

**THE BENZIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
October 23, 2018**

The Benzie County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, October 23, 2018, 448 Court Place, Government Center, Beulah, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Coury Carland at 1:30 p.m.

Present were: Commissioners Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Money, Roelofs and Sauer.

Excused: Commissioner Warsecke

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda:

Motion by Roelofs, seconded by Money, to approve the agenda as amended. Adding Ron Berns after #6; add CoolLED, Travel Policy, COTW and MIDC committee after #10. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Money, Roelofs and Sauer. Exc: Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Minutes:

Motion by Griner, seconded by Roelofs, to approve the Committee of the Whole minutes of September 25, 2018 as presented. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Money, Roelofs and Sauer. Exc: Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

1:33 p.m. Public Input – None

Ron Berns:

Currently have a 911 failure right now. Three vendors and I are on a bridge call because we are switching from AT&T and PFN. Will take 30 minutes to load the program to resolve it. Calls are being routed through Manistee County. Request to go forward with additional channels to the radio towers, because we are adding 150 radios to the fire and EMS system. Cost will be \$108,000 to finish the AFG project.

Motion by Sauer, seconded by Roelofs, to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to approve the State of Michigan quote of \$108,000, with funds coming out of the 911 reserve 261-000-691.00, to purchase the additional equipment to finish the AFG project. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Money, Roelofs and Sauer. Exc: Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Comm Jeannot – let the record reflect that this activity may be started in advance of the next Board of Commissioners meeting.

Frank Post: Not present.

Written request for up to \$1,100 annually for cable in the Emergency Management office.

Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Money, to recommend to the Board of Commissioners, to approve cable TV for the Emergency Management Department up to \$1,100. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Money, Roelofs and Sauer. Exc: Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

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Tom King:

Presented request to replace 5 heart monitors.

Motion by Roelofs, seconded by Money to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to authorize the cost of \$153,436.38, to be financed through Stryker, for the purchase of 5 new heart monitors, to be paid off over the next three years, with funds coming out of EMS Equipment 214-655-970.00. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Money, Roelofs and Sauer. Exc: Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Tom King stated that Frank Post will be applying for a grant for the Lucas CPR devices. This item will be brought back later.

Mitch Deisch :

Compensation for new hires – discussion held regarding probation period for new non-union employees regarding pay increases.

Space study – need to move quicker on space for the Regional Defenders office.

Comm Jeannot stated that we need to treat the Probation Department with the same priority as the MIDC office, regarding space issues.

Motion by Carland, seconded by Roelofs, to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to authorize the County Administrator to make decisions for use of space on a temporary basis. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Money, Roelofs and Sauer. Exc: Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Susan Boyd:

Cool LED lighting:

Motion by Roelofs, seconded by Money to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to approve Cool LED to install the lighting in the Sheriff Department and Jail facility, with funds of \$25,882.40 from the jail reserve fund. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Money, Roelofs and Sauer. Exc: Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Dan Smith wanted to let the Board of Commissioner know that that they will be using the funds from the jail reserve fund to hook up the new water valves to the generator. It was overlooked when they were installed that if the power goes out, the toilets cannot be flushed.

Maridee:

Travel Policy - Discussion was held regarding compensation for in county meal reimbursement and modification to travel policy. Under Meals: Change to “Benzie County will pay employee for meals while on approved business.” Remove “that is conducted outside of the County.” Remove all of Food Service/Tips. Under Travel Claims remove “meals”.

Motion by Sauer, seconded by Roelofs to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to approve the Travel and Business Expense Policy as revised. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Money, Roelofs and Sauer. Exc: Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

COTW - to keep the public more informed, Maridee will post the COTW agendas, packet and minutes to the website.

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MIDC Committee: **Motion by Jeannot, seconded by Roelofs, to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to create the Public Defenders Committee. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Money, Roelofs and Sauer. Exc: Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.**

3:00 p.m. Public Input

Sherry Taylor – Frank Post request for cable, nobody questioned why he needs cable. You can watch any new on the internet. Last February when the Sheriff came before you to get funds for a matching grant, it was turned down.

Mitch Deisch will investigate other options besides cable for the Emergency Management Department and bring it back to the next Board of Commissioners meeting.

3:06 p.m. Public Input closed.

3:07 p.m. Motion by Roelofs, seconded by Sauer, to adjourn. Ayes: Carland, Griner, Jeannot, Money, Roelofs and Sauer. Exc: Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

Coury Carland

Tammy Bowers, Benzie County Chief Deputy Clerk

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Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the Committee of the Whole Consent Calendar as follows:

1. **To approve the State of Michigan quote of \$108,000, with funds coming out of the 911 reserve 261-000-691.00, to purchase the additional equipment to finish the AFG project.**
2. **To approve cable TV for the Emergency Management Department up to \$1,100.**
3. **To authorize the cost of \$153,436.38, to be financed through Stryker, for the purchase of 5 new heart monitors, to be paid off over the next three years, with funds coming out of EMS Equipment 214-655-970.00.**
4. **To authorize the County Administrator to make decisions for use of space on a temporary basis.**
5. **To approve CoolLED to install the lighting in the Sheriff Department and Jail facility, with funds of \$25,882.40 from the jail reserve fund.**
6. **To approve the Travel and Business Expense Policy as revised.**
7. **To create the Public Defenders Committee.**

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