agencies and organizations.

Funding for the Benzie County Parks and Recreation Commission operational budget comes directly from the County General Fund. Local grants and DNR Recreation Grants have been received in the past, mostly to cover capital projects and maintenance of the Betsie Valley Trail. The Betsie Valley Trail and Railroad Point Natural Area both have endowments that are held by the Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation for improvement projects. The

following charts are the 2018-2019 adopted budget for the Benzie County Parks and Recreation Commission, and the 2019-2020 adopted budget.

2018-2019 Adopted Budget

Per Diem	\$3,500
Office Supplies	\$100.00
Contracted Services	\$10,000.00
Recording Services	\$900.00
Travel	\$500.00
Printing & Publishing	\$2,000.00
Dues & Registration	\$100.00
Total Budget	\$17,100.00

2019-2020 Adopted Budget

Per Diem	\$3,500
Office Supplies	\$50.00
Contracted Services	\$5,700.00
Recording Services	\$900.00
Travel	\$600.00
Printing & Publishing	\$150.00
Dues & Registration	\$100.00
Total Budget	\$11,000.00

Collaborating Organizations

The Benzie County Parks and Recreation Commission works closely with several different government agencies and non-profit organizations. The following list identifies some of those agencies and the nature of their relationships with the Benzie County Parks and Recreation Commission:

Benzie County Sheriff Department - Provides marine and snowmobile patrols of trails, parks, forests, and waterways.

Benzie County Planning Commission (BCPC) – The previous Recreation Plan was adopted by the Planning Commission as the recreation section of the Benzie County Master Plan. The Planning Commission has previously provided oversight to the Recreation and Cultural Plan.

Benzie County Road Commission (BCRC) – The BCRC is in charge of all road-ends and has made a commitment to keep them open to the public in Benzie County. The BCRC must seat one of its members on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy (GTRLC) - Lands owned by GTRLC are enjoyed by citizens of Benzie County for recreational use. The Parks and Recreation Commission has an important partnership with GTRLC that has helped protect land for preservation and recreation purposes throughout the County.

Betsie Valley Trailway Management Council – As an agent of the Board of Commissioners and under a management agreement with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the Management Council is responsible for the development, operation, and maintenance of the Betsie Valley Trail.

Friends of the Betsie Valley Trail – The Parks and Recreation Commission maintains a working relationship with the Friends of that Betsie Valley Trail, a 501(c)3 organization that provides ongoing support for the Betsie Valley Trail through fundraising and management activities that ensure the long-term maintenance of the trail.

The Friends of Point Betsie Lighthouse, Inc. - The Parks and Recreation Commission maintains a working relationship with The Friends of Point Betsie Lighthouse, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization that is responsible for restoration, maintenance, and operation of the Point Betsie Light Station under a written agreement with the Benzie County Board of Commissioners. The Friends raise funds, coordinate volunteers, and hire employees for the operation and maintenance of the Light Station.

Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation (GTRCF) - The Community Foundation holds the Railroad Point Natural Area Endowment Fund, the Beacon Endowment for Point Betsie Lighthouse, and the William R. Olsen Endowment for the Friends of Betsie Valley Trail. GTRCF has a fiduciary relationship with Benzie County and the Parks and Recreation Commission that benefits the Railroad Point Natural Area, the Point Betsie Lighthouse, and the Betsie Valley Trail.

Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians -The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians has worked closely with the County, and has helped with Benzonia Township Park, Lake Michigan Access, and sports programs at local schools. The Band helps match funding and contributes grant money through their 2% funds.

Benzie Conservation District - The Benzie Conservation District maintains a working relationship with the Parks and Recreation Commission, and provides information and assistance related to land management and watershed management in Benzie County. The Conservation District has also provided small-scale maintenance services for the County.

Youth Advisory Council - The Youth Advisory Council sponsors teen recreation events in the county with the youth services endowment fund held by the GTRCF.

Conservation Resource Alliance - The Conservation Resource Alliance (CRA) maintains a working relationship with the Parks and Recreation Commission, and have been involved in watershed management and River Care projects.

National Park Service - The National Park Service (NPS) maintains a working relationship with the Parks and Recreation Commission. As adjacent property owners, NPS participates in county and regional planning efforts.

Michigan State University Extension - Michigan State University Extension (MSUE) works with the Parks and Recreation Commission on recreation planning. They also operate recreational programs and 4H.

Traverse Area Recreational Trails (TART) - TART and the Parks and Recreation Commission have been exploring trail connections and extensions.

Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) - The MDNR owns a significant number of recreational facilities within Benzie County, including boat launches, campgrounds, and trail systems. The MDNR maintains a working relationship with the Parks and Recreation Commission, with both parties working to coordinate recreation planning activities and improvements. The MDNR also oversees the Natural Wild and Scenic River designation on the Betsie River.

Networks Northwest - The ten-county regional organization maintains a working relationship with the Parks and Recreation Commission, and assisted with the development of this plan update.

Benzie County Central Schools - The school district maintains a working relationship with the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Frankfort Elberta Area Schools - The school district maintains a working relationship with the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Local Service Clubs and Interest Groups - Several maintain working relationships with the Parks and Recreation Commission.

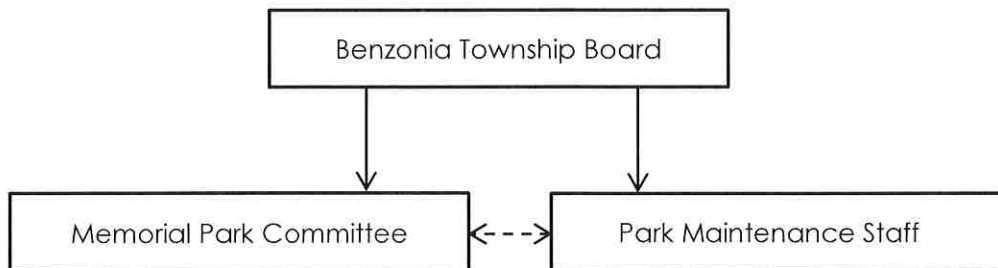
Volunteers - Citizens provide volunteer assistance in a variety of park management activities, such as invasive species removal and trail maintenance, often in coordination with partner agencies like the Benzie Conservation District, Friends of the Betsie Valley Trail, and the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy.

Benzonia Township Administrative Structure:

The ultimate decision-making authority and responsibility for all park related projects resides with the Township Board. The Township Board is comprised of five members, including the Supervisor, Treasurer, Clerk, and two Township Trustees. The Township employs a seasonal park maintenance person. The staff member operates under the direct authority of the Township Board.

The Township has a Memorial Park Committee to help oversee maintenance and improvement needs at the Township's park. The Committee is made up of volunteers who suggest improvements and items of repair and maintenance to the Township Board. Currently there are two board members that sit on this committee along with several volunteers from the community.

The organizational chart for Township parks and recreation activities is as follows:



Benzonia Township Recreation Budget

Funding for Memorial Park comes directly from the Township General Fund. Grants and donations have largely been used to cover capital projects. Donations are kept in a fund designated to the improvement of Memorial Park. The following chart includes the current and projected park budget.

Benzonia Township Parks Budget		
2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
Adopted Budget: \$36,400.00	Adopted Budget: \$36,900.00 Actual Budget: \$48,900.00*	Projected Budget: \$48,000.00

*\$12,000.00 was added to cover labor and repair/maintenance items

Collaborating Organizations

A number of organizations, public agencies, and community groups are involved with recreation activities and facilities in the Township. The following list are some of those groups that have assisted the Township in providing recreation opportunities in the Township:

[Benzie County Veterans Affairs](#) – Veterans Affairs has been the primary partner and facilitator of the Veterans Memorial at Memorial Park.

[Benzie Sunrise Rotary](#) – The volunteer service club has a membership base that donates time and resources to help others in the community, which includes support for Memorial Park.

[Conservation Resource Alliance \(CRA\)](#) - The stewardship organization has been involved in watershed management and River Care projects focused on the Betsie River, and partners with local organizations and agencies in doing so.

[Friends of the Betsie Valley Trail](#) – The 501(c)3 organization helps maintain the Betsie Valley Trail through fundraising and management activities that ensure the long-term maintenance of the trail.

Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians –The Grand Traverse Band has provided grant assistance for parks and recreation projects in the Township, including at Benzonia Township Park and helps with sports programs at area schools.

Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy (GTRLC) - Lands owned, protected, and/or managed by GTRLC are enjoyed by citizens of Benzonia Township for recreational use. GTRLC has helped protect land for preservation and recreation purposes in the Township and County.

Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) – The MDNR owns recreational lands and facilities within the Township. The MDNR also oversees the Natural Wild and Scenic River designation on the Betsie River. The MDNR maintains a working relationship with the Township.

Volunteers – Volunteers also play a vital role in both the development and upkeep of facilities, as well as fundraising activities for projects.

Chapter 3:

Recreation & Cultural Inventory



Elizabeth Lane Oliver Arts Center, Frankfort. Photo courtesy of Scott Gest.

The following inventory includes County-owned facilities, the Township-owned facility, and recreation and cultural facilities owned by non-profit organizations, other governmental units, and some privately owned facilities. All assets in the inventory are listed by jurisdiction (township, city, village, or National Park), and include the type of facility (e.g. water access, community park, historic landmark), a short description, acreage, ownership, and estimated service area. The County-owned facilities have more detailed descriptions and assessments.

For the County and Township facilities, information is included relative to the accessibility of each facility to people with disabilities, based on criteria provided in the MDNR guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans (MDNR, 2018). The accessibility ranking system used in this document required that each entity be compared to the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design.

ADA Ranking System

- 1 - None of the site elements meet accessibility guidelines.
- 2 - Some of the site elements meet accessibility guidelines.
- 3 - Most of the site elements areas meet accessibility guidelines
- 4 - All of the site elements meet accessibility guidelines.
- 5 - The facility meets the Principals of Universal Design

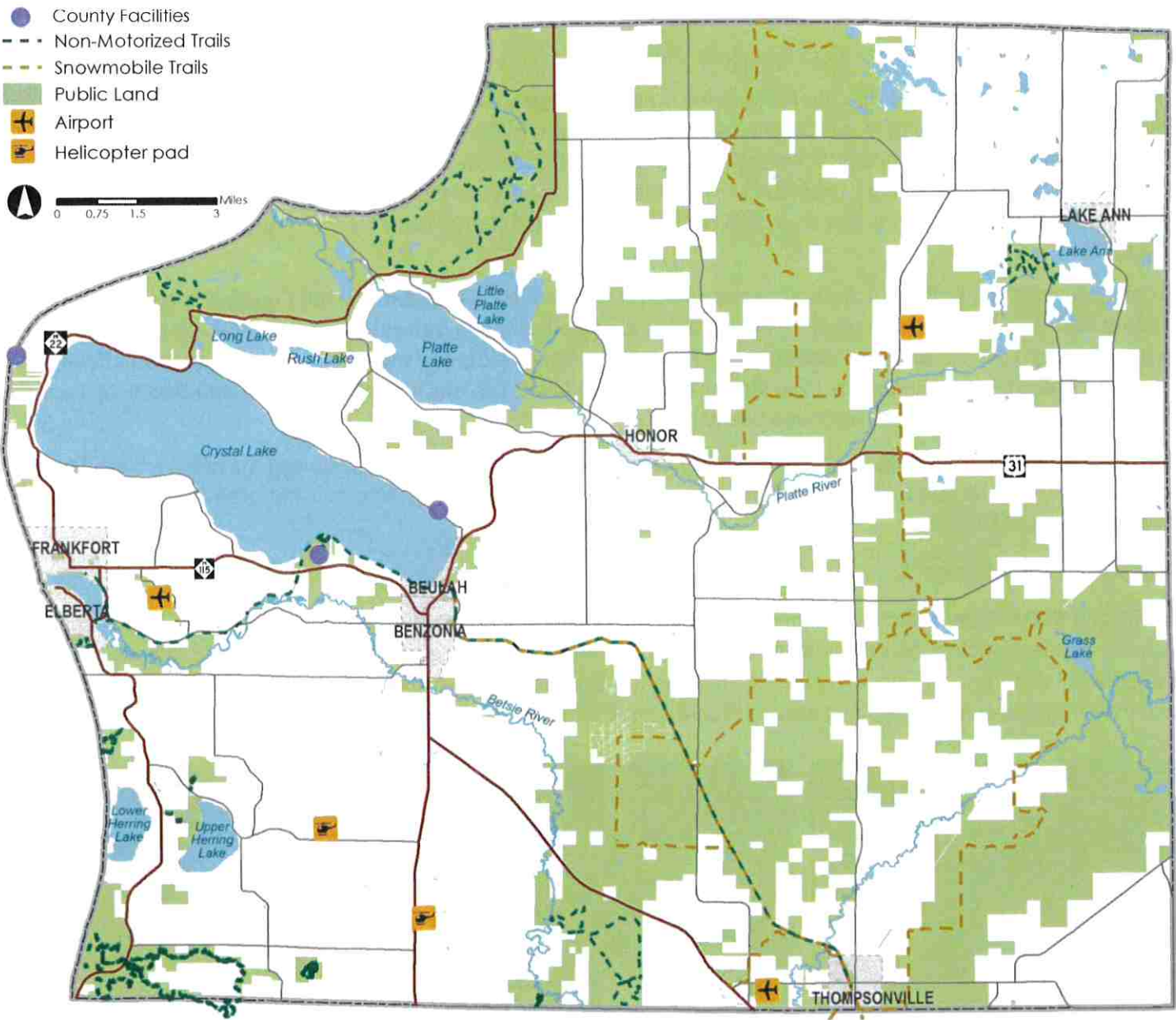
An inventory and map of the County's regional trail systems follow the detailed County inventory. Maps associated with the location of all the recreational and cultural entities in the inventory are attached as an Appendix.

