

**THE BENZIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**May 11, 2021**

The Benzie County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 in the Frank Walterhouse Board Room, 448 Court Place, Government Center, Beulah, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bob Roelofs.

Present were: Commissioners Jeannot, Markey, Miller, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke

The invocation was given by Commissioner Roelofs and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Agenda:**

Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Markey, to approve the agenda as amended, adding Budget Amendment for the Jail to Finance. Ayes: Jeannot, Markey, Miller, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

**Minutes:**

Motion by Markey, seconded by Sauer, to approve the regular session minutes of April 27, 2021 as presented. Ayes: Jeannot, Markey, Miller, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion by Sauer, seconded by Nye, to approve the closed session minutes of April 27, 2021 as presented. Ayes: Jeannot, Markey, Miller, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

9:03 a.m. Public Input – None

**FINANCE**

Bills: Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Warsecke, to approve payment of the bills from April 27, 2021 thru May 11, 2021 in the amount of \$559,332.77, as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Jeannot, Markey, Miller, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Budget Amendment: Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Warsecke, to amend the 2020-21 Jail Budget as follows:

Increase:

213-351-723.00	Overtime – Regular	\$58,000.00
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Decrease:

213-351-723.10	Wages – Jail	\$15,000.00
213-351-707.15	Wages – Jail	\$ 8,500.00
213-351-707.13	Wages – Jail	\$ 6,000.00
213-351-707.01	Wages – Jail	\$14,000.00
213-351-723.10	Overtime – Scheduled	<u>\$15,000.00</u>
		\$58,500.00

Roll call. Ayes: Jeannot, Markey, Miller, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Budget Amendment: Motion by Sauer, seconded by Miller, to amend the 2020-21 Budget as follows:

Increase:

401-000-691.00	Budgeted Use of Fund Balance	\$18,200.00
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Increase:

401-213-967.00	Project Expenses – Jail	\$18,200.00
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Roll call. Ayes: Jeannot, Markey, Miller, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Road Commission Request for COVID Funds: No action was taken on the request at this time. The disposition of any funds related to the American Recovery Act will be considered when all the conditions are understood and a strategic approach for use of the funds is considered.

Budget Amendment: Motion by Sauer, seconded by Jeannot, to amend the 2020-21 Jail Budget as follows:

Increase:

213-351-828.30	Jail Insurance Settlement/Claims	\$9,000.00
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Decrease:

<b>101-000-691.00</b>	General Fund	\$9,000.00
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Roll call. Ayes: Jeannot, Markey, Miller, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

## ELECTED OFFICIALS & DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Sheriff Rosa thanked Michelle Thompson and everyone help out with the adjustments that they needed to have done, together with U/S Hubers and Lt. Smith; he spoke of another corrections employee leaving tomorrow and the need to keep and get good employees with good financial and benefit packages; last week was National Correction's Officers week and this week is National Police Officer week; we need to recognize our people and the great job they are doing; we are down three employees in the jail.

## ACTION ITEMS

Benzie Senior Resources 2% Tribal Grant App: Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Markey, to approve the 2% Grant Application to the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians on behalf of the Benzie Senior Resources as presented, authorizing the Chair to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Jeannot, Markey, Miller, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Emergency Declaration: No action

## COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Chair Roelofs attended the following meetings: Northern Michigan Area on Aging; Veterans Affairs; Union negotiations last week.

Comm Jeannot provided a written report (attached).

Comm Miller attended the following meeting: Frankfort Elberta Area Schools

Comm Nye attended the following meetings: Benzie Leelanau District Health Dept; Village of Benzonia, Union negotiations; Centra Wellness Executive Meeting; Land Bank Authority

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Comm Markey attended the following meetings: MAC Legislative Conference; NW Regional Entity; Homestead Township; Centra Wellness Community Service Relations Committee; Village of Honor

Comm Warsecke attended the following meeting: Benzie Transportation Authority Special Meeting

Comm Sauer attended the following meetings: Benzie Leelanau Health Dept; MSU Interview; MAC Ag/Tourism; State of Michigan podcast regarding the budget; Road Commission Special Meeting; Betsie Valley Trail; Joyfield Township; Blaine Township; Village of Thompsonville

### **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Mitch Deisch**

Spoke about the updating of the Master Plan from 2017; introduces Katie Zeits, HR/Finance Manager Ms. Zeits introduced herself to those present and the board welcomed her.

