

THE BENZIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Special Meeting – Government Reorganization
October 7, 2009

The Benzie County Board of Commissioners met in a Special Meeting on Wednesday, October 7, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Room, Government Center, Beulah, Michigan.

Present were: Commissioners Hollenbeck, Pitcher, Roper, Tanner and Walterhouse

Absent: Kelley

Excused: Damm

The pledge of allegiance was given.

Agenda: Motion by Walterhouse, seconded by Hollenbeck, to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried. Ayes: Hollenbeck, Pitcher, Roper, Tanner and Walterhouse Nays: None Abs: Kelley Exc: Damm

Chairman Tanner reviews: Issue is request of the Airport Authority to remove one of their members; he reviews the outline that will be followed; no witnesses will be called; Mr. Morris has a right to a closed session.

Mr. Morris requests rescheduling of this hearing; he feels he is not being allowed a reasonable time to have counsel present.

Motion by Hollenbeck, seconded by Pitcher, to postpone this hearing to allow Mr. Morris time to secure legal counsel for attendance to a date to be determined. Motion carried. Ayes: Hollenbeck, Pitcher, Roper, Tanner and Walterhouse Nays: None Abs: Kelley Exc: Damm

Mr. Morris has gone through the summary of the charges, he does not have all emails and will need them to answer them clearly; Mr. Morris will provide Mr. Figura with an address to mail them or email addressed to send them that way.

Motion by Hollenbeck, seconded by Pitcher to schedule the hearing for Friday, October 23, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. Motion carried. Ayes: Hollenbeck, Pitcher, Roper, Tanner and Walterhouse Nays: None Abs: Kelley Exc: Damm

Other Business:

Comm Walterhouse advises the public that there will not be opportunity for cross examination during that hearing; this is between Mr. Morris and the Board of Commissioners.

1:15 p.m. PUBLIC INPUT

Thelma Rider-Novak says Larry Morris knew on the meeting on September 15 when he refused to resign that this hearing would be held; another one of his tactics; the time of notification was ample, now why is that different.

Robert Lawback was one of instigated in paving of the FCCAA in 1968 and 69; Larry Morris is one of the most qualified on the current board; would be a loss to not have him.

1:17 p.m. Public Input Closed

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Motion by Roper, seconded by Hollenbeck, to adjourn at 1:120 p.m. Motion carried. Ayes: Hollenbeck, Pitcher, Roper, Tanner and Walterhouse Nays: None Abs: Kelley Exc: Damm

Donald R. Tanner – Chairman

Dawn Olney – County Clerk

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2. Approved to postpone this hearing to allow Mr. Morris time to secure legal counsel for attendance to a date to be determined.
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