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BC-126
June 1975

FREQUENCY MODULATION

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 10-11-79

Call letters W B N Z

Station location Frankfort, Mich.

Name of licensee BENZIE COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

1532 Forrester St., Frankfort, Michigan

Transmitter location XXGilmore Township, approx. 4 mi. ESE of Frankfort, Michigan (PH-3-8-78)

Main studio location SAME AS TRANSMITTER (PH-3-8-78)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From	Period To
BPH-9917 HAAT: 300'(h&v) (L)	3-8-78	99.3mhz #257 CP for	ERP: 3kw(h&v) Class-A new FM broadcast	U		3-8-79 station
BPH-9917 (1)	5-9-78	CALL LETTERS &	EBSA ASSIGNED.			
BMPH-780828AT HAAT: 410' (H&V) (L) MP (BPH-9917) to	9-28-78	99.3mhz #257 chg. ERP, HAAT,	ERP: 1.45kw CLASS: A type trans,	RC U		3-8-79 antenna
BLH-780919AB (L)	10-11-79	Lic.(BPH-9917, as mod.) for NEW STATION				10-1-82

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name: Benzie County Communications, Inc.
Frankfort, Michigan (PO % John B. Daugherty, 143 South Benzie Blvd, Beulah, Mich 49617)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Nature Action	Date
BPH-9917 R&F $200-574525 AC:001 PRESS: PN REC'd	5-29-76 6-1-76 6-1-76 AUG 2 1976 8-23-76	CP for new FM on: 99.3mhz #257 ERP: 3KW(H&V) HAAT: 300'(H&V) Trans. RCA BTF-3E1; Ant: RCA BFH-3A,3 sects (H&V) TL-SL-RC: Gilmore Township,approx. 4 miles ESE of Frankfort, Michigan 44° 36' 38" 86° 09' 38" (MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE WITH BPH-9758) Atty: Booth and Freret Engr: Smith & Powstenko	GRANTED	3-8-78
AMENDED	8-9-76	Section III,financial,blance sheet,revised community leader and General Public Surveys for Exh No. 7 and propose news service		
AMENDED	2-11-77	Revised financial data & Section IV-A.		
	4-13-77	JOINT PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT FOR DISMISSAL OF APPLICATION BPH-9758 filed by Robert Booth.		
	5-16-77	SUPPLEMENT TO JOINT PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT FOR DISMISSAL OF APPLICATION FILED BY ROBERT BOOTH ON BEHALF OF BENZIE COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS		

AMENDED 3-14-77 re agreement between Chief Pontiac Broadcasting Corporation,Inc. and applicant for dismissal

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APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Call Letters WBNZ

Name Benzie County Communications, Inc.
Frankfort, Michigan

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
LTR. DATED R & F PRESS: SEP	7-5-78 7-5-78 7 1978	Filed by Julian P. Freret, Esq., for Benzie County Communications, Inc. , for Dual City Identification as: FRANKFORT-BENZONIA, MICHIGAN.	GRANTED	2-22-79
BMPH780828AT PRESS	OCT 3 1978	Mod. of CP (BPH-9917) chg. ERP: 1.41kw (H&V); HAAT: 413' (H&V); chg. type trans. (SPARTA 602-A); chg. type Ant. (JAMPRO JSCP-2, 2 sects. (H&V); make chg. in Ant. sys. (incre. hgth.) MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION UNDER SECTION 1.1305 OF THE COMMISSION RULES	GRANTED	9-28-78
BLH-780919AB PTA: PRESS:	9-28-78 FEB 1 9 1979	License to cover (BPH-9917, as mod.) for NEW STATION; TL/SL: 1532 Forrester St., Frankfort, Michigan; TPO: 1.62; Coordinates: 35 36 38 86 09 38	GRANTED	10-11-79

F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

About the History Cards …

History Cards were first used by the Department of Commerce to keep track of applications filed by, and changes to, the earliest AM broadcast stations in the early 1920s. The records were subsequently transferred to the Federal Radio Commission in 1927, and after that to the Federal Communications Commission when that agency was created in 1934. These cards gradually grew into a large card file.

FM History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest FM stations in the FM band, then at 42 to 50 MHz. (The band was shifted to its present location, 88 to 108 MHz, in 1946.) History Cards remained in use until the creation of the first computerized database in 1980 to track broadcast applications, the Broadcast Application Processing System (BAPS). However, the Commission did not transfer the data from the History Cards to the new system. Instead, it retained the History Cards in their original form for reference.

In 1999, the Commission moved to a new location (445 12th Street SW), and also at that time created the successor database to BAPS, the Consolidated DataBase System (CDBS). Prior to that move, the History Cards were transferred to microfiche by a contractor (only a few sets of microfiche exist), and the original paper cards were destroyed. The History Cards were stored on the microfiche as negative images, like those you see above.

History Cards contain very brief entries and notes about station facilities, applications, and ownership. They are not, and never were intended to be, a comprehensive record of a station's operations. Nevertheless, they can be useful to help determine, for example, when a station first went on the air and its call letters at that time. History Card comments were generally typed onto the cards, and thus some records will show more faintly or with more smudging than others, depending on the quality of typewriter and ribbon then used. Occasional handwritten comments, corrections, and strikeouts may also be found. Cards may be incomplete, missing, or occasionally out of sequence.

The History Cards are presented here as they were copied to microfiche, to preserve this record for public use, and with the hope that they will be of value to future researchers of radio station history.