

THE BENZIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
September 25, 2018

The Benzie County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Tuesday, September 25, 2018, in the Frank F. Walterhouse Board Room, 448 Court Place, Government Center, Beulah, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Gary Sauer.

Present were: Commissioners Carland (arrived at 10:14), Griner, Jeannot (by telephone), Money, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke

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

Agenda:

Motion by Roelofs, seconded by Warsecke, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: Griner, Jeannot, Money, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Carland Motion carried.

Minutes:

Motion by Griner, seconded by Roelofs, to approve the regular session minutes of September 11, 2018 as presented. Ayes: Griner, Jeannot, Money, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Carland Motion carried.

9:02 a.m. Public Input – None

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ADOPTION OF 2018-19 BUDGET

Motion by Griner, seconded by Money, to open the public hearing for adoption of the 2018-19 Budget. Ayes: Griner, Jeannot, Money, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Carland Motion carried

Public Input – No public comments

Motion by Griner, seconded by Money, to close the public hearing. Ayes: Griner, Jeannot, Money, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Carland Motion carried.

L-4029: Motion by Roelofs, seconded by Jeannot, to approve the L-4029 2018 Tax Rate Request as presented, authorizing the chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Griner, Jeannot, Money, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Carland Motion carried.

2018-19 Budget: Motion by Griner, seconded by Roelofs, to adopt the 2018-19 Budget as presented.

Comm Money inquired if the Elected Official's salaries are correct; he would like to see the last year salary listed too like has been done with the Appointed Officials Appendix B.

Mr. Deisch stated that people are getting 2% for all non-union positions and a 10- county Networks Northwest salary survey approved by the BOC and those positions that are not elected that fell below the 10-county survey, an additional 3% was set aside for them at the direction of the Board of Commissioners.

Comm Money stated that he believes, rather than having the total of all raises in the contingency line, the appropriate raise should be in each line number.

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Maridee Cutler stated that the employee roster is correct; the money is in contingency and after the budget gets approved today, the money will be moved to each line number.

Comm Money asked which offices got the 3%? Mr. Deisch read them off of the roster.

Comm Money then asked about the Chief Deputies in the Clerk, Treasurer, Register of Deeds, are they on that list? Mr. Deisch responded, No

Comm Money stated that, so those employees fell through the cracks with the 3%.

Roll call. Ayes: Griner, Jeannot, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: Money Exc: Carland
Motion carried.

Appropriations Act: Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Money, to adopt the 2018-2019 General Appropriation Act and Budget as presented, authorizing the chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Griner, Jeannot, Money, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Carland Motion carried.

Appendix A: Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Griner, to adopt Appendix “A” Elected Officials Salaries for the Fiscal Year of 2018-2019 (beginning October 1, 2018) as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Griner, Jeannot, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: Money Exc: Carland Motion carried.

Appendix B: Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Money, to adopt Appendix “B” Appointed Officials 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Wages/Salary (beginning October 1, 2018) as corrected, removing the County Administrator’s 2018-19 wage. Roll call. Ayes: Griner, Jeannot, Money, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Carland Motion carried.

Appendix C: Motion by Money, seconded by Warsecke, to adopt Appendix “C” Per Diem and Mileage Report for 2018-2019 Fiscal Year as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Griner, Jeannot, Money, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Exc: Carland Motion carried.

ELECTED OFFICIALS & DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Doug Durand, Benzie Senior Resources, provided a written report and stated that they too are wrapping up their fiscal year. HDM record was set for July and August, together with in-home services as well. We will be limiting the number of dining out vouchers for next year, also the lawn chore vouchers will be limited. Washington DC the Senate Appropriations Committee increase funds for congregate and home delivered meals – that’s good news and will now go to the House. Comm Griner asked about parking needs – how about the back. Mr. Durand stated that is where the employees park and it is a wetlands area.

Tom King, EMS Director, has been appointed as the permanent director and says thank you for this opportunity and looks forward to working with you for the next several years.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Comm Roelofs reported on Benzie County Veterans Affairs Special meeting to allocate the bids for the final phase of the Veterans Memorial and hope to be completed for the November 11 Veterans Day service. EMS – Tom King was welcomed. Building Space Needs meeting – we need to minimize and maximize space for now and in the future. Veterans Affairs Coordinator that handles any incarcerated veterans is the liaison between the courts and the jail.

