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JOINT MANISTEE/BENZIE COURT COMMITTEE

Friday, June 8, 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, February 10, 2012 Joint Court Committee meeting. (APPENDIX A)
- 3) Discussion regarding Other Post-Employee Benefit (OPEB) multi-county funding issues. (Russell Pomeroy, County Treasurer)
- 4) 2:30 P.M. - Thomas L. Fleury, Legal Counsel for Manistee and Benzie County in the McBride v. 19th Judicial Circuit Court et. al., will appear before the Committee to provide an update to Committee members on the status of this case. (NOTE: This agenda item may require closed session pursuant to Section 8(h) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act [1976 P.A. 267].)
- 5) Miscellaneous Discussion Items.
 - A) Court Personnel Policy Manuals.
 - B) Court Compensation Issues.
- 6) Other items from Committee Members and Staff.
- 7) Next meeting scheduled for Friday, July 13, 2012, 2:00 P.M. in Benzie County.
- 8) Adjournment.



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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

MINUTES

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

Members Absent: Richard Schmidt, Manistee County Commissioner.

Others Present: Chief Judge James M. Batzer; Judge Thomas Brunner; David Thompson, Friend of the Court; Kris Randall, Circuit Court Administrator; Tom Kaminski, Manistee County Controller/Administrator; Karen Molby, Manistee County Personnel Officer/Administrative Assistant; Gordon McLellan, Manistee County FF; Frank Walterhouse, Benzie County Commissioner; Chris Olson, Benzie County Administrator; Jill M. Nowak, Manistee County Clerk.

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

ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

Motion by Roper, supported by Anderson to approve the Joint Manistee-Benzie Court Committee Minutes of Friday, January 13, 2012.

Motion Carried

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Chief Judge James M. Batzer presented a proposal to appoint two (2) Attorney Magistrates, David Thompson for Manistee County and John Mead for Benzie County. The request is to give some relief to Judge Brunner's workload and to use the Attorney/Magistrates as a backup if needed. The Judge explained the Attorney/Magistrates will not be used a whole lot but more as a safety net. Discussion continued on the affect of the Cooperative Reimbursement Program (CRP) and that no huge impact is expected. Judge Batzer stated statute per diem rates and minimum annual salary rates. Judge Batzer proposed the Attorney/Magistrates be paid on a per diem basis of \$60.00 full day/\$30.00 half day. Judge Batzer requested \$800.00 from each County be appropriated for these positions. Mr. Roper asked for an update in the future on the situation.

Moved by Tanner, supported by Roper to consent to the appointment of two (2)

Attorney/Magistrates; David Thompson in Manistee County and John Mead in Benzie County.

The per diem fee of \$60.00 full day/\$30.00 half day or a total of \$800.00 for each County be appropriated.

YEAS: 4 Anderson, Krolczyk, Roper, Tanner

NAYS: 0

Motion Carried

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ITEMS NOT REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

A discussion regarding FY 2011/2012 compensation proposal for Court employees was held. The proposal is a \$500.00 deposit into an HRA. Both the Manistee County Board of Commissioners and the Benzie County Board of Commissioners will meet on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 to further discuss and/or vote on the issue.

Judge Batzer informed the Committee that according to Michigan Statute, the 85th District Court Budget may include the Probation Department Budget. However, the expenses have to be broken out separately.

Chris Olson, Benzie County Administrator updated the Committee on the status of the MERIT Fiber Optic Link situation in Benzie County. Mr. Olson is expecting a demonstration at the

Benzie County Commissioner meeting on February 21, 2012. Gordon McLellan stated he expects AT&T to survey the courthouse building shortly with construction of the MERIT line scheduled for the spring.

Computer work that was to be done on Martin Luther King Day, January 16, 2012 was not done due to a lack of equipment. A new date is being set in the near future.

The next meeting of the Joint Manistee/Benzie Court Committee originally scheduled for March 9, 2012 in Benzie County was cancelled. The next meeting will be Friday, April 13, 2012 at 2 p.m. in Manistee County.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

MANISTEE COUNTY

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Manistee County Commissioner

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