

**THE BENZIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS -- BUDGET**  
**July 1, 2021**

The Benzie County Board of Commissioners met in a special meeting for the purpose of holding 2021-22 Budget Hearings on Thursday, July 1, 2021, in the Frank Walterhouse Board Room, 448 Court Place, Government Center, Beulah, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bob Roelofs at 9:00 a.m.

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

The Invocation was given by Chair Roelofs, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

9:01 a.m. Public Input -- None

Katelyn Zeits, HR/Finance Manager, indicated at this point with the budgets that have been submitted, we are +\$241,585.

The following budgets were discussed today:

101-261 MSUE – Jennifer Berkey: Slight increase in the contracted services; no other changes.

231 – Soil Erosion – Mitch Deisch: No changes.

249 – Building Dept – Mitch Deisch: No changes; fund balance \$145,756.

243 – Brownfield/EDC – Mitch Deisch: No changes.

101-275 – Drain Commission – Ed Hoogterp: Added \$2,200 for State-Mandated Inspections for 3 dams; 101-819.00 should be \$4,000.

101-751 – Parks & Rec – Ed Hoogterp: Added \$12,000 to contracted services to have a study completed regarding the hiring of a Parks & Rec Director.

101-268 – Register of Deeds – Amy Bissell: Increased Remote Access -- Laredo by \$3,000; requested a 10% salary increase for Elected Official and Chief Deputy; also requests an additional \$1.00 per hour for the entire staff for accepting passports.

256 – ROD Automation Fund – Amy Bissell: Slight increases in both revenue and expenditures.

101-670 – DHHS Board – Lori Smith: No changes; all OK.

101-267 – Prosecuting Attorney – Sara Swanson: Will be before the COTW on July 13 to request approval to move Child Support Collections to the Friend of the Court; that will make changes in this budget.

101-101 – Board of Commissioners – Katelyn Zeits: Increased the Dues/Registrations by \$500 and reduced Conventions & Meetings by \$200.

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101-215 – County Clerk – Dawn Olney: Revenue – Marriages should be increased to \$600; requested 10% salary increase for Elected Official and Chief Deputy; rest of budget request is OK.

101-262 – Elections – Dawn Olney: Revenue has been reduced due to election programming vendor to bill the townships directly rather than us pay and collect from the townships; rest of budget is OK.

260 – CPL Technology – Dawn Olney: This budget is to be used for CPL related expenses.

535 – Housing – Dawn Olney: This program runs on program income only – grants are no longer received; budget is derived from fund balance.

214 – EMS – Tom King: Slight increase in revenue; Expenses have a 2-3% increase and looking to add 1 full-time paramedic for the day car; rest of the budget is OK.

10:55 a.m. Recess

11:00 a.m. Reconvene

261 – 911 Central Dispatch – Rebecca Hubers: Budget is OK; Katelyn to check on the fund balance amount.

262 – Dispatcher Training Fund – Rebecca Hubers: All OK

426 – Emergency Management – Rebecca Hubers: All OK

228 – Solid Waste – Jesse Zylstra: Only change is \$10,000 into Contingency for update of the Solid Waste Plan, if the state does not cover the cost.

11:27 a.m. Commissioner Sauer Excused

257 – Equalization – Tom Longanbach: Proposed budget is the same as last year.

101-142 – Juvenile Division – Cameron Clark: Budget is pretty much the same as the current budget.

292 – Child Care Fund – Cameron Clark: Same as Juvenile budget.

101-141 – Friend of the Court – Connie Krusniak: Will be requesting the board to approve transferring the Child Support collection and the Cooperative Reimbursement grant that goes with it from the Prosecutor to the Friend of the Court; there will be changes in the budget due to that.

101-136 – District Court – Kim Nowak: No changes requested for the proposed budget; they are getting prepared for the e-filing; hope to get back on track with jury trials.

101-131 – Circuit Court – Pat Heins: Have added in the cost of a new AS400 server – with a 60/40 split with Manistee County.

269 – Law Library – Pat Heins: Have included a slight increase for the resource materials – books.

11:59 a.m. Public Input – None

Motion by Markey, seconded by Miller, to adjourn at 12:00 p.m. Ayes: Jeannot, Markey, Miller, Nye, Roelofs and Warsecke Nays: Exc: Sauer Motion carried.