

**THE BENZIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**January 2, 2019**

The Benzie County Board of Commissioners met in an organizational meeting on Wednesday, January 2, 2019, 448 Court Place, Government Center, Beulah, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order by County Clerk Dawn Olney at 9:00 a.m.

Present were: Commissioners Carland, Farrell, Jeannot, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke

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

**Election of Chair:**

Commissioner Jeannot nominates Gary Sauer

Commissioner Farrell nominates Coury Carland

No further nominations; Nominations are closed.

Secret ballot is used for election; tallied by clerk.

Commissioner Carland received 2 votes

Commissioner Sauer received 5 votes

Motion by Carland, seconded by Jeannot, to acknowledge Gary Sauer elected as Chair for 2019.

Ayes: Carland, Farrell, Jeannot, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Comm Sauer assumes the chair.

**Agenda:**

Motion by Roelofs, seconded by Warsecke, to approve the agenda as amended, removing Payment of Bills. Ayes: Carland, Farrell, Jeannot, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

9:04 a.m. Public Input

Dr. Donald Schaffer told everyone Happy New Year.

**Election of Vice Chair:**

Commissioner Sauer nominates Evan Warsecke

Commissioner Taylor nominates Coury Carland

Voice vote for Warsecke: Ayes: Carland, Jeannot, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: Farrell and Taylor Motion carried.

Comm Warsecke declared Vice Chair for 2019.

**Meeting Dates and Times:**

Comm Sauer stated that the DHHS meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. and feels it is important for us to have a presence at those meeting.

Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Roelofs, to set the 2019 Board of Commissioner meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m., with the exception of March 26 being moved to Thursday, March 28 at 9:00 a.m. and December will have only one meeting on December 17, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. Ayes: Carland, Jeannot, Roelofs and Warsecke Nays: Farrell, Sauer and Taylor Motion carried.

**Board Rules:**

Motion by Carland, seconded by Roelofs, to change 4.125 to Vice Chair and move to 4.222 Vice Chair duties. Ayes: Carland, Farrell, Jeannot, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

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Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Roelofs, to adopt 4.4 by removing Budget/Finance/Accounts Payable; Interview Committee; HR Committee; Buildings & Grounds Committee; Technology and replace with Committee of the Whole; and adding BRA to EDC. Ayes: Carland, Farrell, Jeannot, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion by Taylor, seconded by Roelofs, to approve 5.11 by removing HR – Personnel and adding Committee of the Whole and Old Business. Ayes: Carland, Farrell, Jeannot, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Page 12 – Board Practices: #11 – Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Roelofs, to amend #11 as amended removing committees, HR, Finance or Buildings & Grounds and replace with Committee of the Whole. Ayes: Carland, Farrell, Jeannot, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Roelofs, to approve the Board Rules with changes as a whole. Roll call. Ayes: Carland, Farrell, Jeannot, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Comm Carland commented regarding Robert's Rules and the suspension of Rules – it can be done only for a legal matter; Robert's states it is not proper.

### **Public Input Statement:** OK

### **Commissioner Committee Appointments:**

Discussions were held regarding the MAC Transportation & MAC Ag/Tourism committees. Chairman Sauer will contact Steve Curry with MAC regarding these two committees.

Chairman Sauer requested that lists of committees that each commissioner would like to be appointed to should be turned in to him by January 11.

### **Resolutions:**

Depositories: Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Carland, to adopt resolution 2019-001 setting the County Depositories as presented, authorizing the chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Carland, Farrell, Jeannot, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

ACH: Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Carland, to adopt resolution 2019-002 ACH (Automatic Clearing House) Electronic Transfer Transactions as presented, authorizing the chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Carland, Farrell, Jeannot, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Fair Housing: Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Roelofs, to adopt resolution 2019-003 Fair Housing Resolution as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Carland, Farrell, Jeannot, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

10:00 a.m. PUBLIC INPUT – ~~None~~

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Eric VanDussen asks the board to consider a procedural issue that during a board meeting, public input is allowed for any agenda item, at the choice of the chair; also inquired regarding orientation for new committee members.

10:04 a.m. Public Input Closed

Motion by Roelofs, seconded by Warsecke, to adjourn until January 8, 2019 Regular Meeting or the call of the chair. Ayes: Carland, Farrell, Jeannot, Roelofs, Sauer, Taylor and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

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Gary Sauer -- Chairman

Dawn Olney – Benzie County Clerk

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2. Approved the agenda as amended, removing Payment of Bills.
3. Evan Warsecke voted Vice Chair.
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