

BENZIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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MEETING AGENDA February 8, 2022

Frank F. Walterhouse Meeting 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 – 1/25/22; 2/1/22
 PUBLIC COMMENT
 FINANCE –
 A) Approval of Bills
 ELECTED OFFICIALS & DEPT HEAD COMMENTS
 ACTION ITEMS –
 A) Cody Kastl – MERS Purchase Time
 B) MERIT Service Agreement Addendum
 C) TelNet Phone Upgrade
 D) Prosecuting Attorney – Budget Amendment
 E) Headlee
 F) Planning Commission Repeal
 G) ARPA Next Steps
 H) MERS Service Credit Purchases Moving Forward
 COMMISSIONER REPORTS –
 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – Katie Zeits
 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – 1/25/22 Consent Calendar
 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS – BLHD; CDBG Housing Resignation
 UNFINISHED BUSINESS –
 NEW BUSINESS –
10:00 Tad Peacock, EGLE Grant for Village of Beulah
 PRESENTATION OF CORRESPONDENCE
 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.

Commissioner Contacts:

District I – Bob Roelofs (Almira East of Reynolds Road).....231-645-1187
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and Lake Townships)231-920-5028
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District IV – Rhonda Nye (Benzonia).....231-510-8804
District V – Tim Markey (Homestead)231-871-1399
District VI - Evan Warsecke (Colfax, Inland)231-275-3375
District VII - Gary Sauer (Blaine, Gilmore, Joyfield, Weldon)231-651-0647

January 11, 2022