The final section of this chapter is a complete listing of DNR grants that the Benzie County Parks and Recreation Commission has received, and how the grant funds were used.

County-Owned Recreation and Cultural Facilities

Benzie County owns four recreation facilities: Railroad Point Natural Area, the Point Betsie Lighthouse, Zada Price Park, and the Betsie Valley Trail. This section provides an overview of County as well as Township owned and managed recreation properties, including an overview of needs and issues identified through the planning process and public and stakeholder input.

Public Lands & Recreation Map



Betsie Valley Trail

Park Type: Multi-Use Trail

Size: 22 miles

Ownership: MDNR/Benzie County - the Trail is owned by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and is operated and maintained by Benzie County.

Service Area: Benzie County, Region, State of Michigan

Description: The Betsie Valley Trail is a 22-mile multiuse trail located along the former Ann Arbor Railroad. The trail extends from Frankfort through Elberta and Beulah to Thompsonville all through Benzie County. There are several places to access the trail and several established trailheads with parking.

The trail informally starts at the City of Frankfort's Lake Michigan Beach and passes through Cannon Park. It then follows Waterfront St. (the only section to share the road) to where the separated trail starts at Mineral Springs Park. The trail passes through Frankfort's waterfront parks along Betsie Bay. The DNR owned Betsie Valley Trail officially starts at 10th Street. From here to Mollineaux Rd, the paved trail is accessible to non-motorized users. Riding along this section of the trail, users can enjoy views of Betsie Bay, the Betsie River and its surrounding marshland, and Crystal Lake.

From Mollineaux Rd. to Beulah the trail runs along Crystal Lake and passes through the County-owned Railroad Point Natural Area with access to the beach and Crystal Lake, as well as to the Natural Area via a staircase up the bluff. The two-mile section closest to Beulah runs through private property on a 10-foot easement. Special use restrictions apply here. The trail is crushed limestone from Mollineaux Rd. to Beulah. The trail between Frankfort and Beulah is the most frequently used and is for non-motorized use only.

The 13-mile section from Beulah to Thompsonville is compacted aggregate and runs through pine and hardwood upland forests and the Pere Marquette State Forest. This section of the trail is open to snowmobiles from December 1st through the end of March.

Accessibility Assessment: 3

Public and Stakeholder Input: Input received during the Recreation and Cultural Plan process was largely focused on paving or resurfacing the trail between Beulah and Mollineaux Rd. Suggestions were also made to pave the trail from Beulah to Thompsonville; to connect the trail to the beach in Elberta; to extend the trail beyond Thompsonville; and to address issues with flooding around Frankfort and Elberta, and for more parking and restrooms.



Railroad Point Natural Area

Park Type: Natural Area

Size: 200 acres

Ownership: Benzie County, and jointly managed with the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy (GTRLC)

Service Area: Benzie County, Region

Description: The property encompasses diverse forestland, a steep bluff, wetlands, frontage on the Betsie River and Outlet Creek, over 2700 feet of Crystal Lake shoreline, a 1.5 mile nature trail, the Betsie Valley Trail, an overlook and staircase down to the Betsie Valley Trail, and a parking area off of Mollineaux Road. The natural area is located along the south shore of Crystal Lake, around 5 miles east of Frankfort and 2.5 miles from Beulah. It spans Crystal Lake and Benzonia Townships. Together, the Railroad Point Natural Area and neighboring Crystal Lake Outlet property constitute 57% of publically-owned shoreline on Crystal Lake; and make up the longest stretch of natural shoreline on Crystal Lake – about 4300 feet. The property is used for a variety of activities including hiking, wildlife viewing, hunting, snowshoeing, swimming, boating, and fishing, along with arts and cultural activities such as painting and photography. The habitat here also provides the opportunity for viewing a variety of birds, mammals, amphibians, and reptiles.



A management plan for Railroad Point Natural Area was drafted in 2013 to provide guidance for future activities and improvements in the Natural Area. The plan is designed to be consistent with, and to serve as an addendum to, the Benzie County Recreation and Cultural Plan. An endowment is

Property Acquisition and History: In 1998, the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) awarded funding to Benzie County in order to create a 66-acre Natural Area at Railroad Point. This original acquisition included 2700 feet of Crystal Lake shoreline and additional acreage to the south of Crystal Lake, consisting of steep slopes and upland forest. Three additional lakefront lots were added in 1999 to the northwest corner of the Natural Area. In 2010, the County was awarded another MNRTF grant for an additional 143 acres adjacent to the property. Fundraising efforts for matching funds, acquisition, and operating costs were led by the GTRLC from 2011-2012. An endowment fund was established at the time of the original acquisition in 1997 to support management activities at the Natural Area. The endowment fund is held at the Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation. Three members appointed by the Parks and Recreation Commission, and approved by the Community Foundation serve as an advisory board to the Railroad Point fund. A gift in honor of Mary Margaret supported the development of the Mary Margaret Johnson Trail in 2011. The Charlie Kehr Memorial Trail Connector was completed in 2018 in honor of former Benzie County Parks Commissioner and GTRLC board member Charlie Kehr.

Neighboring Properties: Included in the management of Railroad Point is the Benzie County Crystal Lake Park, which is owned by the Benzie County Road Commission and leased to the Benzie County Board of Commissioners for park purposes only. The Natural Area is also located next to the Crystal Lake Outlet property (DNR owned) along the western boundary; the DNR Boat Launch to the east; the Betsie Valley Trail along the north side of the property; and the Adams Road Access Site (DNR owned) to the southwest, which provides access to a boat launch providing access to the Betsie River.

Accessibility Assessment: 2

Public and Stakeholder Input: Comments received during the Recreation and Cultural Plan process focused on signage improvements, both wayfinding and interpretive/educational. Suggestions also addressed an interest in more formalized access to the water. Compliments were also made for the recent improvements to the property.

Point Betsie Lighthouse

Park Type: Historical Landmark

Size: 3.95 acres

Ownership: Benzie County; road-end owned by the Benzie County Road Commission

Service Area: Benzie County, Region, State of Michigan, and United States

Description: Also known as Pointe aux Becs Scies, this historically significant landmark was added to the National Register in 1984. The 1858 Lighthouse is one of the most visited and photographed in Michigan, and the beacon is still maintained by the Coast Guard as an active aid to navigation. The station was transferred from the U. S. Bureau of Land Management to Benzie County in 2004. Under an agreement with the Benzie County Board of Commissioners, the non-profit Friends of Point Betsie Lighthouse are responsible for the restoration, maintenance, and operation of the Point Betsie Light Station. To date, all buildings have been fully and historically restored, and a new museum/gift shop/restroom building was constructed to replace the non-historic 1970s garage. Employees are hired to operate the Light Station for the public benefit during the summer season and to maintain the Light Station year around. An endowment fund was established to support the restoration and preservation of the Point Betsie Light Station. The endowment is held at the Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation.

The light station is open for tours from Memorial Day to late October. The station's historic 4th order Fresnel lens is on display, along with numerous other lighthouse and lifesaving station artifacts, including one of the last wooden light station workboats in the country. During the season, an upstairs assistant keeper's apartment is available for weekly rental, and the station may be rented for limited-size special events such as meetings or weddings. A museum exhibit/gift shop/restroom building was opened in 2014.

The Lighthouse is located on the eastern shore of Lake Michigan, south of the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore and about five miles north of Frankfort. Just off M-22, the Benzie County Road Commission's Point Betsie Road road-end provides access to the facility and the Lake Michigan beach.

As of 2019, work is underway to improve access to the beach and Lighthouse facilities, with a project that includes sidewalks, beach access with Mobi-mats, boardwalk, and reconstruction of the Betsie Road end.

Accessibility Assessment: 4

Public and Stakeholder Input: Comments received during the Recreation and Cultural Plan process addressed parking and beach area access needs; as well as suggestions for expanded hours and times, and bathrooms.



Zada Price Park

Park Type: Community Park and Water Access Site

Size: 5 acres

Ownership: Benzie County; road-end owned by the Benzie County Road Commission

Service Area: Benzie County

Description: Zada Price Park, also known as Mitchell Park or the Wilson Property, is located on the north shore of Crystal Lake, just west of the marina, in Benzonia Township. It has a paved County road-end that provides access to Crystal Lake for canoes, kayaks, and smaller boats on trailers. The park also provides swimming access; however, as most of the shoreline is covered with shrubby vegetation, it is most commonly used as a public launch. An unpaved parking area is located across Crystal Drive from the water access. The property also features a short trail that goes up the hill from the parking lot and an accessible picnic table. In the winter, the site is used for snowmobile and ice-fishing access to the lake.

Accessibility Assessment: 2

Public and Stakeholder Input: Input and discussion received during the Recreation and Cultural Plan process suggestion exploring opportunities to improve and expand use of the facility. Suggestions were made for signage and overall park improvements.



Township-Owned Recreation Facilities:

Memorial Park

Park Type: Community Park

Size: 30 acres

Ownership: Benzonia Township

Service Area: Benzonia Township, Benzie County

Description: Located

Memorial Park is located west of US-31 (behind Watson Benzie car dealership) between South Street and Grace Road. The park's amenities include a playground area, pavilion, picnic area, baseball fields, soccer area, restrooms, volleyball area, disc golf, dog park, and Veterans Memorial. The park is used for class reunions, weddings, family gatherings, ball games, 4-H soccer, and many, many other gatherings. Several Eagle Scout Projects has been completed at the park, including the picnic tables, the entry garden area, and the storage shed used for equipment for soccer and little leagues.

The Memorial Park Committee works with the township board to continue to improve the park. The park is maintained for all seasons. The township retains a full-time maintenance person for the nine-month active season. The township has kept the volunteer committee intact and is proud to have a non-fee township park open to all people wishing to use it. The Township has a *Memorial Park Usage Form* for scheduling use of the park, especially for large gatherings. This helps prevent overbooking.

Over \$100,000.00 have been made in improvements at no direct cost to the township or to taxpayers. The Township continues to accept donations and benefit from volunteer time.

Dog Park (aka CENTRAL BARK): Memorial Park features Benzie County's first dog park. It is located in the south east part of the park behind Honor Bank. It's a great addition to our community and gives our otherwise leashed doggies a chance to get out and play with their friends. Benches are located in the fenced in area for humans as well as doggie bags, and a water station. You must clean up after your pets.

Disc Golf: The disc golf course is located in Memorial Park at the south end. It's a 9-hole course and is open to anyone wanting to play. Donations are accepted to maintain this fine course. Please call the township with questions.

Park History: In 1956, a local landowner started the formation of Benzonia Township park by selling 20 acres of land at a great discount to Benzonia High School for a football—baseball field with the provision that it would always be used for public use. In 1979, the Benzie Central High School created new fields on Homestead Road and followed the provision by selling the 20 acres of football and baseball fields to Benzie County for \$1.00. In 1980, a county committee was formed and representatives of field users were incorporated into a County Recreation Committee. The committee was Richard Ide, Chairman, from the men's Slo-Pitch, and Gloria Walterhouse from women's Slo-Pitch. Other committee members represented County Little League, the High School, and a Benzie County Board member. The committee purchased another 10 acres from Harold Ridout using the same provision of public use, and with approval from the Benzie County Board for the enlargement and development of a 30-acre parcel.

From 1980 to 1989, the volunteer committee developed a full-scale park with four ball fields, one lighted, and a soccer area. This was all accomplished through volunteer labor, donations, and grants. The Benzie County Board of Commissioners recognized that the county could not continue to maintain that area, so in keeping with the provision, Benzonia Township stepped forward and accepted the park and all maintenance and development responsibilities. Since 1989, the area has progressed into the very well-developed and fully-used township park that you see today.

Accessibility Assessment: 3

Public and Stakeholder Input: See survey results

Memorial Park Photos:





Benzonia Township Memorial Park

KEY

- Memorial Park Boundary
- Parcels



Map Date: November 2019

Data Source: Michigan Open Data, Benzie County, Networks Northwest

Trails

Trails are pathways that are used recreationally or for transportation by a variety of users, including bicyclists, horseback riders, snowmobilers, or hikers. The County boasts over 165 miles of motorized and non-motorized trails. From small township parks to the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, Benzie County has numerous trails located throughout its parks and recreation areas. Some are used only by the surrounding neighborhoods, while others, such as the County's Betsie Valley Trail, and those located within the National Park and Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy properties, serve as regional trail systems.

