

THE BENZIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 9, 2022

The Benzie County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Tuesday, August 9, 2022 in the Frank Walterhouse Board of Commissioners Room, 448 Court Place, Government Center, Beulah, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bob Roelofs.

Present were: Commissioners Jeannot, Markey, Miller, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke

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

Commissioner Roelofs thanked everyone for getting out and voting.

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 Sauer, seconded by Markey, to approve the regular session minutes of July 26, 2022, as amended. Ayes: Jeannot, Markey, Miller, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

9:03 a.m. Public Input - None

FINANCE

Bills: Motion by Nye, seconded by Warsecke, to approve payment of the bills from July 28, 2022, thru August 8, 2022, in the amount of \$346,816.31, as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Jeannot, Markey, Miller, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

ELECTED OFFICIALS & DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:

Jared Henry, Chief Public Defender (MIDC), stated that they have submitted their grant application for funding the 2023 fiscal year. That budget was approved by Michigan Indigent Defense Commission in June, and just waiting for the contract. No difference in this grant application then the current application but must add provision to meet the new Indigency Standards.

Sheriff Kyle Rosa expressed his gratitude for everyone getting out and voting last Tuesday and supporting our endeavors countywide. Some very important programs are going to be able to be continued because of that.

Matt Skeel, Road Commission, wanted to come by when he saw that the resignation of Road Commissioner Mick was on the agenda. Express appreciation for Ted Mick for his service on the board. He did a great job, and he will be missed. Provided an update on paving projects and bridge maintenance projects that are being done.

Kyle Mauer, Animal Control, stated that there was an inspection a couple of weeks ago, and the only issue was the paint coming off the wall. Working on a fix for this and will bring it back to the Board. Hot water heater has been out of commission for the last week and a half. Waiting to hear back from

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Nye's on what needs to be done. Cat Condo's are being built, and we have lots of kittens and cats available for adoption.

Nate Loop, The Maples, apologized for not being present more recently to provide updates. In July there was a COVID outbreak at the Maples. Nine residents tested positive, they have been traced back to 3 separate outside exposures, and all have fully recovered. Have earned the 5th star in Quality Measure for consumer protection. They have 5 stars in Staffing and Quality Measures, and 4 stars in Health Inspection. The Health Inspection is the 5th Star they are still trying to claim, and it is the most difficult to achieve. The second Memory Care household has been opened. Update given on current Capital Investments that are ongoing. Thanked the community for supporting the millage.

10:00 Advance Benefit Group – Lauren Harris, presented the annual benefit renewal.

Motion by Sauer, seconded by Miller, to approve the 2022/2023 Benefits Renewal with the recommendation as presented and authorize the County Administrator's office to sign benefit provider agreements. Roll call. Ayes: Jeannot, Markey, Miller, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke
Nays: None Motion carried

ELECTED OFFICIALS & DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS CONTINUED:

Bert Gale, Associated Government Service, presented the Quarterly Report regarding Building Code and Safety Enforcement for April, May, and June 2022. This department is fully staffed so if there are any issues with response time get with him and he will check into it. The County Administrator is looking into a scanner so the old records can be digitized.

Kristine Bosley, Human Resource, provided written HR Update report.

10:45 a.m. Break

10:51 a.m. Reconvene

10:30 Kinship Care Coalition Presentation – Jeanne Strathman, Deb Frisbie and David Berns were present and provide information on the Kinship Coalition and the difficulty they have experienced regarding guardianship versus foster care of their grandchildren. Their goal is to find a way to get information out to other individuals that have taken family members in under a guardianship instead of foster care and requesting some of the OPIOD money to fund this. Commissioner Miller invited them to be his guest at the next Health and Human Collaborative Board meeting on August 24, 2022.

