

THE BENZIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
October 23, 2018

The Benzie County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Tuesday, October 23, 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, Griner, Jeannot, 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: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Money, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Minutes:

Motion by Roelofs, seconded by Griner, to approve the regular session minutes of October 9, 2018, as amended. Page 2, fourth paragraph, change date of January 1, 2018 to January 1, 2019, and Jim Reardon's title is Environmental Sanitarian. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Money, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

9:03 a.m. Public Input - None

ELECTED OFFICIALS & DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Douglas Durand, Benzie Senior Resources, presented Annual Meeting Agenda, Board of Directors meeting minutes, Program Report for September 2018, Statement of Financial Position as of September 30, 2018, Statement of Financial Income & Expense September 2018, Statement of Financial Income & Expenses October 1, 2017 – September 30, 2018, HDH/Cong Comparison units served 2016-2017-2018, and Senior Center Coordinator's Report October 8, 2018. The Audit will be next week with Anderson Tackman; Slate of officers for January 2019 are: Beverly Holbrook, President; Ron Dykstra, Vice President; Jane Elzerman, Treasurer; and Denise Favreau, Secretary. New committee to look into future building and location needs.

Tom Longanbach, Equalization Director, presented and explained the Apportionment Report. Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Money, to accept the Apportionment Report as presented by the Equalization Director. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Money, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Ted Schendel, Sheriff, stated that since August, we have hired two Corrections Officers, still looking for a part-time Corrections Officer; interviewing tomorrow and Thursday for the open position for Road Deputy. Have 10 applicants and hope to have a pool of candidates to choose from if the School Resource Officer millage passes.

Comm Jeannot ask if you talked about other funding opportunities within the budget? Have you approached the ISD?

Sheriff Schendel stated there are some things coming through the State that the school may possibility have some money available. Have not approached the ISD, and not sure if the school committee discuss that at the last meeting.

Mitch Deisch stated that was not discussed at the last school committee meeting.

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Tom King, EMS Director, handed out data information regarding calls in September 2018. Things are going well, and they are fully staffed. Will be attending the COTW meeting this afternoon to request 5 new heart monitors. Moving forward with annual training with the Park Service. Looking to do a couple public relations events, such as candy for the kids at Halloween, and “Stop the Bus” at Christmas time, which is a collection for families in need. The program that is used to write their run reports is through Image Trend. They are moving everybody to Image Trend Elite which offers us a better program. Having electrical issues with the new ambulance, which are being looked at.

Kyle Mauer, Animal Control, presented the monthly report for August and September 2018. It is starting to slow down. Intake of cats are lower, feel this is due to Community Cats of Benzie County. Still working on the air exchange inside the shelter. Next month will be renovating the lobby.

Eric VanDussen, Chair of the Building Authority, stated that the letter in the packet of October 18, 2018, was authored by Michelle Thompson, she came up with the numbers. New budget for phase 3 is \$760,000. Originally it was bid at \$250,000. Requesting from the Board of Commissioners to provide a loan from the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund for up to \$500,000, to use as needed to complete the project. This decision can be made at the next BOC meeting. Comstock is saying that phase 3 should be completed in January or February 2019. May have an issue with the fire inspection, may need to spray the 2nd floor with fire retardant. Looking to have our Architect, Stu Pettitt, get a written opinion from the Fire Marshall.

Comm Jeannot, stated that this is not a budget shortfall it is a cash flow shortfall.

Mr. VanDussen – correct.

Comm Jeannot, you had asked Stu Pettitt, 30 days earlier, to get you a written opinion, and he had not gotten that you as of the last meeting.

Mr. VanDussen - yes, at the September meeting we had ask for a written opinion, if a fire coating spray was necessary in Phase 3 of the project.

Comm Jeannot – we are not going to move forward without a written opinion, unlike last time. You and your committee are asking great questions.

Ron Bern, Director of 911 Communication, moving from AT& T to Peninsula Fiber Network (PFN). Completion and testing will be next week. Looking to fill one position currently.

9:55 a.m. Comm. Warsecke excused.

Susan Boyd, Finance Manager, passed out Revenue and Expenditure Report – General Fund for Fiscal Year Ending 09/30/2018, and Millage Funded for the period ended 9/30/2018. Report will be quarterly, next one in January 2019.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Comm Money – a lot of activity in Homestead Township.

Comm Jeannot – attended five meetings since the last BOC meeting. Building Authority is scheduled for mediation late November with Edmund London. The full committee will be on standby, to participate by telephone if needed. It was recommended that mediation be utilized instead of arbitration. Two terms are expiring January 1, 2019. Community Action Agency - passed out copies of Annual Report. Due to the tariff's the government has put on, there is excess of food that is not leaving the country. The government is buying this food supply and storing it, which means that

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it will be coming out to the food pantries. EDC - discussion was held regarding internet service and rail service at Waldon Junction.