Motorized trails include those that were designed to accommodate motorcycles, ORVs, or snowmobiles, while hiking, biking, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing are among uses permitted on non-motorized trails. Multi-use trails are those designed to accommodate multiple user types simultaneously, such as pedestrians and cyclists. Other trails might be designed and designated for certain uses, such as motorcycles or snowmobiles.

Understanding regional trail systems is important in identifying opportunities for trail linkages and enhancements. The purpose of this section is to identify major trail systems owned and/or managed by non-County entities.

Non-Motorized Trails

Michigan Shore-to-Shore Trail

A 220-mile horseback riding and hiking trail that runs between Empire on Lake Michigan and Oscoda on Lake Huron. It is the longest continuous trail in Michigan's Lower Peninsula. A number of campgrounds are located along the trail.

Betsie River Pathway

The Betsie River Pathway is a ten-mile hiking, biking, and cross-country ski trail located next to the Betsie River, roughly six miles west of Thompsonville, and just east of the Betsie River. The trail consists of two loops with varied terrain. The trail is owned by the Department of Natural Resources.

Arcadia Dunes: The C.S. Mott Nature Preserve

Over 15 miles of trail are located within this 3600-acre preserve. There are several separate trails here providing a wide range of experiences, from an 11-mile mountain bike and hiking trail through the woods, to a universally accessible trail to an overlook on Lake Michigan. The preserve and its trails are owned and managed by the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy.

Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore

The Platte Plains Trail and Old Indian Trail are all season trails located within the National Lakeshore at the northern end of the County. The Platte Plains Trail is a 15-mile system of three loops with access to the Platte River Campground and several water access sites. Old Indian Trail is roughly five miles, with two loops and access to the Lake Michigan shoreline.

Motorized Trails

Platte River Snowmobile Trail

A designated snowmobile trail system, the Platte River Snowmobile Trail follows seasonal roads, trails, and easements throughout the County. The trail is maintained and groomed with state funds.

Betsie River Snowmobile Trail

The trail runs between Beulah and Thompsonville and contains a large loop connecting to the Platte River Trail. The parts of the trail along the old railroad bed are the Betsie Valley Trail, used for hiking and biking during the other seasons.

Water Trails

Several water trails are being developed across the region to link existing water access sites in a way similar to land trails. Water trails provide opportunities for canoes and kayaks to navigate inland lakes and rivers as well as the Lake Michigan shoreline. Benzie County is now part of the Lake Michigan Water Trail, which with funding from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's Coastal Zone Management Program, has cataloged nearly 200 public access sites along the entire Lake Michigan coastline.

The County is also home to two river systems, the Betsie River, a designated Natural Wild and Scenic River that runs from Grass Lake to Betsie Lake and into Lake Michigan, and the Platte River, which flows through the County and significant National Park land into Lake Michigan at the Platte River Campground. Although these are not designated water trails, their navigable waters provide significant and important opportunities for outdoor recreation. Both rivers have a number of existing water access sites that are used by the public. *See the Recreation Inventory for the location of public access sites.*

Water Access: An Important Community Asset

Water access forms an integral part of the identity of Benzie County. Beaches, parks, boat launches, harbors and marinas, and other public access sites available along the County's rivers, inland lakes, and Lake Michigan shoreline, provide public access for fishing, boating, swimming, canoeing and kayaking, and sailing, as well as educational activities. These water access points are managed and provided by a variety of partners, including Benzie County and other local units of government, the State of Michigan, the National Park Service, and regional land conservancies. In some cases, as in the case of private marinas, access is managed or provided by a for-profit entity.

Discussion relative to Benzie County's recreation planning process indicated that access to various water activities is a major concern to Benzie County residents and visitors, and that public water access is not sufficient in the County. As many of the County's lakes are largely surrounded by private year-round and vacation homes, which limit public access, there are often conflicts between riparian owners and the general public. Additionally, many access sites are not improved to provide off-road parking and paved launch ramps.

Given the importance of water access for the various recreational activities to both Benzie County citizens and visitors, it has remained a top priority for more than a decade. The Benzie County Parks and Recreation Commission will work collaboratively with the MDNR, the National Park Service, the Benzie County Road Commission, Townships, Villages, and the City Frankfort to preserve public access at road-ends and to provide improved public boating access to waterbodies.

DNR Recreation Grant Inventory

BENZIE COUNTY

Grant Number	Year	Project Title	Project Status	Grant Amount
26-01405*	1985	Memorial Park*	Closed	\$27,600.00

Description:

Grant money was used for the construction of four baseball fields and north parking lots.

Grant Number	Year	Project Title	Project Status	Grant Amount
TF97-082	1997	Railroad Point - Crystal Lake	Closed	\$2,142,037.00

Description:

Acquisition of 66 acres including undeveloped Crystal Lake shoreline, wooded steep bluffs and hills on Railroad Point, and development of a parking lot and trail to access the Natural Area. The acquisition protects scenic beauty and water quality and provides for public recreational use.

Grant Number	Year	Project Title	Project Status	Grant Amount
TF98-264	1998	Railroad Point Addition	Closed	\$459,038.00

Description:

Acquisition of additional land including frontage on Crystal Lake to link State and County protected areas, preserve scenic beauty, and protect 3,600 feet of continuous shoreline.

Grant Number	Year	Project Title	Project Status	Grant Amount
TF99-075	1999	Betsie Valley Trail – Trailheads	Closed	\$254,263.00

Description:

Grant money was used to build trail user facilities at different locations along the trail corridor, including a fishing bridge, bridge rails, deck area, parking and signage.

Grant Number	Year	Project Title	Project Status	Grant Amount
TF99-401	1999	Betsie Valley Trail	Closed	\$432,000.00

Description:

Grant Money was used to develop the actual trail and surface it from Frankfort through the Railroad Point Natural Area on Crystal Lake.

Grant Number	Year	Project Title	Project Status	Grant Amount
TF10-164	2010	Railroad Point NA Expansion	Active	\$1,387,100.00

Description:

Grant Money was used for the acquisition of 150 acres to expand the existing Railroad Point Natural Area.

*BENZONIA TOWNSHIP

Grant Number	Year	Project Title	Project Status	Grant Amount
26-01405	1985	Memorial Park	Closed	\$27,600.00

Description:

Grant money was used for the construction of four baseball fields and north parking lots.

Note:

Following the park's transfer of ownership from Benzie County to Benzonia Township in 1989, the Township is responsible for reporting to the DNR on this property

Township, Village, City, and Privately-Owned Recreation and Cultural Facilities

A wealth of recreation and cultural facilities in Benzie County are owned and managed by townships, villages, the City of Frankfort, and private enterprises. The purpose of this section of the recreation plan is to identify each recreation facility, along with its major characteristics, in order to provide a complete picture of amenities available in the County.

ALMIRA TOWNSHIP						
Map	Facility	Type	Description and Activities	Size	Ownership	Service Area
1	Almira Township Park	Community Park	Ball fields, tennis, basketball, sand volleyball, playground, covered pavilions, restrooms, and a paved walking trail.	58 acres	Almira Township	Almira Township, County
2	Almira Township Lakefront Park	Community Park	Public beach and park with pavilions, a flush toilet and a swimming area.	1.65 acres	Almira Township	Almira Township
3	Ransom Lake Natural Area	Natural Area	Trail around Ransom Lake. Lake Ann Road entrance has barrier free parking, pit toilet, and universally accessible trail along Ransom Creek.	220 acres	Almira Township	County, Region
4	Cedar Run Creek Natural Area	Natural Area	Several miles of nature trails and frontage on Cedar Lake. 92 acres are in Benzie County.	318 acres	Long Lake Township	Region
5	Lake Ann State Forest Campground and Pathway	Campground & Trail	Rustic campground on Lake Ann, hiking and skiing trails, and a boat launch.		MDNR	State
6	Michigan Shore-to-Shore Trail	Trail	Horseback riding trail that runs between Lake Michigan and Lake Huron.		MDNR	State
7	Ann Lake Access Site	Water Access	Boat Launch		MDNR	County, Region, State
8	Stevens Lake Access Site	Water Access	Boat Launch		MDNR	County, Region, State
9	Davis Lake Access Site	Water Access	Boat Launch		MDNR	County, Region, State
10	Pearl Lake Access Site	Water Access	Boat Launch		MDNR	County, Region, State
11	Brooks Lake Access Site	Water Access	Boat Launch		MDNR	County, Region, State
12	Herendeene Lake Access Site	Water Access	Boat Launch		MDNR	County, Region, State
13	Lime Lake Access Site	Water Access	Boat Launch		MDNR	County, Region, State
14	Pearl Lake Access Site (Wagner Road)	Water Access	Boat Launch		BCRC	County, Region
15	Bronson Lake Access Site (Oakley Road)	Water Access	Boat Launch		BCRC	County, Region
16	Lake Ann Skate Park	Community Park	Skateboarding facilities.		Village of Lake Ann	Township
17	Almira Township Hall	Municipal Building	Township offices and meeting space.		Almira Township	Township
18	Greenbriar Cemetery	Cemetery	On Reynolds Road north of Cedar Run Road.	6 acres	Almira Township	Township
19	Almira Cemetery	Cemetery	On Almira Road off County Road 669.		Almira Township	Township
20	Mistwood Golf Course	Private	27-hole public golf course		Private	Region

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP						
Map	Facility	Type	Description and Activities	Size	Ownership	Service Area
1	Memorial Park	Community Park	See Benzonía Township Inventory			
2	Zada Price Park	Community Park	See Benzie County Inventory			
3	Crystal Lake Park	Community Park	Hilly and wooded area with 320 feet of Crystal Lake frontage. Managed in conjunction with Railroad Point Natural Area	13 acres	BCRC, Benzie County	County, Region
4	Railroad Point Natural Area	Natural Area	See Benzie County Inventory			
5	Sagaser Nature Preserve	Nature Preserve	Protected wooded area. There are no amenities on the property.	20 acres	GTRLC	County, Region
6	Trapp Farm Nature Preserve	Nature Preserve	Wetlands with 2000 feet of Cold Creek tributaries. Closed to the public. Located east of the Village of Beulah.	140 acres	GTRLC	County, Region
7	Betsie Valley Trail	Trail	See Benzie County Inventory			
8	Homestead Dam Lamprey Barrier Public Fishing Site	Water Access	Boat launch, parking, spillway, and pit toilets. North side of the river open from spillway to US-31 access site.	1 mile	MDNR	County, Region, State
9	Betsie River Public Access Site	Water Access	Canoe, kayak, and boat launch, fishing, and parking. Located on the SE side of the River Road crossing.		MDNR	County, Region, State
10	Betsie River Public Access Site	Water Access	Canoe and kayak launch, pit toilets, and parking. Located on the NE side of the Grace Road crossing.		MDNR	County, Region, State
11	Betsie River Public Access	Water Access	Parking, pit toilets, and trails. NE of where US-31 crosses the Betsie River.		MDNR	County, Region, State
12	Crystal Lake Access Site	Water Access	Developed access site on Crystal Lake. Parking on site. Located off M-115 and Mollineaux Road.		MDNR	County, Region, State
13	Dead Stream Road Crossing of Dead Stream	Water Access	Access site for canoe and kayak launching and fishing.		MDNR	County, State
14	Platte Lake Road-end	Road-end	Access from Lake Street.		BCRC	County
15	Public Road-ends on Crystal Lake	Road-end	Designated County road endings at the waters edge of Crystal Lake, providing limited access to the water.		BCRC	County, Region, State
	a. Zada Price Park					
	b. White Ave					
	c. McKinley Street					
	d. Alden Street					
	e. Nichols Road					
16	Benzonia Township Hall	Municipal Building	Township offices on the corner of Traverse Avenue and Michigan Avenue (US-31).		Benzonia Township	Benzonia Township
17	Shoreline Eco-Laboratory Area	Outdoor laboratory area	Lot 27 and westerly 50 feet of lot 28 of Miners Bay Plat.	<1 acre	Benzie Central School District	Benzie Central Schools
18	Benzie Central Junior and Senior High School Complex	School	Football and track stadium, ball fields, soccer field, gymnasium, basketball court, auditorium, and classrooms.		Benzie Central School District	Benzie Central Schools

19	Benzie-Manistee Tribal Outpost and Community Center	Community Center	Site with a community center for health and social services and a residential complex for Grand Traverse Band members.	80 acres	GTB	Benzie and Manistee Counties
20	Benzonia Township Cemetery	Cemetery	On Love Road off US-31.	40 acres	Benzonia Township	
21	Timberline Campground	Private Facility	Over 200 campsites, water, electric, and sewer hookups, showers, pool, playground, pavilion, and more.		Private	
22	Vacation Trailer Park	Private Facility	100 campsites, cabin and trailer rentals, pool, canoe rentals, and sport shop. Frontage on the Betsie River.		Private	
23	Crystal Lake Golf Course	Private Facility	18-hole public course and driving range.		Private	
24	Pinecroft Golf Course	Private Facility	18-hole public course and driving range.		Private	
25	Cherry Bowl Drive-in Theater	Private Facility	Drive-in movie theater. Located on Honor Highway (US-31) south of Honor.		Private	

