

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

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Berrien County is in possession of a very dated generator that serves the jail and the courthouse; and

**WHEREAS**, in December 2022 during a test of the generator, a fire in the exhaust flue occurred; and

**WHEREAS**, Berrien County is currently renting a generator unit for \$8,000 a month; and

**WHEREAS**, Berrien County worked with Abonmarche on a county-wide facilities study; and

**WHEREAS**, Abonmarche is currently engaged in other design projects at the jail (plumbing, paint, and roof), and were of assistance with this urgent need providing valued input on the assessment of the electrical supply for a replacement generator and the specifications; and

**WHEREAS**, Abonmarche has provided an overall scope of the project including coordination services related to decommissioning and removal of the existing generator and underground fuel storage tank, develop specifications for a new base-mounted generator fuel storage tank in association with a new generator unit, the performance of arc flash and coordination studies, and the replacement of the Cooling Tower Gearbox/Motor; and

**WHEREAS**, both the Finance and Administration Committees were apprised of the situation and were able to review the proposal presented by Abonmarche as described above in the amount of \$96,000; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the anticipated lead time of one year to get a replacement generator, it is necessary to get this project moving forward as soon as possible; and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance Committee reviewed and approved Waiver #2023-020201 and the Administration Committee provided consensus in favor of the project as presented; and

**WHEREAS**, the generator replacement will be added to the capital projects planned for jail maintenance and funded by 4010 Capital Projects Fund (40103520-801000 – Z3092).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Administrator to proceed with the purchase order for Abonmarche's design and construction management for the jail generator replacement project and any related documents for the project to include but not limited to a professional services agreement once reviewed and approved by Corporate Counsel.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
BERRIEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

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Jim Curran, Chairperson

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David Vollrath, Vice Chairperson

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