

THE BENZIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
February 1, 2022

The Benzie County Board of Commissioners met in a special meeting on Tuesday, February 1, 2022, in the Frank Waltherhouse Meeting Room, 448 Court Place, Government Center, Beulah, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Roelofs at 9:00 a.m.

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

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

Agenda: Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Warsecke, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: Jeannot, Markey, Miller, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

9:01 a.m. Public Input – None

Purpose of this meeting: Goal Setting

Katie Zeits, County Administrator, stated that we will go through ideas, determine how they will help us get to our strategic plan; we will then choose the top five to really focus on for 2022.

All commissioners put their ideas down on paper; all topics were discussed.

Katie's summation of the items:

- Public Information Officer
- Space Needs
- Deferred Capital Attract and retain talent
- Infrastructure – housing, Land Bank, EMS, 911
- Health Department – continue to have discussions
- Security for Buildings
- Financials
- Mental Health
- Staff Development – evaluate policies
- Broadband – how to support

Public Need

- Website – Public Information Officer: Keep current and up to date
- EMS/911 Building: do we stay, renovate, build? Location? Decide in 2022
- Infrastructure: Broadband, Housing, Sewer, Natural Gas
- ARPA: Get the plan in place
- OPIOID Dollars: Regional Mental Health; Court Child Care
- EDC: County Talent
- Community Day Care

Management

- IT Upgrades: technology
- Identify Policy Updates: 10 policies for 2022
- ARPA: Matching use – get the plan in place
- Millages: Be sure the millage amount fully funds the item; evaluate 5 for 2022
- Staff Development/Investment: process job descriptions, policies, training

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- BOC Orientation for 2022

11:00 a.m. Comm Sauer Excused

- Wage Survey: perform a total compensation survey for employees
- Identify Deferred Capital
- Space Needs: Do we quiet the conversation or move it on the forefront?
- Day Care: Collect data if the need exists; start regionally.

Chair Roelofs reported to the board that the committee appointments for commissioners has been completed; copies sent to the members.

11:37 a.m. Public Input – None

Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Markey, to adjourn this special meeting at 11:37 a.m. Ayes: Jeannot, Markey, Miller, Nye, Roelofs and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Sauer Motion carried.

Bob Roelofs – Chair

Dawn Olney, Benzie County Clerk