

THE BENZIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
January 5, 2021

The Benzie County Board of Commissioners met in an organizational meeting on Tuesday, January 5, 2021, 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 (zoom-Frankfort), Jeannot (zoom-Honor), Markey (zoom-Beulah), Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, and Warsecke

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

Election of Chair:

Commissioner Warsecke nominates Bob Roelofs

Commissioner Sauer nominates Art Jeannot; Mr. Jeannot does not accept.

Motion by Roelofs, seconded by Warsecke, to close nominations. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell (zoom), Jeannot (zoom), Markey (zoom), Nye, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion by Markey, seconded by Farrell, to announce Bob Roelofs as Chair for 2021. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell (zoom), Jeannot (zoom), Markey (zoom), Nye, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Comm Roelofs assumes the chair.

Agenda:

Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Nye, to approve the agenda as amended, removing Payment of Bills and add Strategic Plan update. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell (zoom), Jeannot (zoom), Markey (zoom), Nye, Roelofs, Sauer, and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

9:06 a.m. Public Input – None

Election of Vice Chair:

Commissioner Warsecke nominates Rhonda Nye

Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Markey, to close nomination for Vice Chair. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell (zoom), Jeannot (zoom), Markey (zoom), Nye, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Farrell, to announce Rhonda Nye as Vice Chair for 2021. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell (zoom), Jeannot (zoom), Markey (zoom), Nye, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Meeting Dates and Times:

Motion by Sauer, seconded by Warsecke, to adopt the 2021 Board of Commissioner meeting dates and times as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell (zoom), Jeannot (zoom), Markey (zoom), Nye, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Board Rules:

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Changes to be made:

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Motion by Nye, seconded by Sauer, to move Finance – Approval of Bills to under the first Public Input. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell (zoom), Jeannot (zoom), Markey (zoom), Nye, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Page 11 -- #1 – per diems have not been increased since 1995.

Motion by Sauer, seconded by Farrell, to increase the per diem rate by \$5.00 per half day, as follows: \$40.00 for half day, \$80.00 for full day and \$120.00 for over eight hours. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell (zoom), Jeannot (zoom), Markey (zoom), Nye, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Farrell, to approve the 2021 Board Rules as amended, contingent upon legal counsel review. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell (zoom), Jeannot (zoom), Markey (zoom), Nye, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Public Input Statement:

Motion by Sauer, seconded by Jeannot, to adopt the Public Input statement as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell (zoom), Jeannot (zoom), Markey (zoom), Nye, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None 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 to Chairman Roelofs by January 20, 2021.

Comm Jeannot asks that we re-establish the Buildings & Grounds Committee

Resolutions:

Depositories: Motion by Sauer, seconded by Warsecke, to adopt resolution 2021-001 setting the County Depositories as presented, authorizing the chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell (zoom), Jeannot (zoom), Markey (zoom), Nye, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

ACH: Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Nye, to adopt resolution 2021-002 ACH (Automatic Clearing House) Electronic Transfer Transactions as presented, authorizing the chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell (zoom), Jeannot (zoom), Markey (zoom), Nye, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Fair Housing: Motion by Nye, seconded by Farrell, to adopt resolution 2021-003 Fair Housing Resolution as amended. Roll call. Ayes: Farrell (zoom), Jeannot (zoom), Markey (zoom), Nye, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Strategic Plan: Comm Jeannot asked that this plan be revisited earlier in the year rather than later and that this board take a lead role in the housing; will be placed on the Committee of the Whole agenda for January 26, 2021 meeting.

9:37 a.m. PUBLIC INPUT

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Comm Sauer indicated that applications to the MAC committees & boards are due in this Friday, January 8, 2021; Maridee will submit Gary Sauer for the MAC Ag Board and Rhonda Nye for the MAC Transportation committees.

Comm Farrell indicated that she liked using Zoom for the meeting; for personal reasons, she is resigning her position on the Board of Commissioners at the end of this meeting; she extends her sincere thanks to all of the board, as well as the elected officials, administration and the entire Benzie County staff.

Chair Roelofs stated that he is sorry for your resignation; have enjoyed working with her; sad to see you go.

County Clerk will advertise for the seat; the Board of Commissioners will interview and decide.

Comm Nye echoes the comments – you will be missed.

Comm Jeannot says Best of Luck to Linda and hope it is not health related.

Comm Sauer says we will miss you and appreciate all of your help.

9:45 a.m. Public Input Closed

Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Sauer, to adjourn until January 12, 2021 Regular Meeting or the call of the chair. Ayes: Farrell (zoom), Jeannot (zoom), Markey (zoom), Nye, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Bob Roelofs -- Chairman

Dawn Olney – Benzie County Clerk

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1. Bob Roelofs named Chair for 2021.
2. Approved the agenda as amended.
3. Rhonda Nye named as Vice Chair for 2021.
4. Adopted the 2021 Board of Commissioner meeting dates and times as presented.
5. Approved to move Finance – Approval of Bills to under the first Public Input.
6. Approved to increase the per diem rate by \$5.00 per half day, as follows: \$40.00 for half day, \$80.00 for full day and \$120.00 for over eight hours.
7. Approved the 2021 Board Rules as amended, contingent upon legal counsel review.
8. Adopted the Public Input statement as presented.
9. Adopted resolution 2021-001 setting the County Depositories as presented.
10. Adopted resolution 2021-002 ACH (Automatic Clearing House) Electronic Transfer Transactions as presented.
11. Adopted resolution 2021-003 Fair Housing Resolution as amended.