

THE BENZIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 8, 2021

The Benzie County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Tuesday, June 8, 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: 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 presented. Ayes: Jeannot, Markey, Miller, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Miller, to cancel the Committee of the Whole meeting which was scheduled for this afternoon. Ayes: Jeannot, Markey, Miller, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Minutes:

Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Nye, to approve the regular session minutes of May 25, 2021, as presented. Ayes: Jeannot, Markey, Miller, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

9:03 a.m. Public Input

Annie Browning, Benzonia Township, stated that she has been busy with Village of Beulah work and is working to engage more people to become members of the Village Council.

9:04 a.m. Public Input Closed

FINANCE

Bills: Motion by Sauer, seconded by Warsecke, to approve payment of the bills from May 25, 2021 thru June 7, 2021 in the amount of \$263,524.23, as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Jeannot, Markey, Miller, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Excess Proceeds Report: Michelle Thompson, County Treasurer, presented the 2021 Excess Proceeds Report from the 2020 auction for delinquent 2017 taxes.

Budget Amendments x 3:

Motion by Markey, seconded by Miller, to amend the 2020-2021 Budget in the amount of \$13,753.00 for retrofitting of the jail cell bunks as follows:

Increase

101-000-691.00	Budgeted Use of Fund Balance	\$13,753.00
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Increase

401-213-967.00	Project Expense – Jail	\$13,753.00
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Roll call. Ayes: Jeannot, Markey, Miller, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Jail Washing Machine Budget Amendment: Removed – taken care of at a prior meeting.

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Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Warsecke, to amend the 2020-2021 Budget in the amount of \$200,000 to settle remaining foreclosure payments as follows:

Increase:

532-253-691.00	Budgeted Use of Fund Balance	\$200,000.00
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Increase:

532-253-957.00	Miscellaneous	\$200,000.00
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Roll call. Ayes: Jeannot, Markey, Miller, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

ELECTED OFFICIALS & DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Rebecca Hubers, Emergency Management & Central Dispatch Director, reported that Frankfort will be proceeding with July 4 celebration with no parade; Beulah will proceed with July 4 celebration with a parade; Emergency Management Facebook page has information regarding COVID Safety grant for small business; no update on the audio/visual project.

ACTION ITEMS

Scrap Tire Grant: Action taken at the May 25, 2021 BOC meeting.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Chairman Roelofs reported on Area Agency on Aging; Thank you to all for attending and assisting in the Memorial Day Veterans presentation.

Comm Jeannot provided a written report (attached).

Comm Miller reported on the Human Services Collaborative; Airport Authority; special meeting of the Frankfort City Council.

Comm Nye reported on Centra Wellness Planning & Finance; Village of Benzonia and Land Bank.

Comm Markey reported on the Homestead Township meeting.

Comm Warsecke reported on the special meeting of the Benzie Transportation Authority and Benzie Central School Board meeting.

Comm Sauer reported on the Road Commission, Health Department, Maples; Joyfield Township meetings.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Mitch Deisch

One of the FOPLC unions have ratified their tentative agreement; POAM negotiations will be June 16; EDC Broadband Subcommittee continues to seek bids for completing a county-wide needs study. There was only one response to the original RFP.

Katie Zeits, Finance Director, reported that the 2021-2022 budget process is moving along and is on track to bring to the COTW either later this month or early next month.

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10:02 a.m. Building Authority Presentation

Comm Jeannot and Sauer presented Building Authority member with a Certificate of Appreciation for the hard work in getting the Maples open. Members Present were Thor Goff, Lisa Vogler and James Clark. Eric VanDussen joined by zoom.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Miller, to approve the 1 item on the May 25, 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 –

Health Dept Board of Appeals: Comm Roelofs and Nye will serve for 2021, together with Linda Farrell who was appointed earlier this year.

EDC – Richard Coates has left, this position will remain open for the replacement at the Chamber; Robert Russell has also left, so that leaves this seat open.

BVT – Comm Sauer will request a letter from the Village of Elberta regarding their appointment, as well as the Parks & Recreation appointment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

PRESENTATION OF CORRESPONDENCE

- Benzie Transportation Authority Financial Statement for April 2021 received.
- Crystal Lake and Little Platte Lake Elevation reports for May 2021 received.

10:21 a.m. Public Input

Annie Browning, Benzonia Township, reported that she has been working with the Prosecutor's Office regarding domestic violence against women; she is a member of the BVTMC, SWAC and she has been attended the Road Commission meetings.

10:23 a.m. Public Input Closed

Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Markey, to adjourn at 10:23 a.m. Ayes: Jeannot, Markey, Miller, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Bob Roelofs, Chair

Dawn Olney, Benzie County Clerk

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2. Approved the cancellation of the Committee of the Whole meeting which was scheduled for this afternoon.
3. Approved the regular session minutes of May 25, 2021, as presented.
4. Approved payment of the bills in the amount of \$263,524.23, as presented.

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7. Approved the 1 item on the May 25, 2021, COTW Consent Calendar as presented.

Art Jeannot
Commissioner Report
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- Participated in 2 meetings on behalf of the County since our May 25th meeting.
- **6/1 Housing Committee** – Committee met to update policy. When this task is complete it will go to the BOC for final approval.
- **6/3 Lake Township** – The Trustees are putting together an ADHOC committee to review the needed repairs and upgrades at the Township Park. There was a discussion of possibly using some of their ARP money to assist in renovations at Point Betsie.
- **Other** – On May 27th I met with Yarrow Brown at her request. She is the new Executive at Housing North. Yarrow discussed the group's future plans. She will be requesting time on a future BOC agenda to address the full board.

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