

BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Board Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2022

CHAIRMAN TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairperson R. McKinley Elliott called the regular Board of Commissioners' (BOC) meeting to order at 10:35 A.M. in the BOC's room at the Berrien County Administration Center, 701 Main Street, St. Joseph, Michigan.

INVOCATION:

Commissioner Rayonte Bell gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

Commissioner James Curran led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

ROLL CALL:

The Chair instructed the Clerk to take a roll call with the following results:

12 PRESENT: Rayonte Bell, Jim Curran, Teri Sue Freehling, Robert Harrison, Jon Hinkelman, Michael Majerek, Don Meeks, Ezra Scott, David Vollrath, Julie Wuerfel, Mamie Yarbrough and R. McKinley Elliott.

0 ABSENT.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 7, 2022 MEETING:

Commissioner Scott moved and supported by Commissioner Majerek, to approve the BOC regular meeting minutes of April 7, 2022. Motion carried and no nays.

COMMUNICATION(S):

Elections Administrator Sheila Reitz received and distributed to the Board of Commissioners (BOC) the following communication:

- Iosco County Board of Commissioners, a resolution opposing any behavioral health redesign that harms the state and county partnership for community mental health and related Medicaid safety net services, or seeks to privatize Medicaid behavioral health services, received on April 6, 2022.

PRESENTATION: Dispatcher of the Year Award – Caitlin Sampsell, 911 Director:

Caitlin Sampsell, 911 Director, introduced Jack Fisher the Executive Director of Medic 1 Ambulance and Chair of the Berrien County 911 Advisory Committee to present the awards for Telecommunicator of the Year. Two recipients received this year's award. Kristina Burks was recognized for her care for her co-workers and dedication to providing public-safety services to the community and support to field responders. Also honored posthumously was Doris Horton, who passed away earlier this year. Doris was honored for her handling of difficult situations daily, comforting callers, her love of her job, and the people she worked with.

Also recognized were the following nominees: Niles Dispatcher Chelsea Byrd, Berrien county Dispatchers Cassie Gambrel, Cindy Napier, Christina Grabowski, Christy Casto, and Phaedra Adams.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING RESOLUTIONS – Public comments at this portion of the meeting must be related to resolutions listed on today's agenda only. Those speaking during public comments may do so no longer than two minutes and shall identify themselves by name and city, township, or village. (Article III, 3.9B-C). The public should refer to the resolution # that they are commenting on as a part of their comments:

Adolph Peltzer, Hagar Township, spoke about Resolution P2204223.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Commissioner Scott asked that Resolution #P2204223 be removed from the Consent Calendar.

Commissioner Curran moved and supported by Commissioner Harrison, to approve the Consent Calendar with Added Resolution #F2204245 and Resolution #P2204223 removed.

<u>Resolutions #</u>	<u>Description</u>
F2204026	Weekly Bills
B2204073	Weekly Requisitions
P2204223	Elected Official/BOC Salary Schedule 2023-2024
A2204225	Homeland Security Grant Program Agreement
A2204227	Amend the School Resource Officer Agreement New Buffalo
P2204228	Plat Books Donation Information Conservation District
A2204229	Approve maintenance agreement with Stanley Security for Jail
A2204231	Allow Public Defender to apply for Special Funds from MIDC
P2204232	Complement Change for Public Defenders Office
A2204233	FY2023 MIDC Grant
A2204234	Virtual Academy Agreement 911 Dispatcher
P2204236	Master Plan BC Trails Contribution
F2204240	Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund
A2204243	FEMA Jail Grant Award
A2204244	Contract modification Napier Avenue Bridge project

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call the roll with the following results:

12 YEAS: Curran, Freehling, Harrison, Hinkelman, Majerek, Meeks, Scott, Vollrath, Wuerfel, Yarbrough, Bell and Elliott.

Motion carried, no nays.

ADDED RESOLUTION(S):

The following resolution was moved to the Consent Calendar:

<u>Resolution #</u>	<u>Description</u>
F2204245	Approve Copier Purchase

Motion by Curran and supported by Vollrath to approve Resolution #P2204223 which was removed from the Consent Calendar. Discussion was held.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call the roll with the following results:

11 YEAS: Curran, Freehling, Harrison, Hinkelman, Majerek, Meeks, Vollrath, Wuerfel, Yarbrough, Bell and Elliott.

1 NAY: Scott

Motion carried 11 to 1.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S) – Finance, Administration, and Personnel & Human Services, Committees:

The Finance, Administration and Personnel & Human Services Committees presented their Committee Reports. Discussion was held. Parent Committee minutes are available at www.berriencounty.org.

COMMISSIONER REPORT(S):

The Commissioners presented their outside committee reports.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: None

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS - Those speaking during public comments may do so no longer than two minutes and shall identify themselves by name and city, township, or village. (Article III, 3.9B-C):

County Treasurer Shelly Weich thanked the Commissioners for approving the resolution for the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund (Resolution F2204240)

Adolf Pelzer, Hagar Township, spoke about making the salaries of the elected officials' public.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Input was received from the Commissioners on the new room layout and the new style of tables.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS:

Chairperson Elliott stated the following announcement is on today's Agenda:

- County facilities will be closed on Friday, April 15, 2022 for the Spring Holiday.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:19 A.M.

R. McKinley Elliott, Chairperson

Sheila Reitz, Elections Administrator

Minutes are to be approved at the next BOC meeting.