

THE BENZIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
July 27, 2021

The Benzie County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Tuesday, July 27, 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 and Sauer
Excused: Commissioner Warsecke

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

Agenda:

Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Nye, to approve the agenda as amended by removing Gosling Czubak contract under Action Items. Ayes: Jeannot, Markey, Miller, Nye, Roelofs and Sauer
Nays: None Exc: Warsecke Motion carried.

Minutes:

Motion by Sauer, seconded by Miller, to approve the regular session minutes of July 13, 2021 as amended. Ayes: Jeannot, Markey, Miller, Nye, Roelofs and Sauer Nays: None Exc: Warsecke
Motion carried.

Motion by Sauer, seconded by Markey, to approve the closed session minutes of July 13, 2021 regarding FOPLC union negotiations as presented. Ayes: Jeannot, Markey, Miller, Nye, Roelofs and Sauer Nays: None Exc: Warsecke Motion carried.

Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Miller, to approve the closed session minutes of July 13, 2021 regarding Opioid Litigation as presented. Ayes: Jeannot, Markey, Miller, Nye, Roelofs and Sauer Nays: None Exc: Warsecke Motion carried.

9:06 a.m. Public Input – None

FINANCE

Bills: Motion by Sauer, seconded by Jeannot, to approve payment of the bills from July 13, 2021 thru July 26, 2021 in the amount of \$303,329.75, as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Jeannot, Markey, Miller, Nye, Roelofs and Sauer Nays: None Exc: Warsecke Motion carried.

Budget Amendment: Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Miller, to amend the 2021-21 Budget for Point Betsie Lighthouse as follows:

Increase:

285-806-585.00	Local Match	\$18,150.00
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Increase:

285-806-800.00	Contracted Services	\$18,150.00
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Roll call. Ayes: Jeannot, Markey, Miller, Nye, Roelofs and Sauer Nays: None Exc: Warsecke
Motion carried.

ELECTED OFFICIALS & DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Doug Durand, Benzie Senior Resource, provided a written report and updated the board regarding Home Delivered Meals; fresh produce bags; Gathering Place reopened July 6; reconfigured the

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seating at the Gathering Place to allow for better access to wheelchairs; staffing – unable to fill the six assistant positions; looking to update kitchen equipment; take delivery of a new vehicle today.

Kyle Maurer, Animal Control, reported that the ACO Advisory Board met and discussed the old RAM truck and asked if we can sell it rather than trade in; Watson has asked for a Letter of Intent to purchase the new Durango; looking at security locks for the front and rear doors at the shelter; Animal Control Ordinance needs to be updated as well.

U/S Huber reported that five positions in the jail have been filled; and award given to deputy assigned to TNT.

Tom King, EMS, reported that call volume is increasing; ambulances are in good shape after some minor repairs; COVID is at status quo for now; new ambulance has been ordered, just waiting on purchase agreement; Fire Recovery started June 1 with our ambulance billing; EMS Advisory Board has formed a subcommittee to review the Bylaws.

Jesse Zylstra, Solid Waste, presented a written report.

ACTION ITEMS

Merit Network Contract: Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Miller, to approve the professional service contract with Merit Network for completion of the broadband data collection survey for a not to exceed amount of \$40,800.00 and authorize the Chair to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Jeannot, Markey, Miller, Nye, Roelofs and Sauer Nays: None Exc: Warsecke Motion carried.

10:02 a.m. Karen Felty, The Maples

Karen presented a power point to the board and members present on how the Maples began and the funding for this facility; she spoke regarding the increase in the number of beds when the new building was built; they are asking for a joint meeting with the Board of Commissioners and the DHHS Board.

10:24 a.m. Matt McCauley, Networks Northwest

Mr. McCauley presented the 2020 Networks Northwest Annual Report.

10:48 a.m. Break

10:54 a.m. Reconvene

Cameron Clark, Child Care Fund Budget for FY 2021/2022

Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Sauer, to approve the County Child Care Budget Summary in the amount of \$381,410.00 for FY 2021-22, authorizing the chair to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Jeannot, Markey, Miller, Nye, Roelofs and Sauer Nays: None Exc: Warsecke Motion carried.

