

**THE BENZIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**February 10, 2021**

The Benzie County Board of Commissioners met in a special meeting on Friday, February 10, 2021, in the Frank Waltherhouse Meeting Room, 448 Court Place, Government Center, Beulah, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Roelofs at 9:22 a.m.

Present were: Commissioners Jeannot (Board Room), Markey (Zoom), Miller (Board Room), Nye (Board Room), Roelofs (Board Room) and Sauer (Board Room)

Excused: Commissioner Warsecke

The invocation was given by Commissioner Roelofs followed by the pledge of allegiance.

**Agenda:** Motion by Sauer, seconded by Nye, to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Jeannot, Markey (zoom), Miller, Nye, Roelofs and Sauer Nays: None Exc: Warsecke Motion carried.

**Public Input**

Jennifer Berkey, MSUE, stated that she is here to listen and excited to see your direction.

Public Input Closed

**Purpose of this meeting:** Strategic Planning

The Strategic Plan was first completed in 2017 and was updated in 2019. This will be the second review and update of this plan.

Review was made and some areas will be updated; Mitch will incorporate the changes discussed and bring back for review.

Why a Strategic Plan? OK

Mission: OK

Vision: OK

Values: OK

Stakeholders: Will be updated

How Will the Plan Be used: OK

Progress: Several changes were discussed and will be incorporated into all four areas: Workforce, Health Care, Community/.Economic Development and Financial Wellness/Infrastructure

Trends & Opportunities: Rewording of some areas and removal of some as well.

Brief discussion regarding the COTW Structure: Decided to have COTW still at 1:30 p.m. with an adjustment to the agenda by adding categories: HR, Buildings/Grounds, Technology and Finance.

11:30 a.m. Comm Nye excused.

A few items that the board feels should be added to the Plan: We need to elevate the focus of Housing; Prospect of privatizing the Maples; we will be asked to assist the EDC with the Broadband project; we need to get in the districting of NMC to allow our residents to enjoy the benefit of reduced tuition rates.

This meeting will be continued on Monday, March 1, 2021 at 9:0 a.m.

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Interviews for the Executive Search will be Friday, February 26, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. with timed interviews of 10:00, 11:00 and 1:00.

11:57 a.m. Public Input – None

Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Sauer, to adjourn this special meeting at 11:57 a.m. Ayes: Jeannot, Markey (zoom), Miller, Roelofs and Sauer Nays: None Exc: Nye and Warsecke Motion carried.

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Bob Roelofs – Chair

Dawn Olney, Benzie County Clerk