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REGIONAL SUMMIT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Friday, February 2, 2024
10:00 a.m.

Manistee County Courthouse & Government Center
Board of Commissioners Meeting Room

MINUTES

Members Present: Eric Gustad; Nikki Koons (present at 10:09a.m.); and Janice McCraner, Chairperson

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Stacie Bytwork, Manistee Area Chamber of Commerce, President and Chief Executive Officer; Sammie Lukaskiewicz - Executive Director - Manistee County Tourism Authority (Zoom); Julie Griffis, HR Generalist; Lisa Sagala, Controller/Administrator; Lindsey Marquardt, County Clerk

The meeting was called to Order at 10:05 a.m. by the Chairperson.

NOTE - Items requiring Board Action are indicated in BOLD

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

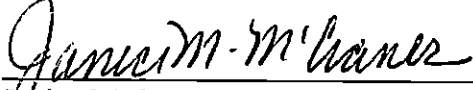
PLANNING SUMMIT 2024

Stacie Bytwork provided a copy of the Benzie County Summit for review. (APPENDIX A) The Committee discussed changing the length of the summit to half day, changing a new location and the format of presenters. The Committee also discussed changing the day of the week or changing the time of year of the Summit. The Committee needs to decide on a theme or topic direction they'd like to see the Summit go. Stacie and Sammie will work together to come up with some ideas or framework for the Committee. Discussion Followed.

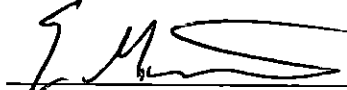
OTHER ITEMS

None.

The meeting was adjourned at the Call of the Chair at 10:50 a.m.



Janice McCraner, Chairperson



Eric Gustad



Nikki Koons

Time	Item	
8:30am	Check-In & Networking – Coffee & Continental Breakfast	
9:00am	Welcoming Remarks, Benzie Chamber	M.Barefoot, Executive Director
9:05am	LEGISLATORS PANEL *Representative John Roth *Representative Betsy Coffia *Senator Jon Bumstead	B.Riedy, Frankfort-Elberta High School
9:25am	Benzie County Update	K.Zeits, County Administrator
9:35am	City of Frankfort Update	J.Holwerda, Mayor
9:45am	EDUCATION PANEL *BEST Benzie County – Maggie Bacon *Benzie County Central Schools – Kyle Taylor *Frankfort-Elberta Schools – Matt Stapleton *Northwestern Michigan College – Nick Nissley	J.Harnish or K.Bond, Advocates of Benzie County
10:15am	TOURISM UPDATE - Traverse City Tourism	Speaker TBD
10:25am	RECREATION UPDATE – Betsie Valley Trail	J.Gribble, Public Relations
10:35am	HEALTHCARE UPDATE – Paul Oliver Memorial Hospital	TBD
10:45am	CHILDCARE PANEL *Early Childhood Network Coordinator – Sue Campagna *NMCAA / Head Start – Kim Micham *Whistle Stop Learning Center – Ashley Lindstrom *Benzie Schools Early Childhood – Katie Johnston *Scott's Little Bear Child Care – Anje Scott	Sarah May, Benzie Human Services Collaborative
11:15am	BROADBAND UPDATE – Charter Communications	M.Passmore, Director – State Govt Affairs
11:25am	HOUSING UPDATE – Housing North	Y.Brown, Director
11:35am	Frankfort-Elberta Chamber of Commerce Update	J.Carland, Board Chairperson
11:45am	Benzie Area Chamber of Commerce Update	M.Bowyer, Board Chairperson
11:55am	Closing Remarks, Benzie Chamber	M.Barefoot, Executive Director

Lunch immediately following at the Nautical Café at Hotel Frankfort