

BENZIE COUNTY

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POLITICAL CAREER: Village of Beulah, treasurer, 1996 to present; Benzie County clerk, 2001-present.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER: Employed with Benzie County since 1987; chief deputy county clerk, 1992-2000.

TOP ISSUE/WHY? No response.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU? No response.

TREASURER

LINDA WILSON
Republican
Did not respond

DRAIN COMMISSIONER

TERRY MONEY
Republican
Did not respond

SURVEYOR

JOHN SMENDZUIK
Republican

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COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DISTRICT 1

MARK ROPER
Republican
Did not respond

DISTRICT 2

MARY J. PITCHER
Republican
AGE: 45

RESIDENCE:

Beulah

EDUCATION:

University of Michigan,

bachelor's degree;

Michigan State

University, Michigan

Political Leadership

Program

POLITICAL CAREER: Four consecutive terms as county commissioner; Benzie County commissioner chairwoman,



four years.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER:

Executive director, Benzie Conservation District.

TOP ISSUE/WHY?: Continuing to improve fiscal efficiency. Benzie County is the second fastest-growing county in Michigan. The need for services continues to grow faster than revenues. Top priority is maintaining vigilant, fiscally responsible budgeting, pursuing all possible avenues for increasing revenues, reducing expenditures and providing quality services.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU?

Experienced, energetic and visionary. I participate at the regional and state level, bringing information, and occasionally funds, to Benzie. I have been instrumental in: adoption of a new county master plan; initiation of a 24/7 county recycling program; securing county ownership of Point Betsie Lighthouse.

DISTRICT 3

MICHAEL E. JONES
Republican
Did not respond

DISTRICT 4

DON HOWARD
Republican
AGE: 64
RESIDENCE: Beulah
EDUCATION: B.S., Michigan State University; 1965, doctor of veterinary medicine, Michigan State University; 1969, master's degree, Texas A&M



University; 1972, Ph.D, neurology, University of Missouri; 1972;

POLITICAL CAREER: 2000-present, Benzie County commissioner.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER: Practicing veterinarian; academic dean, College of

Veterinary Medicine, North Carolina State University; associate dean, College of Veterinary Medicine, MSU, college professor.

TOP ISSUE/WHY? Issues generally have not changed in over 25 years. Good quality of life for residents is paramount. This encompasses a serious regard for the environment, managed growth, creation of jobs, affordable public safety, adequate housing, accessible health care and workable transportation especially for the elderly, and development of acceptable businesses.

WHY VOTE FOR YOU? I am honest, responsible, hard-working and I like my job. I always respond to the public. I will advocate for issues important to the residents. I communicate. Since first elected, I provided my monthly activity reports to my township and attendees of county monthly commis-

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