Lise Hoppe, 44North Health Insurance Rates

Vision = 0.71% increase

Dental = 1.81 % increase

Medical = 4.87% increase as is with no changes; Board is looking at other options; discussions held regarding retiree coverage or perhaps a separate retiree policy. Board will discuss this at the August 10, 2021 board meeting.

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Action Items Continued

2021-019 Area Agency on Aging: Motion by Markey, seconded by Sauer, to adopt resolution 2021-019 Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Implementation Plan of the Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan. Roll call. Ayes: Jeannot, Markey, Miller, Nye, Roelofs and Sauer Nays: None Exc: Warsecke Motion carried.

Central Dispatch Bylaws Amendment: Motion by Markey, seconded by Miller, to approve the revision and adoption of the amended Benzie County Central Dispatch Advisory Board Bylaws (revision date July 8, 2021), as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Jeannot, Markey, Miller, Nye, Roelofs and Sauer Nays: None Exc: Warsecke Motion carried.

Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Miller, to not pursue merger opportunities now but rather look at space for Central Dispatch. Ayes: Jeannot, Markey, Miller, Nye and Roelofs Nays: Sauer Exc: Warsecke Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Chair Roelofs spoke about Village of Lake Ann; EMS; POAM union negotiations; invited to Eagle Scout presentation.

Comm Jeannot provided a written report also spoke about a meeting with Senator VanderWall; stopped in to BACN's open house.

Comm Miller reported on the Friends of the Point Betsie Lighthouse meeting; HR committee meeting; City of Frankfort meeting; Crystal Lake Township meeting; Airport Authority meeting.

Comm Nye reported on Benzonia Township meeting; HR meetings; EDC meeting; two union negotiation meetings; Parks & Rec meeting.

Comm Markey reported on HR meetings; Animal Welfare League, EMS; Local Planning Team

Comm Sauer reported on Weldon Township meeting; Village of Elberta meeting; the Maples meeting.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administration transition is moving forward; Katie is working with Cohl regarding a contract for her; there is an ad out for administrative assistant for the office; trying to transfer information from one administrator to the new administrator; he would like to continue the broadband data collection with Merit as a volunteer -- Katie is comfortable with that.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Sauer, to approve items 1-8 of the July 13, 2021 Committee of the Whole Consent Calendar as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Jeannot, Markey, Miller, Nye, Roelofs and Sauer Nays: None Exc: Warsecke Motion carried.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Benzie Bus: Three interviews to be scheduled for Thursday, July 29, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

PRESENTATION OF CORRESPONDENCE

- Wexford County resolution Opposing Michigan Secretary of State “By Appointment Only” received.
- Muskegon County resolution supporting Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Casino in Muskegon County received.

12:35 p.m. Public Input

Michelle Thompson spoke regarding the County land sale which will be on-line.

12:36 p.m. Public Input Closed

Motion by Miller, seconded by Markey, to adjourn at 12:36 p.m. Ayes: Jeannot, Markey, Miller, Nye, Roelofs and Sauer Nays: None Exc: Warsecke Motion carried.

Bob Roelofs, Chair

Dawn Olney, Benzie County Clerk

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Art Jeannot
Commissioner Report
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- Participated in 3 meetings on behalf of the County since our July 13th meeting.
- **7/16 EDC/BRA** – A training session was provided to members on what Brownfield Authority responsibilities are and how to use this as a tool for economic development. Only 2 members have had training on this subject prior to this meeting.
- **7/19 Northern MI Counties Association** – Met in Roscommon. This was the first on site meeting in several months. Discussed legislation regrading 4-year BOC terms, proposal to change Michigan primary from August to June and discontinue May primary. Re-districting committees are expected to have their county decision by November 1st. There was discussion on allowing counties to impose a 3% bed tax (SB 5172). The group continues to discuss use of ARPA funds. Several approaches are being considered. There seems to be consensus to hire professional assistance.
- **7/20 Housing Committee** – Met to approve a subordination agreement on an existing borrower.
- **Other** –

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