

THE BENZIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
November 15, 2011

The Benzie County Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, November 15, 2011, in the Commissioners Room, Government Center, Beulah, Michigan, 49617 9:00 a.m.

Present were: Commissioners Damm, Halliday, Kelley, Stobie and Walterhouse

Absent: Excused: Commissioners Roper and Tanner

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

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

Motion by Kelley, seconded by Stobie, to approve the regular meeting minutes of November 1, 2011 as presented. Ayes: Damm, Halliday, Kelley, Stobie and Walterhouse Nays: None Exc: Roper and Tanner Motion carried.

9:02 a.m. Public Input

Mary Straubel, Joyfield Township, spoke regarding the need for the county to adopt a renewable energy resolution.

Jackie Randall comments regarding her benefits – holidays, health insurance, retirement.

John Zirkel, Honor, addresses issues regarding road commission, county zoning issues.

9:12 a.m. Public Input Closed

ELECTED OFFICIALS & DEPT HEAD COMMENTS – None

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Olson presents a written report; he will be setting a meeting soon to review the proposed union contracts; FOIAs; have sent letters to all local units regarding the renewable energy issue.

FINANCE

Motion by Stobie, seconded by Halliday, to approve the bills from November 2, 2011 through November 15, 2011 in the amount of \$499,887.52. Roll call. Ayes: Damm, Halliday, Kelley, Stobie and Walterhouse Nays: None Exc: Roper and Tanner Motion carried.

Linda Wilson, County Treasurer, presents a cash fund summary report with two funds in a deficit – EMS and Betsie Valley Trail.

PERSONEL

Dept of Human Services: Motion by Kelley, seconded by Stobie, to accept the resignation of Marsha LaTour from the DHS Board effective January 1, 2012 and authorize the county clerk to place an ad for replacement of one position to the DHS board. Ayes: Damm, Halliday, Kelley, Stobie and Walterhouse Nays: None Exc: Roper and Tanner Motion carried.

9:30 a.m. Break

9:42 a.m. Reconvene

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ACTION ITEMS

#1: ACO Agreement with the Grand Traverse Band: Referred to the County Administrator to review and come back on December 6, 2011.

#2: Recycling Interlocal Agreements with each municipality: Motion by Stobie, seconded by Kelley, to approve all Recycling Program Interlocal Agreements with all municipalities as presented, authorizing the chairman to sign. Roll call. Ayes: Damm, Halliday, Kelley, Stobie and Walterhouse
Nays: None Exc: Roper and Tanner Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Little Platte Lake Elevation Report received.
- Crystal Lake Elevation Report received.
- EMS Advisory Committee minutes of October 11, 2011 received.
- EMS Advisory Committee minutes of November 1, 2011 received.
- Notice from MSHDA of 2008 grant closing – all is complete.
- Frankfort City County Airport Authority minutes of October 6, 2011 received.
- Benzie ATV Association minutes of October 24, 2011 received.
- Frankfort City County Airport Authority Audit for Basic Finance Statement ending June 30, 2011 received.
- NMSAS meeting minutes of August 29, 2011 received.
- NMSAS meeting schedules for FY 2011/2012 received.
- Comm Halliday's report dated November 1, 2011.
- Comm Walterhouse presents information regarding the Boat Launch Paving.
- Comm Walterhouse presents information regarding MERIT network and the broadband issue.
- Comm Halliday's additional report dated November 10, 2011.
- Letter received from Paula Zenker regarding wind energy.
- Benzie County Road Commission minutes of October and October 27, 2011 received.
- Request from NMSAS for re-appointment – referred to organizational meeting.

Comm Walterhouse discusses Jackie Randall's benefits; Chris states that the easiest way without making an exception is to have 35 hours for employees hired after August 17, 2011; it would not be carving out a specific individual, just a date; Chris states we will look at all aspects to make a decision.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Comm Kelley comments regarding Inland Twp meeting – seems as though there was some disruption at the meeting.

Comm Halliday agrees with Mr. Zirkel regarding the Road Comm – leave it alone; wind energy.

Comm Stobie talks regarding Gilmore Twp meeting – she feels there was: You guys gave up zoning, why is the county getting involved; met with Jay Pettitt and Michelle Thompson regarding Building Authority and the architect billings.

Comm Damm talked about Broadband and she has talked with Eric Grandstaff with MERIT and he says it is not too early to talk with business; we need to get loud with this; it is important to remember that MERIT is putting in the backbone.

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Comm Walterhouse asks about Dave Neiger coming in to take the Wind Ordinance off of the old Planning Dept computer; Chris Olson to look into it; payment of bills over the next three weeks – all is OK; asks about the BC/BS renewal – Chris Olson says it is all set.

10:59 a.m. Public Input – None

Comm Walterhouse asks about the Board of Commissioners going to dinner with their spouses for Christmas. Employee Christmas Party – try and schedule for December 20 at the DHS conference room and commissioners will purchase the meat.

Comm Stobie to check on restaurants for the week of December 12 – 16 for the commissioners.

Motion by Kelley, seconded by Damm, to adjourn until December 6, 2011 or the call of the chair. Motion carried. Ayes: Damm, Halliday, Kelley, Stobie and Walterhouse Nays: None Exc: Roper and Tanner

Frank F. Walterhouse – Vice Chairman

Dawn Olney – Benzie County Clerk

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1. Approved the agenda as presented.
2. Approved the regular meeting minutes of November 1, 2011 as presented.
3. Approved payment of the bills from November 2, 2011 through November 15, 2011 in the amount of \$499,887.52.
4. Accepted the resignation of Marsha LaTour from the DHS Board effective January 1, 2012 and authorize the county clerk to place an ad for replacement of one position to the DHS board.
5. Referred to the County Administrator regarding the ACO/Grand Traverse Band contract to review and come back on December 6, 2011.
6. Approved all Recycling Program Interlocal Agreements with all municipalities as presented, authorizing the chairman to sign.