

# BENZIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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## MEETING AGENDA

May 23, 2023

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

TRIBUTES PRESENTED BY BOARD CHAIR:

National EMS week, May 21 – 27, 2023

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular 5/9/23; Closed 5/9/23

PUBLIC HEARING: Hazard Mitigation Plan

PUBLIC COMMENT

FINANCE –

A) Approval of Bills

ELECTED OFFICIALS & DEPT HEAD COMMENTS

ACTION ITEMS –

A) Consider accepting the 2021/2022 audit

B) Adopt Benzie County Strategic Priorities and Goals, to include discussion requested by Commissioner Cunningham.

C) Consider adopting the Cyber Incident Policy

D) Consider adopting the Personnel File Policy

E) Consider adopting the Bomb-Swatting Threat Policy

F) Consider adopting the Fraud Policy

G) Consider adopting the Tobacco-Smoke Free Policy

H) Consider adopting the Adoption and Administration Policy

I) Consider adopting the Disciplinary Action Policy

J) Consider adopting the Nepotism Policy

K) Consider entering into a contract for Equalization Fieldwork services.

L) Approve copy machines and service agreements with Netlink for Sheriff's Office

M) Approve 2% tribal grant application for full body scanner

COMMISSIONER REPORTS –

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Katie Zeits

STUDY SESSION - 5/9/23 - None

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS -

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

NEW BUSINESS –

PRESENTATION:

9:30 a.m. Closed Session to discuss strategy and negotiation of the FOPLC Deputy collective bargaining unit, as authorized by MCL 15.268(c).

10:00 a.m. Terry VanderCook, Networks Northwest, present annual report, and services provided to Benzie County

PRESENTATION OF CORRESPONDENCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

**Times Subject to Change**

## 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 comment 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 an “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 N. Reynolds Road, Platte Twp, Lake Twp East of Sutter Rd, and Inland Twp section 1-6, section 7 lying west of Maple City Hwy, north of US-31) .....231-920-5028
- District III – Karen Cunningham (Crystal Lake, Frankfort and Lake Twp, at Sutter Road going West) .....231-822-4067
- District IV – Rhonda Nye (Benzonia Twp, except for sections 31, 36 and 35 East of Case Road).....231-510-8804
- District V – Tim Markey (Homestead and Benzonia Twp sections 31, 36 and 35 West of Case Road).....231-822-4066
- District VI - Evan Warsecke (Colfax, Inland except sections 1-6, section 7 lying west of Maple City Hwy and North of US-31).....231-822-4065
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