BLAINE TOWNSHIP

Map	Facility	Type	Description and Activities	Size	Ownership	Service Area
1	Blaine Township Hall and Park	Community Park, Municipal Building	Picnic tables, shelter, parking area, and the Township Hall offices. Park is adjacent to the County road-end at Herring Lake.	1 acre	Blaine Township	Blaine Township
2	Upper Herring Lake Preserve	Natural Area	Wetland, historic marl pits, and open field; a mile of trail and boardwalk and 4,870 feet of frontage on Upper Herring Lake.	180 acres	GTRLC	County, Region
3	Fruithaven Forest Preserve	Natural Area	Natural area with a 3/4 mile trail and parking lot. Open for hiking. Hunting with permission.	176 acres	GTRLC	County, Region
4	Arcadia Dunes: The C.S. Mott Nature Preserve	Natural Area	Open for hiking, biking, cross-country skiing and snow-shoeing. Hunting with permission. Part of the preserve is in Manistee County.	3632 acres	GTRLC	County, Region, State
5	Greenpointe Dunes Preserve	Natural Area	Open for hiking, cross-country skiing and snow-shoeing on two miles of trail. Hunting with permission. 5020 feet of Lake Michigan frontage.	242 acres	GTRLC	County, Region, State
6	Joyfield Road M-22 Scenic Turnouts	Roadside Park	Located on the east and west sides of M-22 with views of the Herring Lakes Basin, Empire, and the Elberta Bluffs.		MDOT	State
7	Inspiration Point M-22 Scenic Turnout	Roadside Park	Restrooms and viewing platforms overlooking steep bluffs, Arcadia marshlands, and Lake Michigan.		MDOT	State
8	Upper Herring Lake Access Site	Water Access	Pit toilets, parking, and small boat launch.		MDNR	County, Region
9	Lower Herring Lake Access Site	Water Access	Boat launch, dock, swimming, and parking.		MDNR	County, Region
10	Public Road-ends on Lower Herring Lake	Road-end	Designated County Road endings at the waters edge of Lower Herring Lake providing limited access to the water.		BCRC	County, Region
	a. Boo Hoo Road					
	b. Birch Street					
	c. Matzinger Resort Road					
	d. White Owl Road					

	e. Seventh Street					
11	M-22 Lake Michigan Circle Tour Route	National Touring Route	Driving route following the coastline around Lake Michigan.		MDOT	Great Lakes Region
12	Putney Road Mystery Spot		Roadway where it appears that gravity is defied. Located south of Putney Corners on Putney Road. Land on either side of the road is private.		BCRC	
13	Watervale Resort	Private Facility	The restored logging town has been operated as a resort since 1917. Located on Lower Herring Lake, and a mile of private Michigan shoreline.		Private	
	a. Watervale Historic District	Historic landmark	Added to the National Register of Historic Districts in 2003. Periods of Significance: 1875-1899, 1900-1924, 1925-1949, 1950-1974			
14	Blaine Township Cemetery	Cemetery	On the east side of M-22 between the Herring Lakes near Watervale Road.		Blaine Township	
15	Camp Mar-a-Meg	Private Facility	Summer youth camp with cabin dormitories and meeting hall on the peninsula between Lake Michigan and Lower Herring Lake.		Private	

COLFAX TOWNSHIP

Map	Facility	Type	Description and Activities	Size	Ownership	Service Area
1	Grass Lake State Forest Campground	Campground	Rustic camping, swimming, fishing, and a small boat launch to access Grass Lake's wildlife flooding areas, Pickerel Creek and Betsie River at the dam.	10 acres	MDNR	State
2	Platte River Snowmobile Trail	Trail	Runs north from Lindy Road through the Pere Marquette State Forest via seasonal roads, trails, and easements. A designated State snowmobile trail.		MDNR	County, Region, State
4	Colfax Township Hall	Municipal Building	Offices and meeting space. Located in the Village of Thompsonville.		Colfax Township	Colfax Township
5	Historic Wallin Settlement	Historic Landmark	Old logging settlement at the intersection of Wallin and Long Roads.			
	a. Historic Wallin School and Wallin Community Club	Private Facility	Restored two-room school house and a local community group.	1 acre	Private	
6	Historic Nessen City Settlement	Historic Landmark	Intersection of Lindy and Karlin Roads.			
7	Saint Raphael's Holy Family Cemetery	Cemetery	Located in Nessen City.		St. Raphael Church	
8	Colfax Township Cemetery	Cemetery	Located at the intersection of Nessen and Karlin Roads.		Colfax Township	
9	Betsie River Airstrip	Private Facility	Private airport located off Wallin Road, along Nostwick Road.		Private	

CRYSTAL LAKE TOWNSHIP

Map	Facility	Type	Description and Activities	Size	Ownership	Service Area
1	Crystal Lake Township Park	Community Park	Wooded and hilly open space, and 600 feet of frontage on the Betsie Valley Trail and Betsie River.	90 acres		County

2	Crystal Lake Beach	Beach	Swimming, swing sets, picnic tables, grills, a shelter, boat launch, and parking across Crystal Avenue. Also known as Bellows Park or 7th Street Beach.	1 acre	City of Frankfort	City of Frankfort
3	Railroad Point Natural Area	Natural Area	<i>See Benzie County Inventory</i>			
4	Elizabeth Parr Nature Preserve	Nature Preserve	High wooded bluffs overlooking Lake Michigan with 200 feet of Lake Michigan frontage. Only access is by a private road and invitation only.		GTRLC	County, region
5	Betsie Dunes Nature Preserve	Nature Preserve	Considered a "sanctuary" due to its unique and fragile dune habitat. 1/4 mile of frontage on Lake Michigan. Active use is discouraged.	94.4 acres	GTRLC	County, Region, State
6	Betsie River State Game Area	State Game Area	Wildlife management area with wetlands and an extensive waterfowl nesting site. Access off River Road.		MDNR	State
7	Betsie Valley Trail	Trail	<i>See Benzie County Inventory</i>			
9	Betsie River Public Access off River Road	Water Access	Canoe and kayak launch with access for fishing.		MDNR	County, Region
10	Crystal Lake Outlet Property	Water Access	Located between the outlet on Crystal and the west end of the Railroad Point Natural Area; adjacent to the lake level control dam; crosses Mollineaux Road into wetlands to the south. There is a swimming area with limited parking.	29 acres	MDNR	County, Region, State
12	Public Road-ends on Crystal Lake	Road-end	Designated County Road ending at the waters edge of Crystal Lake providing limited access to the body of water.		BCRC	County
	a. Broadway Street					
	b. Linden Street					
	c. Vine Street					
	d. Esplanade Drive					
	e. Lobb Road					
	f. Onkeonwe Road					
	g. Seventh Street at Bellows Park					
13	M-22 Lake Michigan Circle Tour Route	National Touring Route	Part of the road network that encircles Lake Michigan.		MDOT	Great Lakes Region
14	Frankfort Dow Memorial Field Airport	Airport	General aviation facility actively used for commuters, gliders and tow planes.		Frankfort City-County Airport Authority	County, Region, State
15	Crystal Lake Township Hall	Municipal Building	Offices and multipurpose room at the southeast corner of M-115 and Airport Rd.		Crystal Lake Township	Crystal Lake Township
16	Frankfort Gateway Arch	Historic landmark	Local historic landmark on the hill overlooking Frankfort on Highway M-115.		City of Frankfort	
17	Crystal Lake Cemetery - East	Cemetery	On M-115 across from Airport Road. Also known as the Lutheran Cemetery.	5 acres	Crystal Lake Township	

18	Crystal Lake Cemetery - North	Cemetery	On the east side of M-22 near Pilgrim.	25 acres	Crystal Lake Township	
19	Betsie River Campground	Private Facility	40 public RV sites with electrical, water, and septic hookups. Access to the Betsie River and Betsie Valley Trail.		Private	
20	Crystal Lake Conference Center	Private Facility	Residential church camp with dormitories, dining hall, a ball field, volleyball and tennis courts, and Crystal Lake beachfront.		Private	
21	Congregational Summer Assembly	Private Facility	Historic summer residential resort association with private recreational facilities including beach area on Crystal Lake, tennis, several small parks, trails, a large multiple use building, volleyball, a baseball field and food concession. Located in Pilgrim on M-22.		Private	

GILMORE TOWNSHIP

Map	Facility	Type	Description and Activities	Size	Ownership	Service Area
1	Stratton Hill M-22 Scenic Turnout	Roadside Park	Views over the Betsie River Valley and the ridge between the Betsie River and Crystal Lake. Located on the west side of M-22.		MDOT	State
2	Betsie River State Game Area	State Game Area	Wildlife management area surrounding the Betsie River before Betsie Bay; includes wetlands and an extensive waterfowl nesting site. Access is off River Road.		MDNR	State
3	Betsie Valley Trail	Trail	<i>See Benzie County Inventory</i>			
4	Grace Road Road-end at Lake Michigan	Road-end	Designated County Road ending providing limited access to the body of water.		Gilmore Township	Township
5	M-22 Lake Michigan Circle Tour Route	National Touring Route	Driving route following the coastline around Lake Michigan.		MDOT	
6	Gilmore Township Hall	Municipal Building	Located in Elberta.		Gilmore Township	Township
7	Gilmore Township Cemetery	Cemetery	Located on the northwest corner of Grace Road and M-22.	6 acres	Gilmore Township	

HOMESTEAD TOWNSHIP

Map	Facility	Type	Description and Activities	Size	Ownership	Service Area
1	Homestead Township Recreational Park	Community Park	Community park with baseball/softball fields, press box, concession stand, storage garage, pavilions, playground, and a walking trail.	34 acres	Homestead Township	Township, County, Region
2	Veteran's Memorial State Forest Campground	Campground	Approximately 1400 feet of Platte River frontage. Includes 21 camping sites, parking, and carry-down canoe launch area. Located on the south side of US-31.	40 acres	MDNR	State
3	Platte River State Forest Campground	Campground, Water Access	Approximately 1350 feet of frontage on the Platte River with 26 tent/RV campsites, open space, day use area with picnic tables, and carry-down boat launching area.		MDNR	State
4	Platte River Park	Water Access, Park	Planned water access and park area.		Homestead Township	Township, County, Region
5	Platte River Snowmobile Trail	Trail	Michigan Snowmobile Trail that runs through the Pere Marquette State Forest via seasonal roads, trails, and easements.		MDNR	County, Region, State
6	Platte Springs Pathway	Trail	One mile hiking and cross-country ski trail.		MDNR	County

7	Betise Valley Trail	Trail	See Benzie County Inventory			
8	Platte River Water Trail	Water Trail	Canoe, kayak, and small boat usage.			County, State
9	Homestead Township Cemetery	Cemetery	On Pioneer Road.	30 acres	Homestead Township	
10	Champion Hill Cemetery	Cemetery	On Marshall Road at Covey Road.	30 acres	Homestead Township	
11	Sunnywoods Motel and Campground	Private Facility	47 campsites, sanitary dump station, party store and pool.		Private	
12	Cheneniah Bible Camp	Private Facility	Residential summer camp with a softball field, volleyball court, and dormitories.		Private	
13	Champion Hill Farms Golf Course	Private Facility	18-hole public golf course.		Private	

INLAND TOWNSHIP

Map	Facility	Type	Description and Activities	Size	Ownership	Service Area
1	Inland Township Park	Community Park	Park with pavilion. Located on Lake Ann Road, north of Bronson Road.		Inland Township	Township, County
2	Platte River Snowmobile Trail	Trail	Designated snowmobile trail system maintained with state funds. It follows seasonal roads, trails, and easements.		MDNR	County, Region, State
3	Michigan Shore-to-Shore Trail	Trail	Horse riding and hiking trail across the Lower Peninsula of Michigan.		MDNR	State
4	Turtle Lake Access Site	Water Access	Gravel surfaced boat launch, parking, and public restroom.		MDNR	County, Region
5	Platte River State Fish Hatchery	State Facility	Facility raises coho and chinook salmon and is the main egg take station for coho salmon in the Upper Great Lakes.		MDNR	State
	a. Pacific Salmon – State Historic Marker	Historic Marker	Marker erected in 1974.			
6	Lake Ann Elementary School	School	Complete educational facility with a gymnasium located on Bronson Road.		Benzie Central School District	School District
7	Inland Township Hall	Municipal Building	Township offices with a meeting space available for rent.		Inland Township	Township
8	Unincorporated Village of Bendon		Intersection of Bendon and Cinder Roads.			
9	Inland Township Cemetery	Cemetery	Located on US-31 east of Bendon Road.		Inland Township	
10	Countryside Memorial Cemetery	Cemetery	On the east side of Inland Cemetery		Inland Township	
11	Stagecoach Memorial Cemetery	Cemetery	Located on US-31 east of Bendon Road.		Inland Township	
12	Brundage Wilderness Cemetery	Cemetery	On a two-track off Carmean Road.		Inland Township	
13	Turtle Lake Campground	Private Facility	On the northwest shore of Turtle Lake. Has boat rentals and accommodates horses.	80 acres	Private	

