

BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2023

CHAIRMAN TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

Vice Chairperson Teri Sue Freehling called the regular Committee of the Whole (COW) meeting to order at 8:35 A.M. in the Board of Commissioners' (BOC) room at the Berrien County Administration Center, 701 Main Street, St. Joseph, Michigan.

ROLL CALL:

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

11 PRESENT: Rayonte Bell, Jim Curran, Teri Sue Freehling, Robert Harrison, Jon Hinkelman, Michael Majerek, Alex Ott, Chokwe Pitchford, David Vollrath, Julie Wuerfel and Mamie Yarbrough.

1 ABSENT: R. McKinley Elliott.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 22, 2022 MEETING:

Commissioner Majerek moved and seconded by Commissioner Vollrath, to approve the Committee of the Whole minutes held on December 22, 2022. Motion carried, no nays.

REQUISITION REVIEW - Annette Christie:

Executive Administrative Assistant Annette Christie presented the requisitions to the Board for their review and discussion.

PRESENTATION(S) – Life Saving Award:

Sheriff Paul Bailey, Undersheriff Chuck Heit and Chief Deputy Robert Boyce were here today to honor Jerry Peters with the following Sheriff's Award for Excellence:

SHERIFF'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE
Jerry Peters

You are hereby cited and commended for your actions on December 26, 2022. During your duties with the Berrien County Road Department, you were clearing snowdrifts in the Township of Benton, when you observed an object near the road. You determined that the object was actually an unconscious female. You immediately alerted first responders. Your resourcefulness, perseverance, and attention to detail were instrumental in ensuring this female received medical care. You are commended for your excellent performance, which benefited the Berrien County Sheriff's Office and the Community.

L. PAUL BAILEY
BERRIEN COUNTY SHERIFF

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Per the Berrien County Board of Commissioners' Bylaws, 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, 3.9 B-C): None.

CLOSED SESSION per MCL 15.268 (d) – “To consider the purchase or lease of real property up to the time an option to purchase or lease that real property is obtained:”

Commissioner Wuerfel moved and supported by Commissioner Vollrath, to recess the public meeting and go into Closed Session at 8:43 A.M., to consider the purchase or lease of real property up to the time an option to purchase or lease that real property is obtained.

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

11 YEAS: Curran, Harrison, Hinkelman, Majerek, Ott, Pitchford, Vollrath, Wuerfel, Yarbrough, Bell and Freehling.

Motion carried, no nays.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

The Board recessed at 8:44 A.M. to go into Closed Session.

Vice Chairperson Freehling reconvened to Open Session at 9:21 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 A.M.

Teri Sue Freehling, Vice Chairperson

Sharon J. Tyler, County Clerk

Minutes are to be approved at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.