



19 Mar 2024 City/CLkTwp

Commissioner Cunningham, Dist 3

County

- 20 Feb City, new business: AV options for meetings, live streaming, auto generation of minutes in real time. City government acting to support the public's desire. Live streaming contributes to transparency, understanding, with the intention of building trust. Broadcasting aligns with Benzie GOP, Common Sense Core Values- Rule of Law-. . . transparency and accountability are the key values to good government."
- Discussion of appointment of Student Representative to Planning Commission. Note last year I shared and suggested we enact student participation at BoC. This will teach civic responsibility, promote understanding and foster future leaders, see Liam Dreyer
<https://www.govfortomorrow.org/liamdreyer>.
- 22 Feb Airport, tower height increased to 120'. Still seeking applicants for the airport manager, the position is posted on the county website. Dick Bayer learned at a conference that GA Airports are being targeted to transport fentanyl into the States. Recently a Cessna 172 from AZ landed in WI and Border Patrol stopped 30kilos of fentanyl from being sold.
- 28 Feb Benzie HSCollaborative, presentation: GT Community Foundation, Steve Wade and Ellen Grams/student. Topic student mental health education K12. <https://www.gtrcf.org/priorities/youth-wellness-initiative> Surveyed 5 counties, FEAS did as schoolwide event. Survey identified triggers of stress/anxiety and de-escalators. Hope House, presenter, Robin Keiller, mission maternity housing for young, single mothers in Benzie County,
<https://www.google.com/search?q=Hope+House+Benzie+County+MI&oq=Hope+House+Benzie+County+MI&aqs=chrome..69i57j33i160.18481j0j7&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8>.
- 29 Feb City, special meeting, live streamed, Frankfort beach bathroom . Council room standing room only + hall/foyer. Majority present do not want the bathroom on the beach, they want it Cannon Park.
- 29 Feb Cunningham BoC, AP (approve payment) review.
- 7 Mar LTwp, I shared my report, Dist 3, Frankfort will shortly be joining CLkTwp in broadcasting meetings. New business: researching updating twp website, Resolutions for Twp annual salaries: clerk-\$30,500, treasurer-\$29,500, supervisor- \$29, trustee- \$8,800. Discussion concerning fire and 1st responder protection contracts, more information needed. *note 75 positions are open this year.*
- 8 Mar MAC Environtmental Regulatory, Commissioner Kevon Martis presented, "Citizens for Local Choice", <https://www.micitizenschoice.org/>. a grassroots movement to keep renewable energy decisions local. He stated it has bipartisan support and it is not anti- renewables.
- Madeline Fata, continued discussion on "tipping fees" in Michigan.
- 12 Mar BoC and Study session: carried, Financial Hardship- operational policy. Accepted recycling contracts, the Frankfort location will be amended if needed. Cunningham to serve on Ad Hoc Interview Committee for one position on Tax Advisory. Carried, two year agreement with GTCounty for housing inmates. Carried, commits \$70,000 to contract a mid-level IT individual to serve Benzie County. Carried, mental health coverage for full time county employees. Study Session: Discussions, topics ARPA Funds for childcare, jail staffing and budget, consent agenda and Networks Northwest working with BoC reviewing the Master Plan.
- 12 Mar City Planning Commission; Building height on Main Str west, Jay White explained by listening to the public's voice and lowering the height from 45' to 30', a hearing was avoided. 'Missing Middle' apts on Main Str have a new special flooring saves about 4" of height.

Community

Attended Kelly Long's swearing in to serve as county treasurer.

Attended safeTALK, suicide prevention training, Rebecca Hubers, county emergency, also present.

Attended meetings, Sheriff Rosa, Jesse Zylstra/SWAC/MMP, farmers, veterans, small business owners and citizens.

Attended CROWD (compost,recycle,or waste diversion).