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Comm Griner shares information from the newspaper of the cruise ship that was in Traverse City and there are more to come – they won't need parking spaces, they will park in the water, but will bring a lot of people to the area. Met at the Platte River Inn with Lisa Leedy of AES regarding the transfer facility. Mental health – there is room to improve mental health services in the jail.

Comm Jeannot reported that he has been recruiting for the DHHS Board since Tom Hart is not seeking reappointment. Comm Jeannot has been in touch with someone in the community that would be a great asset; this gentleman did submit a letter of interest to the State. His name is Scott Harrison.

Comm Money stated that he totally agrees with Comm Griner regarding the mental health system. He stated that we lost Homer Morris last week, he was very involved in the community and was a mentor to young people.

Comm Warsecke reported that the Conservation District is holding their Fall Seedling sale at this time until Friday the 28th.

Comm Sauer reported on the Betsie Valley Trail that the Charlie Kehr Stairway is progressing well; and they are trying to get a grant to fix from Beulah out to the County Farm Road. MAC Workers Comp met on September 11 and they have an extra \$100,000 to distribute this year. MIDC says we have to be cautious until we figure out the funding issue. Building needs – we need to prioritize what we have to get done and get a plan.

Comm Jeannot asked regarding the space needs, if we can move forward before a plan is developed.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Mitch Deisch

- MIDC
- Tentative Agreements have been reached for all five union contracts.
- School Resource Officer ballot proposal was presented as one officer for Frankfort Police for Frankfort Elberta Schools and one officer for the Sheriff Office for Benzie Central Schools. There has been some discussion about if that is the way it should continue. Have been working on an Interlocal Agreement with Frankfort to have the funds flow from Benzie County to Frankfort if the proposal should pass.

Comm Money says he agrees in total with it. If we were to make a change to where we are asking for the vote, then we have smoke and mirrors.

Comm Griner, I agree with Terry – smoke and mirrors if not done as proposed.

Comm Roelofs says it is important to put people in place that will be involved in the community 24/7.

Comm Warsecke stated there is not a better way to keep our children safe.

Mr. Deisch says then we won't be looking at the interlocal agreement until after the vote of the people.

Chairman Sauer says we should wait until after the election. Would like to see if the City Council votes it up or down. That has to be front and center – either support the person as a Frankfort employee or not.

Comm Jeannot echoes Chairman Sauer's comments; first we need to understand the voters request.

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Comm Money asked about the Manistee Ambulance issue -- Mr. Deisch says it is clear that Munson will take over the ambulance service and we don't know how that will affect us.

Have a meeting set up with Tom King and Ron Berns about this issue.

Comm Jeannot inquired regarding the cabling project & Animal Control – will research the ACO issue and report back to the full board. Maridee stated that the cabling project has been completed inside, the outlets have been tested. Caleb will be back next week for the change-over, then all other wires will be pulled when the change-over is completed.

- Mr. Deisch stated that the install of the new lighting with CoolLED is in process; we will be saving about \$800 per month at the Government Center.

10:06 a.m. Break

10:12 a.m. Reconvene

Steve Griffith, DNR Wildlife Biologist, spoke regarding the Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Chairman Sauer stated he is concerned about the antler point restrictions and with CWD.

10:14 a.m. Comm Carland Arrives

Chairman Sauer said he hopes that there is some common sense with this.

Comm Roelofs asked what is the closest infected area with CWD? Montcalm & Kent Counties Montcalm has been the hot spot.

Comm Money asked about the Wisconsin issue a couple years ago: Steve stated that the goal is to control the spread of CWD.

Effective January 1, 2019 there will be no baiting and feeding of deer in the Lower Peninsula.

Sheriff Schendel asked if there is any cure? No, there is no cure for CWD, it is 100% fatal. Sheriff asked how about a vaccine to put in the food.

Deb Lindgren inquired if it is transferrable to beef, sheep, goats? No, not outside the deer family.

10:45 a.m. Bryce Dreeszen, Treasurer of the Friends of the Betsie Valley Trail

In March 2018 there was a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) approved by this board for a MNRTF grant application; we need to have a term added to the MOU.

