

THE BENZIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
December 16, 2011

The Benzie County Board of Commissioners met in a special meeting on Friday, December 16, 2011, in the Commissioners Room, Government Center, Beulah, Michigan, 49617 1:30 p.m.

Present were: Commissioners Halliday, Kelley, Roper, Stobie Tanner and Walterhouse
Absent: Comm Damm (arrived at 1:45 p.m.)

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

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

1:36 p.m. Public Input – None

Motion by Halliday, seconded by Roper, to enter closed session to consult with its attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with Baughman vs Benzie County et al in the US district Court for the Western District of Michigan, file no. 1:10-cv-747, to include attorney Haider Kazem via telephone, Sheriff Heckman and Chris Olson, County Administrator, because discussing settlement strategy in open session would have a detrimental financial effect. Roll call. Ayes: Halliday, Kelley, Roper, Stobie, Tanner and Walterhouse Nays: None Abs: Damm Motion carried.

2:40 p.m. Re-enter open session

Motion by Stobie, seconded by Damm, to accept the recommendation from our attorney regarding Baughman vs Benzie County et al. Roll call. Ayes: Damm, Halliday, Kelley, Roper, Stobie, Tanner and Walterhouse Nays: None Motion carried.

Commissioner to attend in Kalamazoo for pretrial conference: Don Tanner; if he is unable Frank Walterhouse; if he is unable Mark Roper. Sheriff Heckman will also attend.

2:44 p.m. Public Input – None

Motion by Roper, seconded by Walterhouse, to adjourn until December 20, 2011, or the call of the chair. Motion carried. Ayes: Damm, Halliday, Kelley, Roper, Stobie Tanner and Walterhouse Nays: None

Donald R. Tanner -- Chairman

Dawn Olney – Benzie County Clerk