Comm Griner – attended the Community Mental Health Conference. There were over 700 people in attendance. Someone that has a mental health disorder has a 15 to 20 years less life span than someone who does not. Senator Wayne Smith stated there is \$2,000,000 towards the train project that is coming from Ann Arbor to Traverse City. Should see trains operating on a limited basis in the next 5 to 6 years. EDC working on wireless computer business. Platte Valley School is looking for a lead organization.

Comm Jeannot – EDC is working with a new member regarding gas and oil. They think natural gas expansion is within the next 5 years. AES – changed dialog with Beulah and Benzonia on sewer and water discussion. Trying to find a way to bring these groups to come together. Need to include parts of Lake and Crystal Lake Township.

Comm Carland – Network Northwest meeting discussion was regarding cost of child care. Attended a training in Lansing regarding fuel for the airport. Was a lot of information, it was a very good class and glad he went. Attended EDC meeting regarding internet.

Comm Roelofs – Village of Lake Ann met a couple of weeks ago and are moving along. Cameras have been put in the parks, and a lot of tree work has been done. Cherryland Electric has contracted tree work all around. EMS is working on an in-house Strategic Plan regarding long-range goals and ambulance maintenance plan. Attended a meeting regarding building space with Mitch and Gary.

Chairman Sauer – MDOT had a safety committee go to Cedar Run and Reynold Road. They are not in favor of a 4 way stop at this intersection. Looking at solar signs and replacing rumble strips. Road Commission is working on distribution of the Local Road Policy for the 50% match. Working on formula for each township. Attended the City of Frankfort meeting, hoping they were going to make a move on a School Resource Officer. Village of Elberta is looking to put speed bumps on Furnace Street. BLUA was fined ~~\$72,000~~ \$7,200 by the State of Michigan for violation of chlorine discharge and piece of equipment that did not work properly. Housing Summit yesterday – 80% of area B&B are corporate owned. Century Manufacturing is having a hard time finding places to rent. Heidi Brittan (MNHSI) and Lisa Peacock (Health Director of the Health Department) will be here on October 27, 2018. Fall festival in Thompsonville is October 27, 2018.

11:00 a.m. Break

11:10 a.m. Reconvene

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Written Administrator update report
- Michigan Indigent Defense funding, job description and joint court committee
- Space Use – draft RFP ready to go out to committee
- Strategic Plan meeting 10/25/2018, 11/01/2018 ad 11/13/2018.
- Tim Ervin meeting with Department Heads and Elected Officials – Strategic Plan
- Exit Interviews

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VETERANS AFFAIRS - Comm Roelofs stated that the contract with Grand Traverse Veterans Affairs expires 12/31/2018. The committee has voted to not renew that contact. Looking for a part-time person in our county to fill that position, by the first of the year.

FINANCE

Bills: Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Carland, to approve the payment of the bills through October 23, 2018 in the amount of \$247,409.55 as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Money, Roelofs and Sauer. Exc. Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - None

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS - None

ACTION ITEMS:

Betsie Valley Trail Maintenance Contract: Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Carland to approve the contract between Benzie County Road Commission and Betsie Valley Trail Maintenance, as presented, authorizing chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Money, Roelofs and Sauer. Exc. Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Government Center Roads and Jail Access Road Maintenance: Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Griner to approve the contract between Benzie County Road Commission and Government Center Roads and the Jail Access Road Maintenance, as presented, authorizing the chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Money, Roelofs and Sauer. Exc. Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF CORRESPONDENCE

- Alger County Resolution #2018-10 Opposing Proposed Changes to Statewide Septic Code
- Alger County Resolution #2018-14 Development of an Additional Lock
- Benzie County Road Commission minutes of 9/27/2018
- Solid Waste Advisory Committee minutes of 6/27/2018
- Solid Waste Advisory Committee minutes of 10/3/2018
- Benzie County Veterans Affairs Committee minutes of 9/10/2018
- Resolution Supporting Ojibway Correctional Facility

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS – None

11:41 a.m. Public Input

Comm Carland – presentation from Tim Ervin at last nights Parks and Recreation meeting. They are looking for a letter of support for the Hanley Property in Honor, from the Parks and Rec Commission.

Motion by Roelofs, seconded by Carland to adjourn at 11:44 a.m. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Money, Roelofs and Sauer. Exc. Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

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1. Approve the agenda as presented.
2. Approve the regular session minutes of October 6, 2018, as amended.
3. Accept the Apportionment Report as presented by the Equalization Director.
4. Approve the payment of the bills through October 23, 2018 in the amount of \$247,409.55 as presented.
5. Approve the contract between Benzie County Road Commission and Betsie Valley Trail Maintenance, as presented, authorizing chairman to sign.
6. Approve the contract between Benzie County Road Commission and Government Center Roads and the Jail Access Road Maintenance, as presented, authorizing the chairman to sign.