

BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2023

CHAIRMAN TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairperson R. McKinley Elliott called the regular Committee of the Whole (COW) meeting to order at 8:36 A.M. in the Board of Commissioners' (BOC) room at the Berrien County Administration Center, 701 Main Street, St. Joseph, Michigan.

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, Alex Ott, Chokwe Pitchford, David Vollrath, Julie Wuerfel, Mamie Yarbrough and R. McKinley Elliott.

0 ABSENT:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 26, 2023 MEETING:

Commissioner Pitchford moved and seconded by Commissioner Freehling, to approve the Committee of the Whole minutes held on January 26, 2023. Motion carried, no nays.

PRESENTATIONS

- **Mike Krombeen, Midwest Strategy – Legislative Update**
- **Prosecutor Steve Pierangeli – Prosecutor's Office Update:**

Mike Krombeen, Midwest Strategy – Legislative Update

Administrator Brian Disette introduced Mike Krombeen (virtually), Midwest Strategy, who gave a brief Legislation Update. Mike Krombeen stated the legislatures returned on January 11th. He stated the short term rental bills were killed last year and will be reintroduced with different bills. Discussion was held. There was technical difficulty during Mike Krombeen's presentation and he will be brought back in a few weeks.

Prosecutor Steve Pierangeli – Prosecutor's Office Update

Prosecutor Steve Pierangeli gave an update on the Prosecutor's Office. He has twenty-two prosecutors in his office today and spoke about the newly created positions last year. They did over eighty trials in 2022 and discussed the projects they did last year. He discussed school threats and statistics in Berrien County. He also discussed issues the county has faced in the process of allowing them to receive grant monies and their goals for 2023. Discussion was held.

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.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 A.M.

R. McKinley Elliott, Chairperson

Sharon J. Tyler, County Clerk

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