Motion by Roelofs, seconded by Money, to adopt the Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Benzie, Village of Beulah and Friends of the Betsie Valley Trail for Reconstruction from Beulah to County Farm Road, authorizing the chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Money, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

FINANCE

Bills: Motion by Money, seconded by Warsecke, to authorize payment of the bills from September 11, 2018 to September 24, 2018 in the amount of \$479,110.53 as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Money, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – No meeting held

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS – None

ACTION ITEMS:

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2018-023 Fish Hatchery Resolution: Motion by Money, seconded by Roelofs, to adopt resolution 2018-023 Certified Resolution for Local Support for DNR Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Project as presented, authorizing the chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Money, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Sublease & Use Agreement: Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Money, to adopt the Sublease and Building Use Agreement between Benzie County and the Benzie County Health and Human Services Board as presented, authorizing the chairman to sign, contingent on approval by the DHHS Board. Roll call. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Money, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter from the Regional Land Conservancy of grant award in the amount of \$5,000 to the Charlie Kehr Memorial Trail Connector received.
- Road Commission minutes of August 23, 2018 received.
- Menominee County resolution opposing House Bill 752 & 5753 regarding local standards for on-site wastewater treatment systems received.
- Veterans Affairs minutes of August 13, 2018 received.
- Transportation Authority August 2018 financial report received.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

11:04 a.m. Motion by Sauer, seconded by Money, to enter closed session in accordance with the OMA Section 15.268(A) to perform the County Administrator's annual evaluation and Section 15.268(c) to discuss collective bargaining agreement negotiations. All discussions regarding approving tentative collective bargaining agreements and potential discussion regarding the County Administrator's employment agreement will be discussed in the open meeting after coming out of closed session. Roll call. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Money, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

12:02 p.m. Re-Enter Open Session

Union Contracts -- Tentative Agreements:

Motion by Roelofs, seconded by Money, to ratify the tentative agreement with TPOAM and authorize the chairman to sign. Roll call. Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Money, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion by Roelofs, seconded by Money, to ratify the tentative agreement with POAM Correction and authorize the chairman to sign. Roll call. Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Money, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion by Roelofs, seconded by Money, to ratify the tentative agreement with POAM Central Dispatch and authorize the chairman to sign. Roll call. Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Money, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

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Motion by Roelofs, seconded by Money, to ratify the tentative agreement with COAM Corrections and authorize the chairman to sign. Roll call. Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Money, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Motion by Roelofs, seconded by Money, to ratify the tentative agreement with COAM Road Command and authorize the chairman to sign. Roll call. Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Money, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

County Administrator:

Comm Warsecke stated that we held a closed session regarding Mr. Deisch's evaluation; we also took off the County Administrator's wage on Appendix B.

Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Money, authorizing a 2% Cost of Living (COL) and where he falls on the 10-County Networks Northwest survey he would fall under the 3% increase as well. Comm Jeannot asked if this was in compliance of his contract. Roll call. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Money, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Comm Carland stated October 7, 2018 the Friend of the Betsie Valley Trail will have a dedication of the Charlie Kehr Stairway at 2:00 p.m. Council of Governments have been trying to decide what to do with the Beaver Island Lighthouse – used to be able to use funds to operate the school. There has been a lot of damage out there due to pipes bursting – Networks Northwest has offered to purchase the Lighthouse in conjunction with Charlevoix County to restore it.

12:17 p.m. Public Input

Michelle Thompson stated that Point Betsie has received federal grants as well.

12:20 p.m. Public Input Closed

Motion by Carland, seconded by Warsecke, to adjourn at 12:20 p.m. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Money, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Gary G. Sauer, Chair

Dawn Olney, Benzie County Clerk

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2. Approved the regular session minutes of September 11, 2018 as presented.
3. Public hearing held for adoption of the 2018-19 Budget.
4. Approved the L-4029 2018 Tax Rate Request as presented, authorizing the chairman to sign.
5. Adopted the 2018-19 Budget as presented.
6. Adopted the 2018-2019 General Appropriation Act and Budget as presented.
7. Adopted Appendix "A" Elected Officials Salaries for the Fiscal Year of 2018-2019 (beginning October 1, 2018) as presented.

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20. Authorized a 2% Cost of Living (COL) for the County Administrator and where he falls on the 10-County Networks Northwest survey he would fall under the 3% increase as well.