JOYFIELD TOWNSHIP

Map	Facility	Type	Description and Activities	Size	Ownership	Service Area
1	Paquette Roadside Park	Roadside Park	Shaded roadside rest stop with picnic tables and pit toilets.		MDOT	County, Region
2	Misty Acres: The Borwell Preserve	Natural Area	Natural area and working farm with a short nature trail and 10,000 feet of shoreline on the Betsie River.	627 acres	GTRLC	County, Region

3	Joyfield Township Hall	Municipal Building	General meeting space and township offices on Benzie Highway (US-31).		Joyfield Township	
4	Joyfield Cemetery	Cemetery	On Benzie Highway (US-31).	4 acres	Joyfield Township	
	a. Joyfield Cemetery - State Historic Marker	Historic Marker	Marker erected in 2004.			
5	Six Mile Heliport	Private Facility	Public use heliport.		Private	
6	Joyfield Heliport	Private Facility	Public use heliport.		Private	
7	Benzie Sportsman Club	Private Facility	Includes a black powder pistol and rifle range, high power pistol and rifle shooting ranges, skeet and shooting clays, a pond, and a clubhouse.		Private	

LAKE TOWNSHIP

Map	Facility	Type	Description and Activities	Size	Ownership	Service Area
1	Lake Township Park	Community Park	Swimming, canoeing, kayaking, picnic tables, grills, restrooms, canoe launch site, and parking; with 300 feet of frontage on the Platte River	2 acres	Lake Township	Township, County, Region
2	Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore	National Park	<i>See attached inventory page.</i>		NPS	
3	Sand Dunes via Point Betsie Road	Natural Area	Protected dune and extensive frontage on Lake Michigan.		The Nature Conservancy	County, Region, State
4	Big Platte Lake Public Access	Water Access	Boat launch with parking and toilets. Located at the end of Arborvitae Road.		MDNR	County, Region
5	Little Platte Lake Public Access	Water Access	Boat launch with rest rooms and parking. Located off Saffron Road on the north side of the lake.		MDNR	County, Region
6	Lake Michigan Drive Road-end	Road-end	Canoe, kayak, and small boat launch site into the Platte River above Lake Michigan Beach. Parking is available on township and NPS property.		BCRC	County, Region
7	Point Betsie Road Road-end	Road-end	Access to Lake Michigan Beach and Point Betsie Lighthouse. Parking is limited to sandy road shoulders.		BCRC	County, State, U.S.
	a. Point Betsie Light Station	Historic landmark	Added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1984. Historically one of the most prominent and utilized lights on Lake Michigan. Periods of Significance: 1850-1874, 1875-1899.		Benzie County	
8	Spruce Road Road-end	Road-end	Access on Little Platte Lake.		BCRC	County
9	Long Lake Road Road-end	Road-end	Access at the West End of Long Lake.		BCRC	County
10	M-22 Lake Michigan Circle Tour Route	National Touring Route	Driving route following the coastline around Lake Michigan.		MDOT	Great Lakes Region
11	MDNR Fish Weir	State Facility	On the Platte River north of Loon Lake. Closed except for fall time when salmon are taken for eggs. Limited visitor parking.		MDNR	County, State
12	Lake Township Hall	Municipal Building	Offices and multipurpose space located across from the intersection of Lake Michigan Drive on M-22.		Lake Township	Township
13	Crystal Downs Golf Course	Private Facility	Private 18-hole course.		Private	

14	Riverside Canoes	Private Facility	Canoe rental.		Private	
15	Crystal Lake Yacht Club	Private Facility	Private club house and launch site.		Private	
16	Honor Trading Post	Private Facility	Canoe, kayak, and tube rental for the Upper and Lower Platte Rivers. Located on Deadstream Road.		Private	

PLATTE TOWNSHIP

Map	Facility	Type	Description and Activities	Size	Ownership	Service Area
1	Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore	National Park	See <i>Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore inventory page</i> .		NPS	Region, State, U.S.
2	Platte Township Open Space	Community Park	Open space for walking and hiking.	80 acres	Platte Township	Platte Township, County
3	Medenbrook Nature Preserve	Nature Preserve	Wetlands with 900 feet of frontage on Little Platte Lake and no facilities.	37 acres	GTRLC	County, Region, State
4	Garey Lake Trail Camp	Campground	Located above Garey Lake State Forest Campground on a plateau with hitching posts and pit toilets.		MDNR	State
5	Alex B. Maley Memorial Woodlot	Open Space	Managed for agriculture, horticulture, forestry, soil and water conservation, environmental research, and education.		Benzie Conservation District	County, Region
6	Platte River Snowmobile Trail	Trail	Designated snowmobile trail system maintained and groomed with state funds. It follows seasonal roads, trails, and easements.		MDNR	County, Region, State
7	Michigan Shore-to-Shore Trail	Trail	Horseback riding and hiking trail that runs between Lake Michigan and Lake Huron.		MDNR	County, Region, State
8	M-22 Lake Michigan Circle Tour Route	National Touring Route	Driving route following the coastline around Lake Michigan.		MDOT	Great Lakes Region
9	Platte Township Cemetery	Cemetery	Intersection of Indian Hill and Esch Roads, since 1868.		Platte Township	
10	Historic Drake School	Historic Building	Located on the SW corner of Fowler Road and County Road 677. Managed by the Benzie Area Historical Museum.		Benzie County Historical Society	County
11	Platte Grange Hall	Historic Building	Historic building and school located on the SW corner of the intersection of Esch and Indian Hill Roads.			County, Region, State

WELDON TOWNSHIP

Map	Facility	Type	Description and Activities	Size	Ownership	Service Area
1	Betsie River Day Use Park	Community Park	Located on Wolf Road, just outside of Thompsonville. The trail is around 1/3 of a third of a mile long and views of the Betsie River			
2	Platte River Snowmobile Trail	Trail	Designated snowmobile trail system maintained and groomed with state funds. It follows seasonal roads, trails, and easements.		MDNR	County, Region, State

3	Betsie River Pathway	Trail	Cross-country ski trail located on the east side of the Betsie River in southeastern Weldon Township.		MDNR	County, Region
4	Betsie Valley Trail	Trail	<i>See Benzie County Inventory</i>			
5	Betsie River Water Trail	Water Trail				
6	Benzie County Central School District Forest	Forested Area	Forested property.	80 acres	Thompsonville Consolidated Schools	County
7	Fred's Landing	Water Access	Betsie River access with primitive camping.		MDNR, BCRC	County, Region
8	Dair Mill Fishing Access	Water Access	On the south side of M-115, between the Betsie River and Dair Mill Road.	10.8 acres	MDNR	County, Region
9	Misty Acres: The Borwell Preserve	Natural Area	Includes a working farm, 10,000 feet along the Betsie River, and a short nature trail. 309 acres are in Benzie County.	627 acres	GTRLC	County, Region
10	Michigan Legacy Art Park	Art Park	An outdoor sculpture park and amphitheater with close to 50 art works installed along 1.6 miles of trails. Provides cultural, artistic, and educational services to the public. Open year round during daylight hours. Enter through Crystal Mountain's main entrance.	30 acres	Michigan Legacy Art Park	Region
11	Weldon Township Hall	Municipal Building	Meeting space and township offices.		Weldon Township	Township
12	Thompsonville Airport	Airport	General aviation airport with two runways, one paved and one grass strip, an administration building, pit toilets, and water.	220 acres	Village of Thompsonville	County
13	Weldon Township Cemetery	Cemetery	Located on the corner of Pioneer and Pine Streets.	5 acres	Weldon Township	
14	Crystal Mountain Resort	Private Facility	Year-round resort with 36 holes of golf, downhill skiing, ski lodge, restaurant and lodging for 1,000+ people, indoor and outdoor pools, tennis courts, mountain biking trails, cross-country skiing trails, conference center, summer luge run, mountain bike trails, outdoor art park, fitness center and spa.		Private	
15	Betsie River Campground	Private Facility	Year-round RV camping facility located on the NW corner where the Betsie River crosses Lindy Road.		Private	
16	Betsie River Sportsmans Club	Private Facility	Includes a clubhouse and 3D archery range. Located on Egan Road.		Private	

CITY OF FRANKFORT

Map	Facility	Type	Description and Activities	Size	Ownership	Service Area
1	Mineral Springs Park	Community Park	Picnic facilities, play structures, restrooms, volleyball, shuffleboard, bike racks, parking, and mineral spring.	3.26 acres	City of Frankfort	City of Frankfort, County
2	Tank Hill - Park Avenue	Community Park	Natural resources area with hiking trails and open space.	15.6 acres	City of Frankfort	City of Frankfort

3	Crystal Lake Beach	Community Park, Beach	Swimming beach on Crystal Lake, picnic facilities, swings, boat launch, and parking. Also known as 7th Street Beach and Bellows Park.	6.5 acres	City of Frankfort	City of Frankfort, County
4	Open Space Park	Community Park	Community Center, restrooms, parking, benches, and t-dock. Located next to C.J. Kibby Memorial Boat Launch.	4 acres	City of Frankfort	City of Frankfort
5	Market Square Park	Community Park	Basketball, tennis courts, playground equipment, picnic facilities, restrooms, and parking.	3 acres	City of Frankfort	City of Frankfort
6	Frankfort Lake Michigan Beach	Regional Park, Beach	Swimming beach, beach volleyball, swings, restrooms, dog run, parking, and benches. The North Pier along the river outlet and the North Break Wall are used for walking and fishing.	15.5 acres	City of Frankfort	City of Frankfort, County, State
7	C.J. Kibby Memorial Boat Launch	Water Access, Regional Park	Boat launch and docks, restrooms, fish cleaning station, and parking. Located on Betsie Lake.	4 acres	City of Frankfort	County, Region, State
8	Frankfort Municipal Marina	Water Access, Park	Michigan State Waterways Commission funded public facility with a complete marina including transient and seasonal boat slips and restrooms.	1.6 acres	City of Frankfort	City of Frankfort, County, Region, State
9	Karl E. Luedtke Park	Miniature Park	Unique landscaping, play structures, picnic tables, water fountain, and an accessible ramp from the Marina to Main Street. Located in the business district of Frankfort. Also known as Rotary Park.	.5 acres	City of Frankfort	City of Frankfort
10	Cannon Park	Miniature Park	Parking, cannon (historic marker), and picnic facilities. The 7-ton cannon was brought to Frankfort in the late 1800s by the Grand Army of the Republic.	.9 acres	City of Frankfort	City of Frankfort
11	Betsie Valley Trail	Trail	<i>See Benzie County Inventory</i>			
12	Harborview Recreation Center	Community Center	Also known as the Senior Citizens Center, with a kitchen and multi-purpose room for meal site and services.		City of Frankfort	City of Frankfort
13	Frankfort Elementary School	School, Community Center	Multipurpose meeting room, commercial kitchen, and gymnasium.		Frankfort-Elberta School District	Frankfort-Elberta School District
14	Frankfort Junior-Senior High School	School	Complete educational facility located on 11th Street.		Frankfort-Elberta Area School District	Frankfort-Elberta Area School District
15	Lockhart Field	School Facility	Part of the school complex with stadium, facilities for baseball, softball, track and field sports.	5.5 acres	Frankfort-Elberta Athletic Association	Frankfort-Elberta School District
16	Marquette's Death - Historic Marker	Historic Marker	Marker erected in 1965.			

17	Frankfort North Breakwater Light	Historic Landmark	National Register of Historic Places. Located offshore and extends 0.4 of a mile SW of Main Street and Michigan Avenue. Added in 2005. Periods of Significance: 1900-1924, 1925-1949, 1950-1974.		U.S. Coast Guard	City of Frankfort, County, State
18	U.S. Coast Guard Station		Located on the North Shore of Betsie Lake near the mouth of Frankfort Harbor on Coast Guard Road.		U.S. Coast Guard	U.S.
	a. Historic Frankfort Coast Guard Station	Historic Landmark	Located due west and across the street from the New Coast Guard Station.			
	b. Navigation Structures at Frankfort Harbor	Historic Landmark	Added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1997. Periods of Significance: 1850-1874, 1875-1899, 1900-1924, 1925-1949.			
19	WPA Mural	Historic Artwork	Large mural in the Frankfort Post Office depicting a historic car ferry on Lake Michigan in a storm.		U.S. Postal Service	
20	Benzie Shores District Library	Library	Located on Main Street overlooking the harbor with an extensive business and children's collection. Free presentations on a myriad of subjects and many programs and services.		Benzie Shores District Library	
21	City Hall	Municipal Building	Offices and meeting space located on Main Street.		City of Frankfort	City of Frankfort
22	Elizabeth Lane Oliver Center for the Arts	Art Center	Arts education facility that offers classes, hosts exhibitions and events, and is available for rent.	.8 acres	Private	
23	Frankfort Land Company House	Historic Landmark, Private Facility	Listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1995. Period of Significance: 1850-1874.		Private	
24	East Shore Marina	Private Facility	Public and charter boat marina.		Private	
25	Jacobsen Marina and Clubhouse	Private Facility	Marina facilities and clubhouse with transient and seasonal slips.		Private	
26	Goldcoast Marina	Private Facility	Seasonal slips for boats.		Private	
27	Garden Theater	Private Facility	A 300-seat theater used for movies, live theater and music. Other uses include private parties, meeting space, school plays and band concerts.		Private	

VILLAGE OF BENZONIA

Map	Facility	Type	Description and Activities	Size	Ownership	Service Area
1	Village of Benzonina Academy Park East	Community Park	Baseball, basketball, tennis courts, and playground. Located on the east side of Michigan Ave at the corner of Traverse Ave.	3 acres +/-	Village of Benzonina	Village, County
2	Village of Benzonina Academy Park West	Community Park	Combination of wooded and open space surrounding the Congregational Church grounds. Includes roadside picnic area, on-site and on-street parking for the museum, fire hall, businesses, and township offices.		Village of Benzonina	Village, County, State
	a. Benzonina College – State Historic Marker	Historic Marker	Located in Academy Park West. Marker erected in 1964.			

