

**TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN:** Your County Finance Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, per statute, the County Clerk oversees all elections conducted in Berrien County including school elections and does so through the Elections Division in her office; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Clerk's Election Division also monitors campaign finance law for the county and local candidates and office holders; and

**WHEREAS**, the general election will be held on November 3, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Berrien County Clerk Sharon Tyler has faced some staffing challenges in this division; and

**WHEREAS**, in the long term, the Clerk will be able to return to a full staff complement, however, for the short term and to get through the November election, she would like to contract with an individual to provide Election Coordinator services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Clerk alerted the Board of Commissioners of this during her Election Update provided at their September 24, 2020 meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, Jason A. Watts, an independent contractor, has agreed to provide Election Coordinator Services for the County Clerk's Election Division under the terms of a contractual agreement effective September 21, 2020 and continuing no later than December 31, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Corporate Counsel prepared the contract per the request of the County Clerk.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners approves entering into a contractual relationship with Jason A. Watts for Election Coordinator Services and authorizes the Chairperson of the Board to sign the contractual agreement.

**Respectfully submitted,  
BERRIEN COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE**

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Mamie Yarbrough, Chairperson

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Robert P. Harrison, Vice Chairperson

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Administrator <u>BH</u>	Date <u>10-7-20</u>
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