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JOINT MANISTEE/BENZIE COURT COMMITTEE

Friday, January 13, 2012
2:00 P.M.

Benzie County Government Center
Board of Commissioners Meeting Room
Beulah, Michigan

AGENDA

- 1) Call to Order by the Chairman.
- 2) Approval of Minutes from the Friday, December 9, 2011 Joint Court Committee meeting. (APPENDIX A)
- 3) District Court Probation Officer Funding.
- 4) Potential amended compensation proposal for Court employees.
- 5) Chief Judge Issues.
- 6) Update on the McBride v. Kris Randall, Honorable James Batzer, and the 19th Circuit Court lawsuit.
- 7) Discussion regarding access to Law Library.
- 8) Discussion regarding potential fiber-optic link between the Courts (Merit).
- 9) Next meeting scheduled for Friday, February 10, 2012, 2:00 P.M. in Manistee County.
- 10) Other items from Committee Members and Staff.
- 11) Adjournment.



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(APPENDIX A)

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JOINT MANISTEE-BENZIE COURT COMMITTEE

Friday, December 9, 2011
2:00 p.m.

Manistee County Courthouse & Government Center
Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room

MINUTES

Members Present: Jim Krolczyk, Manistee County Commissioner; Richard Schmidt, Manistee County Commissioner; Duane Anderson, Manistee County Commissioner; Mark Roper, Benzie County Commissioner; and Donald R. Tanner, Benzie County Commissioner

Others Present: Judge James M. Batzer, 19th Circuit Court; Tom Kaminski, Manistee County Controller/Administrator; David Thompson, Friend of the Court; Kris Randall, Circuit Court Administrator; Judge Thomas Brunner, Manistee County Probate Court; Jim Parrinello, District Court Probation Officer; Dawn Olney, Benzie County Clerk; Hope Cicansky, Benzie County District Court Magistrate; Linda Wilson, Benzie County Treasurer; Chris Olson, Benzie County Administrator; Bridget Quinn-Guillen, District Court Recorder; Rachel Wittlieff, District Court Assistant Probation Officer; Gordon McLellan, IT Person, Manistee County; Marilyn Kliber, Manistee County Clerk.

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

ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

Moved by Roper, supported by Schmidt to approve the Joint Manistee-Benzie Court Committee Minutes of Friday, September 16, 2011.

Motion Carried

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Moved by Schmidt, supported by Roper to upgrade the iSeries machine used by the 19th Circuit Court. The upgrade will take place on Monday, January 16, 2012 in Manistee County. DMC Technology Group, Inc. will do the upgrade at a cost of 40% Benzie County, \$2,167.20 and 60% Manistee County, \$3,250.80 at a total upgrade cost of \$5,418.00.

YEAS: 5 Anderson, Krolczyk, Roper, Schmidt, Tanner

NAYS: 0

Motion Carried

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A joint request is being made to Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority for an attorney to be assigned to specifically represent the interests of Manistee and Benzie Counties in regard to the McBride vs Kris Randall, Honorable James M. Batzer, and the 19th Circuit Court lawsuit. A letter, in regard to this matter, will be presented to the Manistee and Benzie Boards of Commissioners for their approval at their next meeting.

Moved by Roper, supported by Schmidt to present the letter to the Manistee and Benzie Boards of Commissioners at their next meeting.

Motion Carried

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ITEMS NOT REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

Judge James M. Batzer has been appointed Chief Judge of the 19th Circuit Court, Probate Court, and the District Court for Manistee and Benzie Counties. The appointment by the Michigan Supreme Court will go into effect on January 1, 2012.

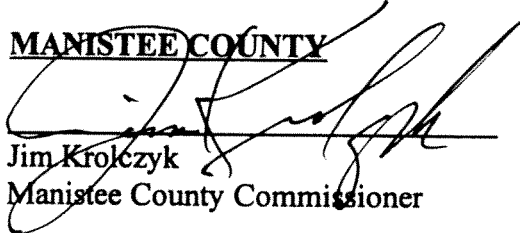
The process for collecting Circuit Court fines, costs and restitution was discussed.

The cost of picking up defendants on FOC warrants was discussed. A plan for remote bond hearings was also discussed. In each county, the court with trial jurisdiction over friend of the court cases must adopt and file with the State Court Administrator a plan for conducting bond review hearings on bench warrants issued as a result of a show cause hearing when the person is arrested in another county and cannot be transported immediately. The plan shall provide for the use of available technology for a person's appearance and the transmission and presentation of evidence in hearings under this rule. David Thompson, Friend of the Court, will look into this matter.

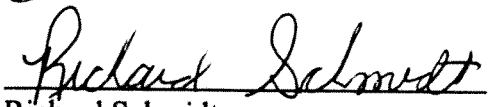
The next Joint Court Committee Meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 13, 2012, at 2:00 p.m., in Benzie County. A complete calendar for 2012 will be submitted to the Joint Court Committee by Rachel Nelson, Manistee County Administrative Secretary.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.


MANISTEE COUNTY



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Manistee County Commissioner



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