

**THE BENZIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**January 3, 2008**

The Benzie County Board of Commissioners met in an organizational meeting on Thursday, January 3, 2008, in the Commissioners Room, Government Center, Beulah, Michigan, 49617. The meeting was called to order by County Clerk Dawn Olney.

Present were: Commissioners Damm, Kelley, Pitcher, Roper, Sandman, Smeltzer and Walterhouse  
Absent: None

The pledge of allegiance was given with invocation by Commissioner Kelley.

**Election of Chairman:**

Nominations were opened for the position of Chairman of the Board.

Comm Walterhouse nominated Commissioner Roper.

Motion by Walterhouse, seconded by Smeltzer, to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Mark Roper. Motion carried. Ayes: Damm, Kelley, Pitcher, Roper, Sandman, Smeltzer and Walterhouse Nays: None

Commissioner Roper assumes the Chair.

Motion by Pitcher, seconded by Smeltzer, to approve the agenda as amended, adding Steve Fouch and sale of snowmobile in EBay. Motion carried. Ayes: Damm, Kelley, Pitcher, Roper, Sandman, Smeltzer and Walterhouse Nays: None

8:37 a.m. PUBLIC INPUT – None

**Election of Vice Chair:**

Chairman Roper opens the floor to nominations for Vice Chair.

Comm Walterhouse nominates Comm Pitcher.

Comm Kelley nominates Comm Smeltzer.

Comm Roper closes the nominations calls for a roll call vote for Comm Pitcher. Roll call. Motion carried. Ayes: Damm, Pitcher, Roper, Smeltzer and Walterhouse Nays: Kelley and Sandman

**Meeting Dates & Times:**

Comm Roper states that he has a conflict with the first meeting, he will be out of town.

Motion by Walterhouse, seconded by Pitcher, to adopt the regular meeting day schedule, except January which will be held January 22, 2007; also the finance dates as presented, except January which will be January 18, 2007. Motion carried. Ayes: Damm, Kelley, Pitcher, Roper, Sandman, Smeltzer and Walterhouse Nays: None

**Board Rules:**

Motion by Pitcher, seconded by Walterhouse, to adopt the Board of Rules as presented. Roll call. Motion carried. Ayes: Damm, Kelley, Pitcher, Roper, Sandman, Smeltzer and Walterhouse Nays: None

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### **Committee Appointments:**

Comm Roper states that committee appointments will be made at the January 22 regular meeting.

Chuck Clarke will review the possibility of study session rather than committee meetings and report back to this board at the regular meeting.

### **Depositories:**

Motion by Walterhouse, seconded by Pitcher, to approve the Depository Resolution 2008-001 as presented. Roll call. Motion carried. Ayes: Damm, Kelley, Pitcher, Roper, Sandman, Smeltzer and Walterhouse Nays: None

Motion by Walterhouse, seconded by Pitcher, to approve the ACH Electronic Transfer Transactions Resolution 2008-002 as presented. Roll call. Motion carried. Ayes: Damm, Kelley, Pitcher, Roper, Sandman, Smeltzer and Walterhouse Nays: None

### **Appendix C:**

Motion by Walterhouse, seconded by Pitcher, to adopt Appendix C for 2008 as amended, removing Road Commission mileage.

Motion by Kelley, seconded by Smeltzer, to amend to allow per diem for Solid Waste.

Vote on amendment: Roll call. Motion carried. Ayes: Damm, Kelley, Pitcher, Roper, Sandman, Smeltzer and Walterhouse Nays: None

Vote on original motion as amended: Roll call. Motion carried. Ayes: Damm, Kelley, Pitcher, Roper, Sandman, Smeltzer and Walterhouse Nays: None

### **Other Business:**

Snowmobile Sale on EBay: Motion by Smeltzer, seconded by Damm, to authorize the sale of a snowmobile on EBay for one week, with a reserve of \$1,400. Motion carried. Ayes: Damm, Kelley, Pitcher, Roper, Sandman, Smeltzer and Walterhouse Nays: None

Steve Fouch, Commissioner Visits: He states that this came about from the 2005 goal setting session which was held and is to improve communication; the commissioners will do a walk around with each office today and Steve will do a follow-up evaluation.

9:10 a.m. Commissioner Sandman Excused

### **Renewal Contracts for Sheriff:**

Motion by Pitcher, seconded by Smeltzer, to authorize the chairman to sign renewal police contracts for 2008, as needed. Roll call. Motion carried. Ayes: Damm, Kelley, Pitcher, Roper, Smeltzer and Walterhouse Nays: None Exc: Sandman

### **Mileage Rate:**

Motion by Walterhouse, seconded by Pitcher, to increase the mileage rate to \$.48 per mile effective January 1, 2008. Roll call. Motion carried. Ayes: Damm, Kelley, Pitcher, Roper, Smeltzer and Walterhouse Nays: None Exc: Sandman

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Motion by Roper, seconded by Pitcher, to authorize the Solid Waste Advisory Committee per diem retroactive to January 1, 2008. Motion carried. Ayes: Damm, Kelley, Pitcher, Roper, Smeltzer and Walterhouse Nays: None Exc: Sandman

Commissioners Corner:

Comm Roper will take one item of interest per month and do an article for the newspaper.

9:24 a.m. PUBLIC INPUT – None

The meeting adjourned until January 22, 2008, or the call of the chair.

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Mark E. Roper -- Chairman

Dawn Olney – Benzie County Clerk

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1. Commissioner Roper elected as Chairman for 2008.
2. Approved the agenda as amended.
3. Commissioner Pitcher elected as Vice Chair for 2008.
4. Adopted the regular meeting day and finance dates as presented.
5. Adopted the Board of Rules with changes as presented.
6. Committee assignments will be made at the January 22, 2008 meeting.
7. Approved the Depository Resolution 2008-001 as presented.
8. Approved the ACH Electronic Transfer Transactions Resolution 2008-002 as presented.
9. Adopted Appendix C for 2008 as amended.
10. Authorized the sale of a snowmobile on EBay for one week, with a reserve of \$1,400.
11. Authorized the chairman to sign renewal police contracts for 2008, as needed.
12. Increased the mileage rate to \$.48 per mile effective January 1, 2008.
13. Authorized the Solid Waste Advisory Committee per diem retroactive to January 1, 2008.