

## BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the February 2, 2023, Personnel and Human Services Committee Meeting.

Meeting held in conference Room 4B of the County Administration Center. Attendance was as follows:

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	ALSO PRESENT
Bob Harrison	X		Mac Elliott, Brian Dissette, Lex Winans
Michael Majerek	X		Carrie Smietanka-Haney; Larry Shooks,
Chokwe Pitchford	X		Thaddeus Hackworth, Doug James,
			Shelley Jasper, Annette Christie

### **COUNTY ADMINISTRATION**

- o Meeting called to order at 9:23 a.m.
- o Attendance is reflected above.
- o Motion by Commissioner Majerek, supported by Commissioner Pitchford to approve the minutes from January 26, 2023 as presented. 3 yeas, 0 nays, Motion carried.
- o Resolution P2302142, a Resolution to approve a consulting contract with Midwest Strategy Group for \$49,000 was reviewed and signed by all Committee members.

### **TRIAL COURT**

Trial Court Administrator Carrie Smietanka-Haney provided the Committee with copies of the January 30, 2023 memo from the State Court Administrator's Office regarding the Juneteenth holiday. The State Court Administrator's Office notified the Court that the Juneteenth holiday is no longer a mandatory Court holiday. Carrie was seeking input as to what the Board of Commissioners intended to do regarding recognition of the Juneteenth holiday in CY2023 and forward. The Committee will continue to discuss and make a recommendation to the Full Board.

### **GIS MAPPING DEPARTMENT**

GIS Mapping Director Lex Winans began by introducing Larry Shooks, the Land Description Specialist within the GIS Department. Lex then began discussing the Remonumentation program. Lex explained that funding comes from the State of Michigan that allows for corners to be remonumented. Lex explained that property corners are a fundamental piece of how property descriptions are developed. There was discussion regarding the compensation of property surveyors within the Remonumentation program. Committee consensus was to invite County Surveyor John Kamer to report on the Remonumentation program. Lex added that approximately 60% of the corners within Berrien County have been remonumented to date.

### **CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD/ADMINISTRATOR**

Executive Staff Assistant Annette Christie, Corporate Counsel Thaddeus Hackworth, and Financial Services Director Douglas James joined the Committee to discuss Commissioner mileage reimbursement to drive to and from the Administration Center and the IRS rule disallowing mileage reimbursement to and from the primary place of employment. If mileage to the Administration Center continues to be reimbursed, it will become a taxable event for Commissioners. PHSC will develop and make a recommendation to the Full Board regarding how to address this issue.

Adjourned 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Jasper,  
Human Resources Director