

BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the February 16, 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		Annette Christie, Brian Dissette
Michael Majerek	X		Mac Elliott, Lora Freehling
Chokwe Pitchford	X		
			Shelley Jasper

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

- o Meeting called to order at 9:23 a.m.
- o Attendance is reflected above.
- o Motion by Commissioner Pitchford, supported by Commissioner Majerek to approve the minutes from February 9, 2023 as presented. 3 yeas, 0 nays, Motion carried.
- o The following Resolution was reviewed and signed by all Committee members:
 - o Resolution P2302142, a Resolution to approve retaining Midwest Strategy Group to lobby for Berrien County in Lansing.
- o Discussion continued regarding the recent memo from the State Court Administrator’s Office and the Juneteenth holiday designation. The Committee consensus was not to add Juneteenth to the County holiday listing, but rather to encourage efforts to honor the historical significance of the date.
- o Annette Christie, Executive Assistant to Administrator, discussed a Mental Health Board member attendance issue. After much discussion, it was determined that Annette will gather more information regarding the planned absence and report back to PHSC. Annette then discussed the vacancy on the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission. The consensus was to post the vacancy and accept applications.
- o Register of Deeds Lora Freehling addressed the Committee to advise of her inability to provide an in-person report next week as scheduled. She said she is still working on the annual report, but will have a quarterly update emailed to Committee members in advance of the next meeting. She invited the Committee members to email or call with any questions once they have the opportunity to review the report.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD/ADMINISTRATOR

Administrator Dissette advised that Executive Committee will be interviewing three candidates for the Chief Public Defender position next Thursday afternoon. Brian also advised that the Animal Control consultant was on site all week and he is awaiting her written report which will be shared with the Board.

Adjourned 10:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Jasper,
Human Resources Director