Supervisor Mark Roper called the meeting of the Almira Township Board to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Almira Township Fire & EMS Facility.

Supervisor led the Pledge to the Flag.

Supervisor called for roll call. Members present were: Mark Roper, Mandy Gray Rineer, Tammy Clous, Matt Therrien, and Ann Beaujean.

**Additions/Deletions to Meeting Agenda by Board and Citizens:** Old Business B. Almira 2033 Board Rep.

**Approval of Meeting Agenda:** *Motion by* Therrien, and supported by Rineer, to approve the meeting agenda as amended. All ayes, motion passed.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** *Motion by* Therrien and supported by Beaujean, to approve the consent agenda:

1. Approve regular Board meeting minutes dated March 10.
2. BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF March 2014: None

1. APPROVE PAYMENT OF CHECKS #’s 35125 – 35219. SEE CHECK REGISTERS INCLUDED IN PACKET. BILLS AVAILABLE FOR EXAMINATION UPON REQUEST.
2. RECEIVE AND FILE THE FOLLOWING REPORTS:

BENZIE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: Included in Packet

MAINTENANCE REPORT: Included in Packet

1. MISCELLANEOUS: None
2. RECEIVE AND FILE THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE:

Benzie County Road Commission Budget Numbers: Included in Packet

Notice of Public Hearing from the Village of Lake Ann: Included in Packet

**Treasurer’s Report:** Rineer presented the treasurers report. Report was received and filed.

**Brief Public Input:** Karl Sparks the County Administrator introduced himself and let the board know the he is available to help us in any way he can and that he will also be doing workshops on OMA and FOIA.

**County Commissioners:** Commissioner Bates stated that they will be discussing recommendations for the Benzie Bus at their next meeting. It was also stated that the auditor report was received and that the county is currently operating with a 30% fund balance. Some of this fund balance may be used to bring the retirement closer to being fully funded as well as adding more security measures to the Government Center. The next Commissioners meeting will be April 15th at Almira Township 6:00pm. Bates also stated that the new County Administrator is doing a good job and that other County Administrators in the state speak highly of him as well.

**Department Heads:**

1. **Library-** Shirley stated that everything is going smoothly and is hopeful for some changes that may take place this spring.
2. **Fire & EMS Department:** Steve stated that there were 24 calls in the month of March. 2-Fire, 6-Transports, 8- Assists, 2-Centered up due to all other County Ambulance busy, 3- Non-transports, 2- Missed. The Department has started a 9:00 pm to 9:00 am on call shift schedule that is going well. He also informed the Board that the 2 missed calls were approximately 1 ½ hours apart.
3. **Planning Commission-** No April meeting

**Guests: Bill Kennis was unable to attend.**

**Old Business:**

1. **Advent Church Space:** The Board received two proposals for the vacant space. 1 proposal was in support of the second proposal. Discussion on the proposals took place. Motion by Therrien, and supported by Beaujean to begin negotiations with the Florip’s and the Kemp’s for the lease of the Advent Space. All: ayes motion passed. Roper and Rineer will be sitting down with the Florip’s and Kemp’s to go through the lease negotiations and we will put this on as an agenda item to be held April 23rd at 1:30 pm. We would also like to get a couple of suggestions on fair market value of the space for rental.
2. **Almira 2033 Board Representative:** Motion by Therrien and supported by Clous, to appoint Mandy Gray Rineer as the Board Representative to the Almira Intragovernmental Committee. All ayes motion passed.

**New Business:**

1. **Ambulance Cot Wings and Mattress:** Motion by Therrien and supported by Beaujean to purchase the XPS Wings and mattress for $2375.00. Upon roll call vote; Clous-aye, Rineer-aye, Roper-aye, Beaujean-aye and Therrien-aye. Motion passed.
2. **Bank Depository Letter:** Motion by Therrien and supported by Beaujean, to support the request of the Bank Depository Letter as presented by the Treasurer. All ayes motion passed.
3. **Ambulance Coverage for Homecoming, M.I.T.P. and 2015 Snowpine:** Motion by Therrien and supported by Rineer to provide ambulance coverage for Homecoming, M.I.T.P. and 2015 Snowpine not to exceed 48 hours of personnel coverage. All ayes motion passed.
4. **Fire & EMS Millage Proposals:** Chief Adams gave a presentation on the Fire and EMS Departments recommendations on millages. The Operations and Maintenance Millage expires at the end of this year so would recommend that it be renewed and restored to the original voted 1.5 mils. He further stated that we have some apparatus that has reached its expected life use. He would recommend that a 0.5 millage be considered for Apparatus and Equipment Replacement. A new Engine would range from $350,000-$400,000, a new Rescue and Tanker would range from $150,000-$200,000 each. The 0.5 mils would help to cover this cost when each of these items life expectancy was reached. The board would like to look at these numbers and costs a little more before making a decision so it was asked to be put on the agenda for the special meeting to be held April 23rd.
5. **Surplus Items:** Motion by Rineer and supported by Roper to declare 4 computer towers and monitors, as well as a fax machine and a television as surplus and to liquidate them accordingly. All ayes motion passed.

**Extended Public Input:** Karl Sparks reminded us that there is an electronic disposal on April 19th if need for any of our surplus items. Dale Flaherty asked that a dog waste station be placed along the front area of the walking path that remains open year round.

**Board Comments:** Rineer thanked Steve Adams for his work on getting the millage information together, Roper shared a proposed Road Repair Policy as well as a note on a personnel issue and how we are using the County Equalization Department as a backup when needed in the absence of personnel. Beaujean stated that the recreational resources Committee met and that members of the committee are looking at individual parks and any documentation that they can find on plans for the parks.

**Adjourn:** There being no other business the Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Tammy Clous

Almira Township Clerk