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## **JOINT MANISTEE/BENZIE COURT COMMITTEE**

Friday, November 8, 2013  
1:30 P.M.

Manistee County Courthouse & Government Center  
Board of Commissioners Meeting Room  
Manistee, Michigan

### **AGENDA**

- 1) Call to Order by the Chairman.
- 2) Approval of Minutes from the Friday, October 11, 2013 Joint Court Committee Meeting. (APPENDIX A)
- 3) Hon. James Batzer, Circuit Judge - Chief Judge Issues
- 4) Other Items from Committee Members and Staff.
- 5) Next meeting scheduled for Friday, December 13, 2013 at 2:00 P.M. in Manistee County.
- 6) Adjournment.

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**JOINT MANISTEE-BENZIE COURT COMMITTEE**

Friday, October 11, 2013  
2:00 p.m.

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Board of Commissioners Meeting Room

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Jim Krolczyk, Manistee County Commissioner; Karl Waitner, Manistee County Commissioner; Richard Schmidt, Manistee County Commissioner; K. Vance Bates, Benzie County Commissioner; Donald R. Tanner, Benzie County Commissioner.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Others Present:** Judge Thomas N. Brunner, Probate Judge; David Thompson, Friend of the Court; Kris Randall, Circuit Court Administrator; Tom Kaminski, Manistee County Administrator/Controller; Lisa Sagala, Manistee County Personnel Officer/Administrative Assistant; Chris Olson, Benzie County Administrator; Frank Walterhouse, Benzie County Commissioner; Meg LaDuc, Manistee News Advocate; Jill M. Nowak, Manistee County Clerk.

The meeting was called to Order at 2:00 p.m.

**SEPTEMBER 13, 2013 JOINT MANISTEE-BENZIE COURT COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Waitner to approve the Joint Manistee-Benzie Court Committee Minutes of Friday, September 13, 2013.

Motion Carried

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**DISCUSSION REGARDING FY 2013/14 WAGE/FRING BENEFIT ISSUES**

Tom Kaminski, Manistee County Controller/Administrator recapped the actions of both the Manistee County Board of Commissioners and the Benzie County Board of Commissioners. Manistee County Commissioners have approved a two (2) percent base wage increase and an increase from seven (7) percent to nine (9) percent for co-payment of health insurance premiums for non-union employees, Elected Officials and court employees. The increase for court employees was pending the approval of the Benzie County Commissioners. The Benzie County Board of Commissioners did not approve the two (2) percent base wage increase. Therefore, the discussion continues.

Manistee County presented a proposal to the Joint-Court Committee that Benzie County pay 100% of health insurance premiums for shared employees which equals forty (40) percent of the total premium. Manistee County would also pay a two (2) percent base wage increase based on Manistee County's sixty (60) percent share of the wages. Benzie County would continue to pay forty (40) percent with no increase.

The Benzie County Commissioners on the Joint Court Committee now have actual amounts for both proposals and will present the details on the proposals to the whole Benzie County Board of Commissioners at the October 15, 2013 Board meeting at 6 p.m. at Blaine Township Hall. Mr. Kaminski and/or Ms. Sagala will attend this meeting in case further explanation is needed.

There were no other items from the Committee or Staff.

The next Joint Manistee/Benzie Court Committee is scheduled for Friday, November 8, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. in Benzie County.

Adjourn at the Call of the Chair at 2:35 p.m.

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