3	Forested Open Space	Community Park, Open space	A. North - Dedicated parklands in the original Village of Benzonia Plat (Lot 4 and roadways); northwesterly of the intersections of Severance Street along Michigan Ave (US-31).	2.25 acres +	Village of Benzonia	Village
4	Village Park and Forested Open Space	Community Park, Open space	B. South - Dedicated parklands of the original Village of Benzonia Plat (Lot 30) at SE corner of Michigan Ave (US 31) and River. Location of new well-head #3 and proposed picnic area.	1.87 acres	Village of Benzonia	Village
5	Village Roadside Park and Parking Lot	Municipal Parking, Miniature park	Landscaping and benches, with parking for the top of the hill business district and parks. Located on the SE corner of Michigan Ave (US-31) and Traverse Ave.		Village of Benzonia	Village, County
6	Crystal Lake Elementary School	School	K-5 grade school with gymnasium, cafeteria, multipurpose field, and parking. Located on the south side of Severance Street with entrance at the intersection of US-31 and M-115.	3 acres +/-	Benzie Central School District	Benzie Central School District
7	Mills Community House	Historic Building	Historic 100 year old building with an auditorium, library, meeting rooms, and commercial kitchen. The original "Mills Cottage" is the only remaining structure of the former college founded in 1858 by early settlers.	2 acres +/-	Mills Community House Association	Village, County, Region, State
	a. Mills Community House – National Register of Historic Places	Historic Marker	Added to the National Register in 1972. Period of Significance: 1900-1924.			
	b. Mills Community House – State Historic Marker	Historic Marker	Marker erected in 1977.			
	c. Bruce Catton – State Historic Marker	Historic Marker	Marker erected in 1984.			
	d. Benzonia Public Library	Community District Library	Opening in 1925, it is the oldest library continuously operated in the County. It features the Catton Room, a collection of historic Benzie County newspapers, and a collection of books from the early college and academy libraries.			
8	Benzie Area Historical Museum	Museum	The original Congregational Church, that has been expanded, and houses a unique and growing collection of historically significant artifacts from the areas past.		Benzie County Historical Society	Village, County, Region, State
	a. Benzonia Congregational Church – State Historic Marker	Historic Marker	Marker erected in 1983.			
9	Benzonia Township Hall	Municipal Building	Township offices and large meeting room located on the corner of Traverse Avenue and Michigan Avenue (US-31).		Benzonia Township	Township
10	Village of Benzonia Hall	Municipal Building	Small meeting room, office, and maintenance buildings.		Village of Benzonia	Village

VILLAGE OF BEULAH

Map	Facility	Type	Description and Activities	Size	Ownership	Service Area
1	Municipal Park and Beach	Community Park, Water Access	Approximately 1000 ft of Crystal Lake frontage, a swimming beach, boat launch, bathhouse, tennis court, RV park, picnic tables, pavilion, playground, pickleball, eight slip day dock, and universal access fishing dock.	2.25 aces	Village of Beulah	Village, County, Region

2	Trapp Park	Miniature Park	Basketball court, skateboard park, and picnic tables.	1 acre	Village of Beulah	Village
3	Fair Park	Miniature Park	Includes 100 feet of Crystal Lake frontage.		Village of Beulah	Village
4	Library Park	Miniature Park	Located along Cold Creek.	> 1 acre	Village of Beulah	Village
5	Northway/Center Street Park	Miniature Park	Includes a tennis court.	>1 acre	Village of Beulah	Village
6	Betsie Valley Trail	Trail	See Benzie County Inventory			
7	Public Road-ends to Crystal Lake	Road-end	Designated County Road ending at the waters edge of a lake, river, etc. providing limited access to the body of water.		Village of Beulah	Village
	a. Commercial Street					
	b. Pleasant Street					
	c. First Street					
	d. Second Street					
	e. Third Street					
	f. Fourth Street					
	g. Benzie Street					
8	Benzie County Government Center	Municipal Building	County offices, Court, animal shelter, and Sheriff's Department with jail.		County	County
9	Beulah Village Hall	Municipal Building	Offices, maintenance garage, county recycling drop-off site, and parking area.		Village of Beulah	Village
10	Darcy Library of Beulah	Library	Library featuring the Native American Meeting Room and exhibit, an expanding collection of local artwork, internet access, and 24 hour hot spot.		Darcy Library Board	Village
11	Benzie Conservation District		Local unit of State government with offices and storefront on the south end of Benzie Boulevard.		Benzie Conservation District	County
12	Lowering of Crystal Lake Marker	Historic Marker	Erected in 1978 by the people of Benzie County to commemorate a plan in 1915 to connect Crystal Lake with Lake Michigan.			
13	Historic Benzie County Courthouse	Private Facility	Historically known as "The Grand." Listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1996. Periods of Significance: 1900-1924, 1925-1949. Located on Crystal Ave.		Private	

VILLAGE OF ELBERTA

Map	Facility	Type	Description and Activities	Size	Ownership	Service Area
1	Elberta Historic Waterfront Park	Community Park	1200 feet of water frontage, pavilion, parking, a playground, paths and trails, outdoor amphitheater, fishing deck, drinking fountain, lifesaving station, and public rest rooms.	10 acres	Village of Elberta	Village, County, Region, State
	a. Car Ferries on Lake Michigan – State Historic Marker	Historic Marker	Located on the hill overlooking the park and harbor. Marker erected in 1958.			
2	Elberta Lake Michigan Beach	Beach	Community beach with primitive restrooms, accessible pier, scenic overlook with parking, and boardwalk.	1 mile	Village of Elberta	Village, County
3	Dudley Penfold Memorial Park	Community Park, Water access	Covered picnic pavilion, playground equipment, canoes and kayak boat launch, boat slips, a pedestrian bridge, Betsie Valley Trail access and parking. Accessible from M22.		Village of Elberta	Village of Elberta, County

4	The Community Building and Park	Community Center, Community Park	Public rest rooms, baseball field, bleachers, playground equipment, tetherball, and Community Building	7 acres	Village of Elberta	Village of Elberta, County
5	Tot Park	Miniature Park	Playground and basketball.		Village of Elberta	Village of Elberta
6	Veterans Park	Miniature Park	Open space within a residential area.		Village of Elberta	Village of Elberta
7	Anderson Park	Miniature Park	Park has playground equipment and a basketball court.		Village of Elberta	Village of Elberta
8	Betsie Valley Trail	Trail	<i>See Benzie County Inventory</i>			
9	Elberta Dunes South Natural Area	Natural Area	Trail with views of Lake Michigan and the Betsie Valley, and 1/4 mile of Lake Michigan shoreline.	58 acres	Village of Elberta	Village of Elberta, County
10	Gilmore Township Hall	Municipal Building	Township offices and general meeting space. Located in the Elberta Public Library Building on Frankfort Avenue.		Gilmore Township	Gilmore Township
11	Betsie Bay Marina	Private Facility	Public marina with 56 boat slips, boat launch, refueling station.		Private	
12	Betsie Shores Dockominiums	Private Facility	Public marina with 42 boat slips; 33 are Village owned.		Private	
13	North Star Marina	Private Facility	Public marina with 24 boat slips. Located on Betsie Bay.		Private	

VILLAGE OF HONOR

Map	Facility	Type	Description and Activities	Size	Ownership	Service Area
1	Maley Park	Community Park	Includes a spring fed fountain, picnic tables, swing sets, and parking. Located at the junction of US-31 and Deadstream Road; the intersection is bisected by Leelanau Drive.		Village of Honor	Village of Honor
2	Platte River Elementary School (Closed)	School	Closed in 2018, the school facilities remain; located outside of Honor in an areas known as Homestead Park.		Benzie Central School District	Benzie Central School District
3	Benzie County Road Commission	Municipal Building	Offices and garages for the county road maintenance equipment.		County	County
4	Homestead Township Offices	Municipal Building	Large meeting room, township offices, state police post, fire trucks and ambulance garage.		Homestead Township	Homestead Township
5	Memorial Park	Miniature Park	Memorial dedicated to WWII veterans. Located at US-31 and Platte Street next to the Post Office.		Village of Honor	Village of Honor

VILLAGE OF LAKE ANN

Map	Facility	Type	Description and Activities	Size	Ownership	Service Area
1	Almira Township Lakefront Park	Community Park	Public beach and park with two pavilions, a flush toilet and a swimming area. Located in the Village of Lake Ann.	1.65 acres	Almira Township	Village, Township
2	Burnette Park	Community Park	Picnic tables, tennis courts, a baseball field, basketball court, bathrooms, and forested area.	2 acres	Village of Lake Ann	Village
3	Lake Ann Cemetery	Cemetery	On Reynolds Road in the Village.			

4	Almira Township Library	Library	Located in the old Township Hall.		Almira Township	Township
5	Old Almira Township Hall	Municipal Building	Multipurpose meeting room, library, and senior congregate meal site.		Almira Township	Township
6	Almira Historical Museum	Museum	Located on Maple Street (Hwy. 610) and features a collection of artifacts from the areas past.		Almira Historical Society	Township, County

VILLAGE OF THOMPSONVILLE

Map	Facility	Type	Description and Activities	Size	Ownership	Service Area
1	Thompsonville Community Park	Community Park	Basketball court, 2 tennis courts, vault toilets, picnic tables, playground, pavilion with electricity, running water, and grills.	3 acres	Village of Thompsonville	Village
2	Bargerstock Field	Community Park	Two ball fields, concession stand, lighting on one ball diamond, bleachers, dugouts, electricity and running water.	7 acres	Village of Thompsonville	Village, County
3	Sharp Park	Community Park	20 campsites, vault toilets, running water, and picnic tables. Located in a wooded area at the village water tower on the corner of Thompson Avenue and Thompsonville Highway. The park features the historic "Diamond Crossing."	2 acres	Village of Thompsonville	Village, County, Region
4	Betsie Valley Trail	Trail	The trail is located on the former Ann Arbor Railroad right-of-way north from Thompsonville to Elberta and Frankfort. A trailhead is located at Bargerstock Field in the Village.		MDNR/Benzie County	County, Region
5	Thompsonville Community Center	Community Center	Meeting and banquet space located in the Thompsonville Community Park.		Village of Thompsonville	Village
6	Thompsonville Village Hall	Municipal Building	Village offices and meeting space.		Village of Thompsonville	Village
7	Weldon Township Hall	Municipal Building	Township offices and meeting space.		Weldon Township	Township
8	Colfax Township Hall	Municipal Building	Township offices.		Colfax Township	Township
9	Betsie Valley District Library	Library	Located on Thompson Avenue with Internet and WIFI service.		Betsie Valley District Library	
10	Thompsonville Cemetery	Cemetery	Located on Second Street.			

SLEEPING BEAR DUNES NATIONAL LAKESHORE

Map	Facility	Type	Description and Activities	Size	Ownership	Service Area
1	Platte River Campground	Campground	Open year-round and offers a wide variety of camping styles; electric, water, sanitary dump, showers. Trails to Lake Michigan, an amphitheater, and ranger station.		NPS	State, U.S.
1a	a. Platte River Campground - National Register of Historic Places	Historic Site	Added to the National Register in 1990. Periods of Significance: 0-499, 500-999 AD, 1000-1499 AD. Cultural Affiliation: Middle Woodland, Early Late Woodland.			

