

**JANUARY 28, 2013
SPECIAL MEETING**

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL BOYNE CITY COMMISSION MEETING DULY CALLED AND HELD AT BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER 411 E. DIVISION STREET, ON MONDAY JANUARY 28, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ron Grunch called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

Present: Mayor Ron Grunch, Mayor Pro-Tem Gene Towne
Commissioners Laura Sansom, Tom Neidhamer and Derek Gaylord

Staff: Michael Cain, Barb Brooks, Andy Kovolski, Scott McPherson, John Lamont, Jeff Gaither and Karen Seeley

**COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONER'S ROLL
CALL**

Charlevoix County Clerk Cherie Browe called the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners to order. Quorum present.

Mayor Grunch and MTA Charlevoix County Chapter Chair Robin Berry welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated the object of this meeting is to work together toward suggestions or solutions to some of the most pressing issues facing the county.

Chris Christensen spoke on behalf of Northwest Michigan Council of Governments and what resources they offer.
State Representative Greg MacMaster spoke about the need for dredging in our area and securing grants to do so.

Robin Berry gave each table an exercise to complete; what being a "LEADER" (characteristics, personalities and actions) stands for. Results are attachment A of these minutes.

Smaller groups of four to six each choose a topic to focus on and discussed solutions and presented the finding to the rest of the room.
Topics included:

- Health Insurance
- Ambulance Service (two groups)
- Broadband (two groups)
- Communications
- Water Quality
- Recreational Trails (two groups)
- County Administrator (two groups)

The results are attachment B to these minutes.

The group then shared success stories of combining resources since the meeting two years ago.

- The Cities of Boyne City, East Jordan and Charlevoix partnered to hire an assessor with a savings of approximately \$15,000 each.
- The Charlevoix County Sheriff Department has taken over the enforcement of ordinances in Boyne Falls
- The Boyne Falls sub station that was recently built, houses the Fire Department, EMS and the Sheriff's department which helps them serve the east side of the county
- The County is looking at a building to house the Transit, Sheriff and Road Commission.

- The Boyne Area Senior Center is the perfect example of the joint efforts of the city and surrounding townships sharing services.
- The Boyne City Schools and the private industry partnered with the cities to create a Manufacturing Tech Program which gives High School students a training opportunity to get the skills to go to work locally.

City Manager Cain thanked Martha Radcliffe from Senator Howard Walker's office for attending. County Commissioner Chris Christensen also thanked Eric Grandstaff of Merit Network for attending and stated he is available for any of the townships that want to speak with him.

Mayor Grunch thanked the meeting sponsors, Northwest Michigan Council of Government, City of Boyne City, and the Charlevoix County Chapter of Michigan Townships Associations.

ADJOURNMENT

The special City Commission and County Commission meeting of Monday, January 28, 2013 was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Ronald Grunch
Mayor

Karen Seeley
Deputy Clerk