

# BENZIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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## ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AGENDA

**JANUARY 3, 2023**

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  
                  ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN  
                  APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
                  PUBLIC COMMENT  
                  ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN  
                  ADOPTION OF MEETING DATES AND TIMES FOR 2023  
                  ADOPTION OF BOARD RULES  
                  PUBLIC COMMENT STATEMENT  
                  COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS  
                  ADOPTION OF DEPOSITORIES – Resolution 2023–001  
                  ADOPTION OF ACH – Resolution 2023-002  
                  FAIR HOUSING – Resolution 2023-003  
                  PAYMENT OF BILLS  
                  PUBLIC COMMENT  
                  ADJOURNMENT

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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
- District II - Art Jeannot (Almira Twp West of Reynolds Road, Platte Twp. and Lake Twp East of Sutter Road) .....231-920-5028
- District III – Karen Cunningham (Crystal Lake Twp, Frankfort and Lake Twp at Sutter Road going East) .....231-527-9675
- District IV – Rhonda Nye (Benzonia Twp, except for sections 31, 36 and 35 West of Case Road) .....231-510-8804
- District V – Tim Markey (Homestead Twp and Benzonia Twp, Sections 31, 36 and 35 West of Case Road.....231-871-1399
- District VI - Evan Warsecke (Colfax, Inland) .....231-275-3375
- District VII - Gary Sauer (Blaine, Gilmore, Joyfield, Weldon) .....231-651-0647

January 3, 2023