2	El Dorado Park	Community Park	Parking for 10 vehicles, vault toilet, small boat and canoe launch, wooden deck/dock, and picnic table.	1 acre	NPS	County, Region, State, U.S.
3	Old Indian Trail	Trail	Trailhead on M-22 east of Sutter Road. All season trail with two loops totaling 4.6 miles. Parking, pit toilet, and water pump.			County, Region, State, U.S.
4	End of Lake Michigan Drive	Road-end	Road parking and two paved lots. BCRC maintained boat launch, rest rooms and changing facilities. Adjacent to Lake Township Park on the south side of Lake Michigan Drive.		NPS, BCRC	County, Region, State, U.S.
5	Platte Plains Trails	Trail	All season trail with 3 loops and 14.7 mi.		NPS	County, Region, State, U.S.
6	Loon Lake Public Access	Water Access	Public lake access with a picnic shelter and grill, accessible rest room, accessible dock, and a 27 vehicle parking lot.		NPS	County, Region, State, U.S.
7	Esch Road Road-end	Water Access	Lake Michigan access to beach with swimming, access to Otter Lake Loop Trail, a vault toilet and parking along road shoulder.		NPS, BCRC	County, Region, State, U.S.
8	White Pine Campground	Campground	Six walk-in primitive camping sites, one fire-ring, and pit toilet.		NPS	County, Region, State, U.S.
9	Platte River Picnic Area	Park, Water Access	Accessible area with 4 shelters, canoe and kayak launch, fish cleaning station, riverwalk, benches, and parking.		NPS	County, Region, State, U.S.
10	Kittendorf Landing	Water Access	Walk-in canoe site with vault toilet, take-out ramp, and trail to Riverside Canoes.		NPS	County, Region, State, U.S.
11	Bass Lake Access at Trails End Road Road-end	Water Access	Small accessible boat launch, access to Bass Lake Loop Trail and vault toilet.		NPS	County, Region, State, U.S.
12	Peterson Road Access to Lake Michigan	Park, Water Access	Day use park, access to Lake Michigan, cross-country ski trail, and access to White Pine Campground.		NPS, BCRC	County, Region, State, U.S.
13	Railroad Grade Trail	Trail	Connects the NW shore of Big Platte Lake to M-22, the north side of the Platte River Campground, and to Lake Michigan.		NPS	Benzie County, U.S.
14	Historic Aral Town Site	Historic Landmark	Located on Esch Road near Otter Creek.		NPS	Benzie County, U.S.
15	Historic Ken-Tuk-U-Inn	Historic Landmark	Managed structure also known as the Bancroft Road House. Located on M-22.		NPS	Benzie County, U.S.
16	Historic Boekeloo Cabin	Historic Landmark	Managed structure located at the end of Boekeloo Road.		NPS	Benzie County, U.S.
17	Historic Esch Farm House	Historic Landmark	Managed structure located on Esch Road.		NPS	Benzie County, U.S.

Chapter 4:

Planning Methods & Public Input

The Recreation and Cultural Plan was developed by the Benzie County Parks and Recreation Commission with assistance from Networks Northwest. The Plan was developed using the Systems Approach to Planning (MDNR, 2018), a three-part planning method that first examines the information already available; collects public input; and develops goals and objectives based on areas of need from public input and the existing information. This is one of the recommended planning methods by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Information and feedback were collected with assistance from the Parks and Recreation Commission members; Benzonia Township staff and the Memorial Park Committee members; public input received through questionnaires, committee discussions, and public hearings; and additional research and analysis conducted by Networks Northwest. Data and public input were used to develop an effective set of goals and objectives that accurately reflect the needs of Benzie County and Benzonia Township residents and visitors, while not duplicating the existing facilities and services of the County.

Public Input

As part of updating the Benzie County Recreation & Cultural Plan, the Benzie County Parks and Recreation Commission, along with the support of Benzonia Township, developed and released an online and hard copy survey designed to help inform the development of goals and objectives, and to identify priority actions for the communities participating in the plan. The survey was open from August 5, 2019 to August 22, 2019. One hundred seventy-one (171) surveys were received. The following report summarizes the results and feedback received from respondents.

High priority areas identified through a review of the survey results include:

- Beaches, walking/hiking, wildlife viewing, libraries, biking, canoeing/kayaking and non-motorized water access are all important and frequently used activities/facilities.
- Respondents indicated that access to indoor recreation facilities is currently “not sufficient.” There was a strong interest in the development of physical fitness facilities and an indoor pool.
- There is a strong interest in trails within the County. Trail suggestions focused largely on improving and paving more of the Betsie Valley Trail, and developing trail opportunities for motorcycle use.
- The public values and uses public water access sites throughout the County, and maintenance, improvement, and development of water access is important.

Public Comment Period

A draft of the Joint Recreation and Cultural Plan was released for a 30-day public review period in November. Notice was provided in the Benzie County Record Patriot on November 13, 2019. All comments had to be submitted for consideration before, or could be heard at, the public hearings. Copies of the plan were available on the Networks Northwest websites, and hard copies were provided upon request at the County and Township.

Public Hearing and Adoption

A public hearing was held by the Parks and Recreation Commission on December 16, 2019. The draft plan and the proposed changes were reviewed. Following the public hearing, the Parks and Recreation Commission approved a resolution to adopt the draft plan and proposed changes, and a recommendation that the County Board of Commissioners adopt the plan. The Board of Commissioners approved/did not approve the plan for submission to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources at their regular meeting on _____. See Appendix B for the approval documents.

Chapter 5:

Goals, Objectives, & Action Plan Priorities

The goals, objectives, and action program developed as part of the Benzie County Recreation and Cultural Plan are intended to guide future decisions about recreation in a manner that reflects the community's values and priorities. These goals were developed based on the review of existing facilities, demographics, plans, and public input obtained through:

- 2015 Benzie County Recreation and Cultural Plan
- 2019 Benzie County Joint Recreation Questionnaire
- Demographic data collection and analysis
- Regular meetings of the Benzie County Parks and Recreation Commission
- Regular meetings of the Benzonia Township Memorial Park Committee
- Public hearing conducted as part of the recreation planning process

In addition to public and stakeholder input, other local and regional plans and strategies have been reviewed to ensure that the goals, objectives, and actions are consistent with and aligned with other local, county, and regional initiatives.

Shared Goals

Below are common Goals shared by Benzie County and Benzonia Township. The associated objectives and actions are identified on the following pages for Benzie County, followed by Benzonia Township.

1. Establish and support community structures for recreation maintenance, planning, and improvement oversight
2. Maintain and improve existing parks
3. Provide a variety of recreation opportunities for all ages and abilities, that meet the community's existing and future needs.
4. Develop and promote an interconnected system of motorized, non-motorized, and water trails to enhance access to additional recreation opportunities.

Goal #1: Establish and support community structures for recreation maintenance, planning, and improvement oversight

Objective	Ensure an active County Parks and Recreation structure that promotes recreational and cultural opportunities for citizens, seasonal residents, and visitors
Action 1.1	Maintain the Parks and Recreation Commission as established by the County Board
Action 1.2	Promote recreation and culture as a contributor to the improvement of quality of life and economic welfare
Action 1.3	Ensure that cultural facilities and activities are integrated into recreational planning
Action 1.4	Increase County participation in coordination, management, and guidance of recreation and cultural activities
Action 1.5	Identify recreation needs throughout the County and work with communities to develop projects to meet needs
Action 1.6	Identify and allocate an appropriate working budget for Parks and Recreation activities
Action 1.7	Archive Parks and Recreation records and project files
Objective	Establish and maintain DNR-approved 5-year recreation plans
Action 1.8	Updates the County Recreation and Cultural Plan per DNR requirement
Action 1.9	Involve citizens in recreational and cultural planning to ensure that a wide variety of recreational needs are met
Action 1.10	Work with state and federal agencies to provide input on public lands management planning on behalf of County residents
Objective	Provide cost-effective, efficient recreation services and facilities
Action 1.11	Pursue grant funding for recreation improvements
Action 1.12	Conduct regular research to identify local, regional, state, and national grant opportunities
Action 1.13	Work in partnerships with other organizations or communities to increase grant funding opportunities and leverage existing resources
Objective	Establish and support community structures for recreation maintenance, planning, and improvement oversight
Action 1.14	Work cooperatively with the Friends of the Betsie Valley Trail and other partners to coordinate management, maintenance, and improvements of the trail system within Benzie County
Action 1.15	Ensure representation from all units of local government that have a rail-trail in their jurisdiction in the management of the trail system
Action 1.16	Work cooperatively with the Friends of the Point Betsie Lighthouse to coordinate management, maintenance, improvements, and historic preservation at the Point Betsie Lighthouse
Action 1.17	Obtain funding for and hire a County Parks manager and/or department
Action 1.18	Coordinate recreational activities and programming with area organizations and local units of government
Action 1.19	Explore funding and maintenance options to increase support for parks and recreation
Objective	Increase access to information regarding recreational and cultural opportunities in the county, and promote Benzie County as one of Michigan's valued recreational and cultural destinations
Action 1.20	Maintain and enhance the Benzie County Government website Parks and Recreation web page
Action 1.21	Work with partners including the Benzie County Chamber of Commerce, Benzie County Tourist and Visitors Bureau, cultural organizations, Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy, MDNR, NPS, and others to promote Benzie County recreational and cultural information

Action 1.22 Provide educational and informational materials to the public regarding what is and what is not permitted at recreational sites

Action 1.23 Work with partners to develop and maintain a comprehensive database of recreational assets

Objective **Raise community awareness of and appreciation for recreational and cultural opportunities**

Action 1.24 Partner with volunteers and stakeholders to organize events, such as guided hikes, races, and educational events, that showcase parks, recreation, and cultural facilities

Action 1.25 Partner with schools, visitors bureaus, and other organizations to promote existing facilities

Action 1.26 Prepare or participate in a marketing campaign utilizing advertisements, public service announcements, and websites

Goal #2: Maintain and improve existing parks

Objective **Ensure a high level of maintenance and management at all parks and recreation facilities**

Action 2.1 Provide dedicated staff support to maintain, improve, and/or promote recreation facilities

Action 2.2 Consider hiring or working with surrounding communities to establish a recreation director.

Action 2.3 Work with volunteer groups, Friends organizations, and community partners to coordinate park maintenance and improvements

Action 2.4 Provide improvements to existing parks and recreation facilities as needed

Action 2.5 Provide sufficient parking and related facilities at parks, recreation facilities, and access sites

Action 2.6 Manage parks and recreation to protect and enhance natural resources and environmentally sensitive areas

Objective **Provide improvements to existing parks and recreation facilities as needed**

Point Betsie Lighthouse

Action 2.7 Maintain turn-around and road-end access at Point Betsie Road with ADA access to the beach at Lake Michigan, restrooms, and other facilities for beach users

Action 2.8 Provide adequate off-road parking adjacent to Point Betsie Lighthouse that will accommodate both beach users and light station visitors, including school and tour buses

Action 2.9 Improve and provide disabled, barrier free, and/or universally accessible restrooms, access to the Point Betsie beach at Lake Michigan, and other facilities for beach users

Betsie Valley Trail

Action 2.10 Work with partners and local units of government to complete the Elberta section of the "Beach to Beach" segment of the Betsie Valley Trail

Action 2.11 Work with MDNR, Natural Rivers, and trail advocates to create accessibility and improve views at the Lewis Bridge overlook

Action 2.12 Resurface and manage storm water along the Crystal Lk Segment

Action 2.13 Address high water issues between Frankfort and Elberta

Action 2.14 Support regional trail connections south from Thompsonville to Mesick and Manistee areas

Action 2.15 Explore and support opportunities to connect to other regional trail systems, including the TART Trails and the Sleeping Bear Heritage Trail

Action 2.16 Acquire land in Weldon Township and improve bridge crossing to connect the Betsie Valley Trail with public land on the east side of the County with State and Conservancy-owned land in the Dry Hill region of Joyfield Township

Action 2.17 Support connections to other recreational and cultural assets in the County

Railroad Point Natural Area

Action 2.18 Implement goals, objectives, and actions of the Railroad Point Natural Area Management Plan

- Action 2.19** Work with the MDNR to provide a carry-in access site at the Outlet on Crystal Lake with a restroom and parking
- Action 2.20** Maintain partnership with the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy
- Action 2.21** Continue to expand the system of trails
- Action 2.22** Pursue a facility and ADA restrooms within the Railroad Point Natural Area that will accommodate school groups, MDNR sponsored classes, shelter for winter activities, and other uses.
- Action 2.23** Provide additional picnic decks and a fishing and boating platform dock near the facility's restrooms
- Action 2.24** Improve parking at the Outlet Access Site
- Action 2.25** Maintain parking for the Adams Road Access Site
- Action 2.26** Maintain boat launch to the Betsie River Adams Road Access Site
- Action 2.27** Prepare or participate in a marketing campaign utilizing advertisements, public service announcements, and websites

Zada Price Park

- Action 2.28** Enhance the property with signage and landscaping
- Action 2.29** Improve access to the look-out
- Action 2.30** Improve the surface of the parking lot
- Action 2.31** Explore additional opportunities and partnerships to improve the park

Goal #3: Provide a variety of recreation opportunities for all ages and abilities, that meet the community's existing and future needs.

