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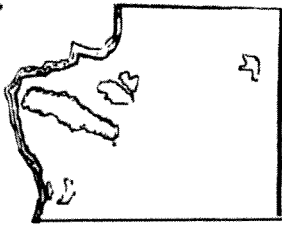
## JOINT MANISTEE/BENZIE COURT COMMITTEE

Friday, February 10, 2012  
2:00 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, January 13, 2012 Joint Court Committee meeting. (APPENDIX A)
- 3) Continued discussion regarding proposed FY 2011/12 compensation proposal for Court employees.
- 4) District Court Issues (Honorable James Batzer, Chief Judge)
- 5) Technology Issues (Chris Olson, Benzie County Administrator)
- 6) Other items from Committee Members and Staff.
- 7) Next meeting scheduled for Friday, March 9, 2012, 2:00 P.M. in Benzie County.
- 8) Adjournment.



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## JOINT MANISTEE-BENZIE COURT COMMITTEE

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

Benzie County Courthouse & Government Center  
Commissioners Room

### MINUTES

Members Present: Frank Walterhouse, Benzie County County Commissioner; Mark Roper Benzie County Commissioner; Jim Krolczyk, Manistee County Commissioner; Richard Schmidt, Manistee County Commissioner; Duane Anderson, Manistee County Commissioner

Others Present: Judge James M. Batzer, 19<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court; David Thompson, Friend of the Court; Kris Randall, Circuit Court Administrator; Judge Thomas Brunner, Manistee County Probate Court; Judge Nancy A. Kida, Benzie County Probate Judge; Jim Parrinello, District Court Probation Officer; Chris Olson, Benzie County Administrator; Russ Pomeroy, Manistee County Treasurer; Tom Kaminski, Manistee County Controller/Administrator; Tammy Bowers, Chief Deputy County Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 2:50 p.m.

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### ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Anderson, to approve the Joint Manistee/Benzie Court Committee Minutes of Friday, December 09, 2011. Motion Carried. Ayes: All Nays: None

### ITEMS NOT REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

District Court Probation Officer Funding - Discussion was held regarding funding for the Manistee/Benzie District Court Probation Officers. Russ Pomeroy handed out a Revenue and Expenditure report from September 30, 2006 through September 30, 2011. In 2006, 2007 and 2008 – no additional transfer of funds were needed to fund the District Court Probation Officers. In 2009 there was a \$27,000.00 shortfall. In the last three years Manistee County has had to transfer funds in excess of \$110,000.00, into the District Court Probation Fund to cover the expenses. District Court Probation Officers will be put into the District Court budget instead of a separate fund as it has been. Wages and fringes will be put in the budget and Benzie will be

responsible for 40% of it, along with a portion of \$31,554.00 that the fund is in the red. Judge Batzer states that if caseload is running 1/3 Benzie to 2/3 Manistee, that should be what the split should be based on. Manistee wants to amend their budget this year going back to October 2011. Tom Kaminski will get with Chris Olson and Linda Wilson so they can bring it to the Benzie Board of Commissioner.

Potential compensation proposal for Court Employee. Tom Kaminski stated that there have been no raises for the last two years for some employees. Manistee is looking at giving a one time compensation to these employees. Manistee is having this go before their Personal committee next month. Chris Olson will get information for the Benzie Board of Commissioners to review.

Chief Judge Issues – none at this time.

Update on Lawsuit – Tom Kaminski stated that MMRMA has assigned an attorney to represent Manistee and Benzie County in this lawsuit. The bill will be split 60/40. The attorney will keep the board informed of any issues.

Law Library – Chris Olson informed the committee of his response to Mr. Holmes regarding public access on the Law Library. Our access to the law library is sufficient.

Fiber-optic link (Merit) – Chris Olson stated that we could have a secure link between the courts and save money. Tom Kaminski stated that Manistee just made a commitment for a link between the Manistee Courthouse and Sheriff Department, but it can not be done until the Spring. Frank Walterhouse stated that Benzie County technology committee has been working with Merit for the last two years. Tom Kaminski and Chris Olson will work on this and bring it back to the board.

The next Joint Manistee-Benzie Court Committee Meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2012 at 2:00 pm, and held in Manistee County.

Other Items - None

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

**MANISTEE COUNTY**

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Manistee County Commissioner

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