

BENZIE COUNTY SUMMIT ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION

February 21, 2009

8:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

**Platte River Association Hall
12990 Honor Hwy. Honor, Michigan**

AGENDA

- 8:30** Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 8:55** Welcome and Introductions:
Steve Fouch-Benzie County Michigan State Extension Director
Kathy Ralston-Chair, Benzie County Planning Commission
- 9:10** **Communication:**
Bonnie Wichtner-Zoia-Alcona County Michigan State Extension
Director and Grant Writing Facilitator
Mark Roper, Communication Facilitator
- 10:00** **Broadband:**
Anne Damm-Broadband Facilitator, Introduction
Jason Russell- Director of Member Relations, Merit Incorporated
Bob Stovall-Vice President of Network Operations and
Engineering, Merit Incorporated
- 10:35** Joint Q&A
- 10:45** Break
- 11:00** **Alternative Energy:**
Jim Sheets-Introduction
Chris Saffron-Michigan State University Faculty
- 11:35** Tom Karas-Michigan Energy Alternatives Project
- 11:50** Karen Roberts-Wind Energy Ordinance Update
- 11:55** Joint Q&A
- 12:05** Lunch-Featuring Local Foods
- 12:45** **Entrepreneurial Agriculture:**
Steve Fouch-Introduction
Patty Cantrell-Michigan Land Use Institute, Taste the Local
Difference
- 1:20** **Viticulture:**
Steve Fouch-Introduction
Lee Lutes-Black Star Farms, Michigan Wine Council Research and
Education Committee
- 1:55** Joint Q&A
- 2:05** Break
- 2:20** Facilitators: Education, Affordable Housing, Smart Growth
- 2:30** Brainstorming/Group Discussion
- 3:30** Group Reports/Next Steps
- 4:25** Evaluations – Steve Fouch/Kathy Ross
- 4:30** Adjourn