

## **THE BENZIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**August 24, 2021**

The Benzie County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Tuesday, August 24, 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 (9:01), 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 Miller, to approve the agenda as presented. 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 August 24, 2021 as presented. Ayes: Jeannot, Markey, Miller, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

9:02 a.m. Public Input

Kathleen Hibbard, Benzonia Township, spoke regarding broadband and ACO millage renewal.

9:03 a.m. Public Input Closed

### **FINANCE**

Bills: Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Miller, to approve payment of the bills from July 27, 2021 thru August 9, 2021 and August 10, 2021 thru August 23, 2021 in the amount of \$667,953.97, as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Jeannot, Markey, Miller, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Michelle Thompson, County Treasurer, reported on 2021 Tax Foreclosure auction – 10 parcels were sold; 2021 Summer Treasurer's Conference was virtual August 9 – 11; she will attend Michigan Govt Financial Officers Association conference October 3 – 6; will also attend the Land Bank conference October 23 - 25; Airport audit is scheduled for October 7.

### **ELECTED OFFICIALS & DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**

Doug Durand, Benzie Senior Resources, provided a written report and stated that they reached the goal for the Walk-A-Thon; had the Annual Providers Assessment from Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan; the new van has arrived; masks are encouraged at the Gathering Place, vaccinated or not; will be working on the Strategic Planning.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

FOPLC Grievance #359: Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Sauer, to appoint the County Administrator to resolve FOPLC Grievance #359 regarding the termination of Deputy Matt Weaver as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Jeannot, Markey, Miller, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Secondary Road Patrol FY2022 Report Requirements: Motion by Miller, seconded by Warsecke, to approve the Secondary Road Patrol Program Report Requirements for Fiscal Year 2022 as presented,

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authorizing the chair to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Jeannot, Markey, Miller, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Health Insurance Renewal for 10/1/2021: Motion by Sauer, seconded by Miller, to renew the Benzie County Health Insurance renewal effective October 1, 2021, with a 4.87% increase as presented at the July 27, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting. Roll call. Ayes: Jeannot, Markey, Miller, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

## **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Chair Roelofs attended and reported on the EMS Advisory meeting, and he attended a couple of administration meetings.

Comm Jeannot provided written report and stated that he has received calls showing support for the Broadband survey.

Comm Markey Miller attended and reported on HR; Friends of Point Betsie Lighthouse; Frankfort Elberta Area School Board; City of Frankfort and Crystal Lake Township.

Comm Nye attended and reported on Benzonia Township ; HR; Centra Wellness Board meeting; Parks and Recreation; says Congratulations to Ryan Sass, the youngest and new Trooper of the Michigan State Police.

Comm Markey attended and reported on HR; Centra Wellness Board meeting; Centra Wellness Board Retreat and Benzie Senior Resources.

Comm Sauer attended and reported on Weldon Township; Benzie County Road Commission; Betsie Valley Trail dedication and Village of Elberta.

## **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mitch Deisch spoke regarding Broadband and the funding; August 25 the Broadband Subcommittee will be meeting.

Katie Zeits stated that she has hired someone to fill the clerical/AP position in the County Administrator's office; the transition should be smooth as the individual currently does the same job elsewhere; she will be working on getting the third position for HR/Finance Director; the office will be open to the employees and public Monday thru Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; would like to start to roll out department head meetings for the Wednesday morning following a commissioner meeting.

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Markey, to approve items 1 - 4 of the August 10, 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**

Comm Jeannot inquired regarding the expiration dates on the Building Authority which is temporarily suspended; discussion is that those positions will be filled when the committee is needed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None**

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**NEW BUSINESS** – None

### **PRESENTATION OF CORRESPONDENCE**

- Missaukee County Resolution re The America Rescue Plan received.
- Benzie Leelanau Health Dept minutes of July 28, 2021 received.
- Lake County Resolution regarding Realignment of Circuit and District Courts of Lake, Mason, Newaygo and Oceana Counties received.
- Lake County Resolution Supporting American Rescue Plan State Match Programs received.
- Lake County Resolution regarding the American Rescue Plan Act and the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund received.
- Mackinac County Resolution supporting Delta County's resolution of Management of Wolves in Michigan received.

10:00 a.m. Public Input

Annie Browning spoke regarding Benzie Senior Resources, health care and Domestic Violence against women.

10:02 a.m. Public Input Closed

Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Warsecke, to adjourn at 10:03 a.m. Ayes: Jeannot, Markey, Miller, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

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Bob Roelofs, Chair

Dawn Olney, Benzie County Clerk

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1. Approved the agenda as presented.
2. Approved the regular session minutes of August 24, 2021 as presented.
3. Approved payment of the bills from July 27, 2021 thru August 9, 2021 and August 10, 2021 thru August 23, 2021 in the amount of \$667,953.97, as presented.
4. Appointed the County Administrator to resolve FOPLC Grievance #359 regarding the termination of Deputy Matt Weaver as presented.
5. Approved the Secondary Road Patrol Program Report Requirements for Fiscal Year 2022 as presented, authorizing the chair to sign.
6. Approved renewal of the Benzie County Health Insurance renewal effective October 1, 2021, with a 4.87% increase as presented at the July 27, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting.
7. Approved items 1 - 4 of the August 10, 2021, Committee of the Whole Consent Calendar as presented.

**Art Jeannot**  
**Commissioner Report**  
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- Participated in 3 meetings on behalf of the County since our August 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- **8/16 Northern MI Counties Association –**
  - There may be potential for matching money when using ARPA funds. Look for announcements around January 2022.
  - Four-year county commissioner terms have been approved in the State Senate and have now moved to the House of Representatives.
  - I learned that some communities that have publicly owned ambulance services allow tax payers to pay a fee in addition to special millage that acts as gap insurance between what is covered by insurance and actually billed.
- **8/18 Benzie County Chamber –** The next “Off the Clock” (previously known as Business After Hours) will be held on September 21<sup>st</sup> at Lake Ann Brewery.
- **8/19 Northern MI Community Action Agency –** Executive Director annual review was completed with a “meets expectations” rating.
- **8/20 EDC/BRA –** Meeting cancelled. Activity is on hold until we know how we are moving forward with the Broad Band Sub-Committee.
- **Other –**

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