

THE BENZIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
December 22, 2008

The Benzie County Board of Commissioners met in a special meeting on Monday, December 22, 2008, in the Commissioners Room, Government Center, Beulah, Michigan, 49617.

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

The invocation was given by Comm Kelley along with the pledge of allegiance.

Motion by Walterhouse, seconded by Pitcher, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
Ayes: Damm, Kelley, Pitcher, Roper, Smeltzer, Stobie and Walterhouse Nays: None

County Administrator Chuck Clarke announced the passing of the husband of Bonnie Inman, Victim Advocate.

This meeting is a follow up to the special joint meeting held last week and Mr. Figura is present today.

The ordinance is reviewed page by page with the comments from last week discussed.

Don Tanner says that typically the Planning Commission would review and pass prior to this Board adopting.

Discussion on training, ex officio member; removal of members; appointment of members.

10:00 a.m. Break

10:10 a.m. Reconvene

Discussion continues: appointment process; 90 day notice to township boards, representative organizations and newspaper.

Language will be added regarding ex officio county commissioners are appointed to their term of office as a county commissioner.

Mr. Figura will also add language regarding the planning commission being reconstituted.

Conflict of interest – should the member leave the room if there is a conflict.

11:42 a.m. Break

11:50 a.m. Reconvene

Discussion continues: type of planning commission to have along with their duties (hire/fire /manage).

Mr. Figura will redraft and get to us.

A copy will then be sent to all Board of Commissioners, Planning Commissioners, Townships, Villages and City for further comment.

Any Further Business: Chairman Roper has had a certificate drawn up for Michelle Gray and her 30 years as Register of Deeds and asks that all commissioners sign it.

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Discussion regarding the Planner's position:

Motion by Smeltzer, seconded by Kelley, to fund the Planning Dept to the end of the FY 2009 with an estimate of \$55,000 with funds to come from fund balance and reestablish a budget for the Planner. Roll call. Motion carried. Ayes: Damm, Kelley, Pitcher, Roper, Smeltzer, Stobie and Walterhouse Nays: None

Comm Pitcher informs Mr. Neiger that he was asked to provide monthly accomplishment reports; the job description was never amended to list that.

Motion by Pitcher, seconded by Smeltzer, to amend the Planning Director Job Description to include the providing of monthly accomplishment reports to the Board of Commissioners and the Planning Commission. Motion carried. Ayes: Damm, Kelley, Pitcher, Roper, Smeltzer, Stobie and Walterhouse Nays: None

12:25 p.m. PUBLIC INPUT

Eric VanDussen states that he has filed a FOIA request regarding the County Administrator's evaluation; states there is no law to withhold copies from the public – only the closed session minutes.

12:27 p.m. Public Input Closed

12:27 p.m. Motion by Smeltzer, seconded by Pitcher, to adjourn until January 20, 2009, or the call of the chair. Motion carried. Ayes: Damm, Kelley, Pitcher, Roper, Smeltzer, Stobie and Walterhouse Nays: None

Mark E. Roper -- Chairman

Dawn Olney – Benzie County Clerk

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