

BENZIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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MEETING AGENDA November 8, 2022

Frank F. Walterhouse Board Room, Governmental Center, Beulah, Michigan

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9:00 a.m. CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL
INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
APPROVAL OF AGENDA
APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 10/25/22 Regular; 10/25/22 Closed Session
PUBLIC COMMENT
FINANCE –
 A) Approval of Bills
ELECTED OFFICIALS & DEPT HEAD COMMENTS
ACTION ITEMS –
 A) Appointment of 911 Director
 B) Letter of Support for Cherry Capital re: funding for broadband project recommended
 by Broadband Subcommittee
 C) 24-hour Road Patrol
 D) MSU Extension Services agreement
 E) ACO – purchase of new vehicle
 F) Rebecca Hubers – purchase of 2 portable police radios
 G) Discussion regarding December 27, 2022, BOC and COTW meetings
 H) Resolution to allow the Administrator to have Supervisory Authority for Board
 Appointed Positions
COMMISSIONER REPORTS –
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – Katie Zeits
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – 10/25/22 Consent Calendar - None
COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS – Mary Dort - EMS Advisory Board
UNFINISHED BUSINESS –
NEW BUSINESS –
PRESENTATION OF CORRESPONDENCE
PRESENTATION:
 A) Request for Daycare Center funding
PUBLIC COMMENT
ADJOURNMENT

Times Subject to Change

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Purpose: The Benzie County Board of Commissioners is a public policy setting body and subject to the Open Meetings Act (PA 267 of 1976). The Board also operates under a set of “Benzie County Board Rules (section 7.3)” which provides for public comment during their meetings. It continually strives to receive input from the residents of the county and reserves two opportunities during the monthly scheduled meeting for you the public to voice opinions, concerns and sharing of any other items of common interest. There are however, in concert with meeting conduct certain rules to follow.

Speaking Time: Agenda items may be added or removed by the board but initially at least two times are devoted to Public Comment. Generally, however, attendees wishing to speak will be informed how long they may speak by the chairman. All speakers are asked to give their name, residence and topic they wish to address. This and the statements/comments will be entered into the public record (minutes of the meeting). Should there be a number of speakers wishing to voice similar opinions, an option for a longer presentation may be more appropriate for the group and one or more speakers may talk within that time frame. The Board will not be accepting public comment via zoom/online.

Group Presentations – 15 minutes
Individual Presentations – 3 minutes

Board Response: Generally, as this is a “Comment” option, the board will not comment or respond to presenters. Silence or non-response from the board should not be interpreted as disinterest or disagreement by the board. However, should the board individually or collectively wish to address the comments of the speaker(s) at the approval of the Chair and within a time frame previously established, responses may be made by the board. Additionally, the presenter may be in need of a lengthier understanding of an issue or topic and may be referred to a committee appropriate to address those issues.

Public Comment is very important in public policy settings and is only one means for an interchange of information or dialogue. Each commissioner represents a district within the county, and he/she may be individually contacted should greater depth or understanding of an issue be sought. Personal contact is encouraged and helpful to both residents and the board.

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