- | Objective | Ensure a diverse range of recreation opportunities throughout the County |
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| Action 3.1 | Regularly identify, with public input and community planning, recreation needs and gaps |
| Action 3.2 | Encourage the development of year-round, health, fitness, and recreational programs and opportunities for all and to meet identified community needs |
| Action 3.3 | Develop County Recreation properties for appropriate recreational and cultural uses |
| Action 3.4 | Encourage rehabilitation of historic structures for public recreational and cultural uses |
| Action 3.5 | Encourage innovative approaches to meet local recreational and cultural programs and facility needs |
| Action 3.6 | Encourage the private sector to develop facilities that will complement public uses |
| Action 3.7 | Work with schools to provide access to schools for recreational and cultural opportunities by "opening their doors" to community organizations to better utilize meeting rooms, auditoriums and theaters, gymnasiums and locker rooms, and other outdoor recreational facilities |
| Action 3.8 | Recognize school-supplied recreation as a key component of the total County recreation system |
| Action 3.9 | Strengthen and provide educational outreach and activities by encouraging community based opportunities offered by groups like the DNR, SEEDS, 4-H, Michigan Legacy Art Park, MSUE, and other university and extracurricular programs |
| Action 3.10 | Explore opportunities to establish dog parks in locations throughout the County |
| Action 3.11 | Explore opportunities to establish a dark sky park and designated areas |
| Action 3.12 | Encourage cooperation between federal, state, and local governments to further improve and expand opportunities at local park facilities |
| Action 3.13 | Continue to work with partner organizations to facilitate and further recreational programs for all population groups |
| Action 3.14 | Ensure that park and recreational facilities and opportunities are available and affordable to all residents |
| Action 3.15 | Support township and village recreation planning and improvement activities |
| Action 3.17 | Identify needs of, and include, major events and festivals in all recreation facility planning activities |

Objective	Ensure high-quality natural areas and scenic corridors for outdoor recreation
Action 3.18	Continue to work with partners to protect and manage natural areas and scenic corridors for outdoor recreation opportunities
Action 3.19	Explore opportunities to create, expand or enhance natural areas/preserves and scenic corridors for outdoor recreation
Action 3.20	Support the development and preservation of scenic roadways and corridors that are integrated with other recreational uses
Action 3.21	Support the preservation of “dark skies” through property purchases and lighting policies
Action 3.22	Encourage open space and natural habitat preservation on private lands by private landowners
Action 3.23	Develop a program for public or conservation organization purchase of open space and other wildlife habitat lands or easements, as well as improved opportunities for public access to water
Action 3.24	Develop an education program for owners of open space or wildlife habitat on the benefits of property donation or conservation easement and seek donations of properties on the list of desired recreation sites
Action 3.25	Encourage and preserve the use of State and Federal Lands for hunting and fishing
Action 3.26	Develop educational programs regarding hunting, fishing, and boating safety, invasive species control, shoreline and near-shore habitat protection, and private property rights
Action 3.27	Increase access to lands for hunting
Action 3.28	Acquire available properties strategic to one or more of the following: consolidation of County or other public land; access or enhancement to recreation facilities, including but not limited to trails, beaches, water or public land; enhancement of wildlife habitat or forest resources; or enhancement of public benefit such as scenic views or cultural sites

Objective	Ensure parks and recreation facilities are accessible to all users
Action 3.29	Provide access for all by developing or improving barrier-free features at all parks as needed
Action 3.30	Promote recreational opportunities for particular population groups including the elderly, disabled individuals, youth, and others
Action 3.31	Increase access for persons with disabilities to all waterways through accessible boat ramps and docks
Action 3.32	Consider and incorporate universal access features at all parks and recreational facilities
Action 3.33	Support the development of accessible public access to the Betsie and Platte Rivers

Objective	Increase access to all public lands and waters
Action 3.34	Encourage the acquisition of lands on lakes, rivers, streams, and Lake Michigan
Action 3.35	Develop and support adequate public launch sites with off-street parking, buffered from adjacent properties
Action 3.36	Preserve water access through road-ends
Action 3.37	Provide Lake Michigan access sites at regular intervals along the County shoreline
Action 3.38	Provide sufficient parking and related facilities at all access sites
Action 3.39	Maintain access site on Lake Michigan Drive at the mouth of the Platte River on Platte Bay
Action 3.40	Improve public access to the Betsie River
Action 3.41	Coordinate and partner with other public agencies and organizations on efforts to develop, improve, and maintain water access
Action 3.42	Complete a water access assessment for the Betsie River

Objective	Explore and act on opportunities for the acquisition and development of recreational and cultural facilities, sites, open spaces, and programs to meet existing and future needs
Action 3.42	Support the creation of additional year-round facilities for indoor wellness activities that are in demand but are not adequately available, potentially including walking, aquatics, and other exercise related facilities

Action 3.43	Encourage the development of recreational uses in locations attractive to citizens and visitors
Action 3.44	Identify priority sites for potential purchase based on identified community priorities
Action 3.45	Link recreational land acquisitions with natural resource protection priorities, including M-22 and Betsie Valley Trail scenic corridors, inland lake access, rare or endangered habitats or species, scenic vistas, cultural resources, and state-designated environmental areas such as critical dunes, natural rivers, and state game areas
Action 3.46	Collaborate with public and private partners, including the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy, to fund the purchase and maintenance of recreational properties
Action 3.47	Develop an education program for owners of potential recreational properties on the benefits of property donation and seek donations of properties on the list of desired recreational sites
Action 3.48	Promote recreational uses that do not infringe on the visual or ecological quality of open spaces, forests, hills, bluffs, orchards, lakes, shorelines, or embankments, but enhances or at least preserves the natural quality that creates the original need or desire for a facility in that area
Action 3.49	Preserve floodplain areas and wetlands for open space activities, such as wildlife refuges, hunting, fishing, and passive recreation
Action 3.50	Pursue funding opportunities as appropriate to support property acquisition and/or development
Action 3.51	Develop management plans and guidelines for park improvements or amenities in order to facilitate access at any properties acquired for recreation

Goal #4: Develop and promote an interconnected system of motorized, non-motorized, and water trails to enhance access to additional recreation opportunities.

Objective Develop an interconnected system of trailways that link communities, parks, existing trails, and other recreational and cultural assets

Action 4.1	Continue to work with the Friends of the Betsie Valley Trail and other partners to maintain, improve, and expand existing trails
Action 4.2	Identify gaps and linkage needs in existing trailway systems
Action 4.3	Identify potential trail connectors to parks, schools, and other community resources
Action 4.4	Explore opportunities and pursue funding to create linkages between trail systems
Action 4.5	Work with local governments and partner organizations, including the Betsie Valley Trail Council, to expand existing trail networks and create linkages to local parks and recreation facilities
Action 4.6	Develop relationships and partnerships with regional trail organizations to explore additional opportunities for trail connections and enhancement

Objective Develop and maintain motorized and non-motorized trails

Action 4.7	Develop a Single Track motorcycle only trail on state owned land north of Honor and East of the National park
Action 4.8	Explore and pursue opportunities to extend the Sleeping Bear Heritage Trail south into Benzie County
Action 4.9	Support the development and maintenance of trails through partnerships other public agencies and organizations

Objective Develop and promote water trails

Action 4.10	Develop a water trail on the Betsie River through the County and into Betsie Bay in Frankfort
Action 4.11	Promote existing Lake Michigan Water Trail
Action 4.12	Identify potential trail connectors to link water trails to recreation and cultural amenities

Benzonia Township

Objectives:

- Ensure a high level of maintenance and management of Township facilities
- Provide improvements to Memorial Park as needed
- Pursue partnerships to enhance planning and coordination of recreation opportunities in the Township
- Ensure that park and recreational facilities and opportunities are available and affordable to all residents
- Ensure parks and recreation facilities are accessible to all users
- Provide recreational opportunities for all age groups to enjoy
- Support the development of trails and an interconnected non-motorized trail system that link communities, parks, existing trails, and other recreational and cultural assets

Action Plan:

Memorial Park

- Improve and expand playground equipment
- Upgrade the restroom facilities
- Provide access for all by developing barrier-free facilities at Memorial Parks; include accessibility upgrades in future development and improvement projects
- Study access to the park via the driveways and parking lots to determine improvement needs
- Explore expansion of the Dog Park
- Pursue partnerships with community groups and public agencies to assist with park plans and development projects
- *See trail action below*

Trails

- Develop a loop trail at Memorial Park
- Identify potential trail connectors to parks, schools, and other community resources
- Explore grant opportunities and pursue funding to develop a trail at Memorial Park and to create linkages to the US-31 corridor and the Betsie Valley Trail

Water Access

- Encourage the development of universal access to the Betsie River
- Stay informed about efforts to develop, improve, and maintain water access along the Betsie River, and participate when possible
- Support the completion of a water access assessment of the Betsie River, including the segment of the river that flows through the Township

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Benzie County was called to order by Chairman Rosa at the Road Commission offices in Honor, Michigan on Thursday December 19, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.

Present: Chairman Bob Rosa Superintendent Scott Fasel
Vice-Chairman James Bowers Clerk Jennifer Kolinske
Member Ted Mick

Absent: Manager Matt Skeels

Motion by Commissioner Bowers and supported by Commissioner Mick to amended the agenda moving "Primary Millage Projects" from Items Before the Board to Correspondence/Information/Discussion.
Ayes: Rosa, Bowers and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The December 5, 2019 minutes were accepted as presented

Motion by Commissioner Bowers and supported by Commissioner Mick to pay bills #46751 to #46795 in the amount of \$330,280.56 and Payroll #25 & 25a for \$63,242.20. Ayes: Rosa, Bowers and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Mick and supported by Commissioner Rosa to pay the MERS EFT in the amount of \$49,944.51. Ayes: Rosa, Bowers and Mick. Nays: None, Motion carried.

Cash Summary: Clerk Kolinske presented the Cash Summary. The \$28,262.82 has been reconciled and the Cash Summary now balances to our bank statements.

Work Summary:

Mike Johnson Shop Foreman/Facility Manager – N/A

Scott Fasel Superintendent - Still having issues with the new stop signs at Reynolds & Cedar Run. Looking like we might need to look into running electrical to the signs so that they have adequate power. Local Road Committee meeting was yesterday, will have more on that later in the meeting.

Matt Skeels Manager – N/A

Standing guest: Gary Sauer, County Commissioner – Amy DenHaan is the new assessor for Blaine Township. Townships in general are still having trouble filling assessor positions. Attended the Gilmore Township meeting where he was made aware that the Secretary of State now automatically registers people to vote unless they refuse. This has increased voter registrations in each township. Attended School Safety Committee meeting. They are still looking for a designated “safe zone” area for the students if it were needed. Mentioned a new state program, “Handle With Care” that is going to focusing on children that have experienced something traumatic. Maples millage talks continue, they way it is written right now funds can be used for capital improvements. They received Fire Marshall approval, now just waiting on a few more minor inspections. Should be granted occupancy sometime in the next month. Ed Roy lawsuit has come to a settlement agreement. Headlee Over-ride discussions continue.

Public Input – N/A

Items Before the Board:

Greenscape 2019 Bid extension for 2020 - Motion by Commissioner Rosa and supported by Commissioner Mick to extend the Greenscape 2019 bid to 2020. Ayes: Rosa, Bowers and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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Administrative Wages for 2020 - - Motion by Commissioner Rosa and supported by Commissioner Mick to give a 4% raise to the Manager, Finance Manager/Clerk, Payroll Clerk, Administrative Assistant and Road Foreman and a 3% raise to the Superintendent and the Shop Foreman. The raise is to be effective with the payroll beginning on December 23, 2019. Ayes: Rosa, Bowers and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Vacation Pay Outs 2019 - Motion by Commissioner Bowers and supported by Commissioner Rosa to pay out vacation hours accrued but unused as follows; Ricky Frederick 21.50 hours, Michael Johnson 64.00 hours and Scott Fasel 120.00 hours. Ayes: Rosa, Bowers and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Christmas Hours – Christmas Luncheon to be held December 20th at 11:00 a.m. Motion by Commissioner Rosa and supported by Commissioner Bowers to grant 1, 2 or 4 hours of paid free time to thirty-five employees with a total of fifty-nine hours. Ayes: Rosa, Bowers and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence/Information/Discussion:

Homestead Road Federal Project Update – Superintendent Fasel updated the board on the financial status of this project. The project is going to cost BCRC an estimated \$160,000 more than was originally budgeted. The sign truck purchase of an estimated \$130,000 will be put off until 2021 and the new loader is coming in under budget by \$42,000. The combination of these two will offset the additional costs.

Option to sell 2021 Federal Aid – Clerk Kolinske discussed with the board that we may have the option to pool our Federal Aid monies for 2021 with Grand Traverse and Leelanau and then try to sell them. Should be able to get more money per \$1.00 by doing this. Manager Skeels can pick up this discussion at our next meeting.

Highway Conference March 10-12, 2020 – Clerk Kolinske asked if anyone would like to attend the Highway Conference. Board Members will let her know at the next meeting.

Primary Millage Projects – Local Road Committee meeting was held on December 18, 2019. Discussions included moving both Love Road projects to 2021 so they can be done at the same time and bringing Crawford Road forward from 2021 to 2020. Superintendent Fasel mentioned that he would like to have borings done on Love Road so we know what type of material is under the pavement. Another Local Road Committee meeting will be held on January 8, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. to finalize the Local Road Millage projects & then the proposed list will be presented to the board for approval.

Public Input: N/A

Board Round Table: Clerk Kolinske reminded the board that the employee Christmas luncheon will be held tomorrow, December 20, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Robert Rosa, Chairman

Jennifer L Kolinske, Clerk