ACTION ITEMS

Replace rooftop unit of Department of Health and Human Services: Motion by Miller, seconded by Jeannot, to approve the proposal from Control Resource and Hurst Mechanical for replacement of fan coils on the rooftop unit above the Board Room of the Government Center in the not to exceed amount of \$9,985 with funds available in the DHHS Rental Fund. Roll call. Ayes: Jeannot, Markey, Miller, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Replace rooftop unit of Government Center: Discussion was held regarding the proposal from Control Resource and Hurst Mechanical for replacement of cooling condensers and compressors on the rooftop unit above Emergency Management in the Governmental Center. A proposal for \$20,299 was provided to repair the unit. Frank Miller for Hurst Mechanical presented a proposal for \$43,984

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to replace one unit and recycle the other unit. Due to the amount of these expenses the Board of Commissioners are requesting that we follow procedure and at least two additional bids be requested.

Central Dispatch Expansion: Motion by Miller, seconded by Warsecke, to approve the consultant agreement with Environmental Architects in the amount of \$32,000 for the Central Dispatch Expansion project, Phase 1, with such agreement subject to approval as to its substance by the County Administrator and to its form by Legal Counsel, with funds available in the Central Dispatch Fund, and authorizing the Chair to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Jeannot, Markey, Miller, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Cares Act Funding – Replacement of Computers: Motion by Nye, seconded by Miller, to authorizes the County Administrator to accept the computer replacement quote from IT Right for 14 devices and docking stations in the not-to exceed amount of \$20,000 with funds available in the general fund equipment line, and that a budget amendment to transfer the \$20,000 in Cares Act Funds into the General Fund, be approved to cover this transaction. Roll call. Ayes: Jeannot, Markey, Miller, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Road Commissioner Vacancy – Ted Mick: Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Markey to accept the resignation of Road Commissioner Ted Mick with regret. Ayes: Jeannot, Markey, Miller, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

This vacancy will be advertised in the Record Patriot and The Ticker for letters of interest to be submitted by August 22, 2022. This matter will be discussed at the next meeting.

Budget Amendment – Treasurer: Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Markey, to amend the 2021-22 budget in the amount of 6,400 to increase revenues and expenditures in the County Treasurer's lines for the 3rd quarter substance abuse portion of the Convention Facility Development Funds (PA2 Liquor Tax) as presented, authorizing Chair to sign.

Increase:

101-253-573.00	Convention/Facility Tax	\$6,400.00
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Increase:

101-728-885.00	NMRE portion Convention/Facility Tax	\$6,400.00
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Roll call. Ayes: Jeannot, Markey, Miller, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Chair Roelofs, will forgo Commissioner reports today.

Comm Jeannot – provided written report

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – will forgo her report.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: Minutes of 7/26/2022, no action needed.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Miller, to appoint Sara Hienz to the partial term on the Benzie Transportation Authority Board, with term to expire on April 30, 2023. Roll call. Ayes: Jeannot, Markey, Miller, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

PRESENTATION OF CORRESPONDENCE

- Crystal Lake Elevation
- Little Platte Lake Elevation
- Clinton County Resolution 2022-11
- Benzie Transportation Authority May and June 2022 Statement of Activities
- Green Lake Township Public Notice
- Clinton County Resolution 2022-10
- Betsie Valley Trailway Management Council July 5, 2022, minutes

12:39 p.m. Public Input - None

Motion by Markey, seconded by Sauer, to adjourn at 12:39 p.m. Ayes: Jeannot, Markey, Miller, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried

Bob Roelofs, Chair

Tammy Bowers, 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 26th meeting.
- **7/28 EDC –**
 - A small group of us met with staff from Roscommon County to discuss their approach to broadband implementation. They used a project manager that we have under consideration and had only positive comments regarding the individual. Our goal is to keep this project moving and align Benzie County to be eligible for possible grant money. Through multiple partnerships we hope to have 90% or greater coverage for the County. Not all citizens will elect to connect. In addition, we need to educate the community on incentives that are in place to help subsidize cost to the end user based on need.
- **8/4 Lake Township –**
 - There continues to be discussion about dredging at the end of Lake Michigan Dr. Elected officials at the state and federal level will be needed to help get a positive resolution to this issue.
 - The township is considering a contract with an individual or group to help enforce local ordinances.
- **8/8 Almira Township –** I will share any relevant information with you at the BOC meeting.