

BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2023

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairperson R. McKinley Elliott called the Board of Commissioners' (BOC) regular meeting to order at 10:33 A.M. in the BOC's boardroom at the Berrien County Administration Center, 701 Main Street, St. Joseph, Michigan.

INVOCATION:

Chairperson Elliott gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

0 ABSENT.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 9, 2023 MEETING:

Commissioner Freehling moved and supported by Commissioner Majerek, to approve the BOC regular meeting minutes of February 9, 2023. Motion carried and no nays.

COMMUNICATION(S):

Chief Deputy County Clerk Kristene Walton received and distributed to the Board of Commissioners (BOC) the following communication:

- A resolution from Mackinac County Board of Commissioners, honoring the Michigan Association of Counties on its 125th Anniversary, received on February 10, 2023.

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 (including last name) and city, township, or village. (Article III, 3.9 B-C). The public should refer to the resolution # that they are commenting on as a part of their comments: None.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Commissioner Curran moved and supported by Commissioner Pitchford, to include Resolution #B2302148 from the Added Resolution(s) to the Consent Calendar, and to approve today's Consent Calendar:

<u>Resolution(s) #</u>	<u>Description</u>
P2302002	Monthly Per Diems
F2302019	Weekly Bills & Road Payables
B2302066	Weekly Requisitions
P2302138	Amend Strategic Plan Contract Health Department for additional services
P2302139	Approve FY23 Health Department Fee Schedule
P2302142	Renew agreement with Midwest Strategy Group
F2302144	Approve MEDC-RAP Grant Agreement
A2302145	911 Equipment Service Agreement Renewal
B2302125	Honorary Resolution - Michigan Association of Counties 125th Anniversary
B2302148	Honorary Resolution - Gladys Peeples-Burks

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

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

Motion carried, no nays.

Commissioner Yarbrough left the meeting at 10:36 A.M., to deliver Honorary Resolution #B2302148 to Gladys Peeples-Burks' family.

ADDED RESOLUTION:

The following resolution was moved to the Consent Calendar:

<u>Resolution #</u>	<u>Description</u>
B23022148	Honorary Resolution - Gladys Peeples-Burks

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

Committees:

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

COMMISSIONER REPORT(S):

The Commissioners presented their outside committee reports. Discussion was held.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Administrator Brian Dissette gave his Administrator's Report. Discussion was held.

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

Adolf Peltzer, Hagar Township, spoke about going to the Hagar Township meeting and compared the size of their conference room to the size of the room used for the BOC meetings.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chairperson Elliott stated that the drinking fountain is working in the Administration building.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS:

Chairperson Elliott announced the following:

- County Facilities closed on Monday, February 20, 2023.
- No Committee of the Whole meeting on Thursday, March 9, 2023 (Commissioner photos).

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:09 A.M.

R. McKinley Elliott, Chairperson

Kristene Walton, Chief Deputy County Clerk

Minutes are to be approved at the next BOC meeting.