### **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Sauer, to approve items 1-4 of the April 27, 2021 Committee of the Whole Consent Calendar as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Jeannot, Markey, Miller, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

### **COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Building Authority: Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Sauer, to accept the resignation of Jeff Johnson from the Building Authority with regrets. Ayes: Jeannot, Markey, Miller, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None**

### **NEW BUSINESS – None**

### **PRESENTATION OF CORRESPONDENCE**

- Berrien County resolution regarding the Restoring of County Revenue Sharing received.
- Grand Traverse County resolution regarding Denouncing Threats of Violence and Affirming Equal Protection for All Citizens received.
- Alger County resolution in Support of Local Businesses received.
- Bay County resolution regarding Four Year Terms for County Commissioners received.
- Benzie Transportation Authority Financial Reports for February and March 2021 received.
- Crystal Lake Elevation Report for April 2021 received.
- Little Platte Lake Elevation Report for April 2021 received.

10:20 a.m. Public Input – None

Motion by Markey, seconded by Miller, to adjourn at 10:22 a.m. Ayes: Jeannot, Markey, Miller, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

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1. Approved the agenda as amended.
2. Approved the regular session minutes of April 27, 2021 as presented.
3. Approved the closed session minutes of April 27, 2021 as presented.
4. Approved payment of the bills in the amount of \$559,332.77, as presented.
5. Amended the 2020-21 Jail Budget in the amount of \$58,500.00 as presented.
6. Amended the 2020-21 Budget in the amount of \$18,200.00 as presented.
7. Amended the 2020-21 Jail Budget in the amount of \$9,000.00 as presented.
8. Approved the 2% Grant Application to the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians on behalf of the Benzie Senior Resources as presented, authorizing the Chair to sign.
9. Approved items 1-4 of the April 27, 2021 Committee of the Whole Consent Calendar as presented.
10. Accepted the resignation of Jeff Johnson from the Building Authority with regrets.

**Art Jeannot**  
**Commissioner Report**  
**May 11, 2021**

- Participated in 5 meetings on behalf of the County since our April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- **5/5 Building Authority** – The authority met to approve the final invoices on the Maples project to include the upgrades to the generator. At this point, the authority's role will be suspended and the next meeting will be called at the "request of the Chair". I anticipate that there will be an organizational meeting held in the first quarter of 2022. The intent is to keep the authority available in the event a need arises. Jeff Johnson resigned. This was expected when the Maples project was completed. I do not recommend replacing Mr. Johnson's position at this time.
- **5/6 Lake Township** – Lake Township Park is in need of repair due to high waters. The repairs are primarily cosmetic (landscaping). The Township is addressing this issue.
- **5/7 MAC Finance and General Government Committee** – The majority of the meeting was to discuss "Election Reform Bill Package". Benzie County Clerk, Dawn Olney joined the meeting. Highlights of the bills as I interpreted them were as follows; improve training for poll workers and challengers, extend number of days to certify elections, authority for county clerks to remove voters based on deceased status, pre-register 16-year old's and use of ballot drop boxes. It was also discussed the value and risk of a national exchange of voter information. Currently there is a national "electronic information center" that is voluntary. Not all states participate.
- **5/10 BCCC Government Affairs** – This meeting is intended to share information on a variety of business subjects including County government.
- **5/10 Almira Township** – I will share any relevant information at our BOC meeting.
- **Other** – On May 4<sup>th</sup> at the request of Grow Benzie, I participated in a group session discussing areas of need in Benzie County. I anticipate a presentation will be made to the BOC when the document is completed.

On May 6<sup>th</sup>, I attended the "National Day of Prayer" event at the Sheriff's parking lot.

At the request of the Regional Alliance of Northern MI Chambers I joined businesses leaders to discuss housing and broadband issues in Benzie County with Congressman Bergman.

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DAWN OLNEY  
BENZIE COUNTY CLERK  
BEULAH, MI 49617

**Committee of the Whole**

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**April 27, 2021**

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

1. Approve the budget amendment for retiree medical reimbursement as presented.  
Increase:  
101-852-871.00      Retiree Medical Reimbursement      \$3,500.00  
Increase:  
101-852-678.0      Retirees Health Insurance Reimbursement      \$3,500.00
2. Approve the purchase of an ambulance, after October 1, 2021, not to exceed \$224,874.25 as presented.
3. Approve repairs to the Frankfort EMS station, not to exceed \$9,075.00, as presented.
4. Approve the budget amendment request for grant revenue from the Grant Traverse Band in the amount of \$18,350.00 as presented.  
Increase:  
425-301-540.01      Grant-G.T. Band – Revenue Line      \$16,350.00  
425-301-674.01      Sheriff Contributions/donations      2,000.00  
Increase:  
425.301.967.02      Project Expense – G.T. Band      \$16,350.00  
425.301.967.03      Project Expenses-Sheriff-General      2,000.00