



**Benzie Transportation Authority  
Millage Committee Meeting  
Thursday November 9, 2023 @ 5:30PM  
14150 US 31 Beulah, MI 49617  
Minutes approved as presented January 11, 2024**

1. Call to Order at 5:25PM
2. Roll Call to determine quorum Present: Jeannette Feeheley, John Morse, Dorene Strang, Brian Halliday, Anne Noah Absent: None. Staff Present: Jessica Carland.
3. Welcome and Recognition of Visitors -None
4. Correspondence- None
5. Approval of September 2023 Meeting Minutes Strang presented several corrections. **Motion** by Strang with support by Feeheley to approve the minutes as amended. All ayes, **motion carried.**
6. Amendments/Additions to Agenda-None
7. Public Comment -None
8. Approval of Agenda **Motion** by Strang with support by Feeheley to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes, **motion carried.**
9. Call for Conflict of Interest -None
10. Old Business
  - a. Data
    - i. Five-year financial forecast and associated information - Lengthy discussion over the five year financial forecast. The committee would like the unaudited FY2023 end of year numbers to be included before the next meeting. If the audited numbers are available by then, the committee would prefer them over the unaudited. Noah would like to see how many new residents, non-residents, and jobs have come to Benzie County since the last millage request. She would also like to know the average value of homestead exemption homes and non-homestead exemption homes in Benzie County as well as the % of homesteaded vs non-homesteaded homes. Noah would like a rider survey to be conducted in April to help inform BTA's needed services.
11. New Business
  - a. Millage Timetable - Carland will create a timeline of deadlines for an August mil request. Strang made a **motion** to recommend to the Board a declaration of intent to file for a millage request for the August 2024 election, with the mil rate to be determined at a later date. Support by Feeheley. All in favor, **motion carries.** Noah suggested having a community visioning session to determine community needs. A community visioning session will be held sometime late winter/early spring around the time of the rider survey.
12. Public Comment None

13. Roundtable Feeheley inquired about EV's and BTA's preparedness. Strang will be having foot surgery next week but doesn't plan on missing any meetings.
14. Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 7:35PM

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Jessica Carland, Recording Secretary

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Date