

BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Board Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2022

CHAIRMAN TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

Vice Chairperson Teri Sue Freehling called the regular Board of Commissioners' (BOC) meeting to order at 10:41 A.M. in the BOC's room at the Berrien County Administration Center, 701 Main Street, St. Joseph, Michigan.

INVOCATION:

Commissioner Jon Hinkelman gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

Commissioner Don Meeks led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

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, Don Meeks, Ezra Scott, David Vollrath, Julie Wuerfel and Mamie Yarbrough.

1 ABSENT: R. McKinley Elliott.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 10, 2022 MEETING:

Commissioner Majerek moved and supported by Commissioner Scott, to approve the BOC regular meeting minutes of February 10, 2022. Motion carried and no nays.

COMMUNICATION(S):

County Clerk Sharon Tyler received and distributed to the Board of Commissioners (BOC) the following communication:

- Lydia Dutton, Bayberry Lee Holdwell, PLLC, St. Joseph, regarding energy programs and funding for Townships, received on February 11, 2022.

REQUISITION REVIEW:

Executive Administrative Assistant Annette Christie updated the Board on the requisitions. Discussion was held.

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 and city, township, or village.

(Article III, 3.9B-C): None.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Commissioner Scott moved and supported by Commissioner Yarbrough, to pull Resolutions #P2202177 and #P2202385 from the Consent Calendar, and to approve today's Consent Calendar as presented:

<u>Resolutions #</u>	<u>Description</u>
P2202002	Monthly Per Diems
F2202019	Weekly Bills
B2202066	Weekly Requisitions
F2202113	Road Payables
P2201179	Approve Telehealth Services Grant application
B2202197	Memorialization
P2202199	Authorize Memo of Understanding for Grant Management
A2202384	Accept Grant for Mental Health Services
P2202386	Electronics Recycling Vendor Agreement

P2202387 Accept Grant Funds Medical Marijuana
A2202200 Apply for LEPC Grant
A2202201 Approve Service Agreement with TeleRad for 911 Equipment
A2202202 Apply for a Technical Support Collaboration Grant
A2202203 Apply EOC First Responder Training Grant

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

11 YEAS: Curran, Harrison, Hinkelman, Majerek, Meeks, Scott, Vollrath, Wuerfel, Yarbrough, Bell and Freehling.

Motion carried, no nays.

Resolution #P2202177 - Fee Schedule Health Department

Commissioner Harrison moved and supported by Commissioner Vollrath, to approve Resolution #P2202177 - Fee Schedule Health Department.

Discussion was held.

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

10 YEAS: Harrison, Hinkelman, Majerek, Meeks, Vollrath, Wuerfel, Yarbrough, Bell, Curran and Freehling.

1 NAY: Scott

Motion carried.

Resolution #P2202385 - Complement Change Health Department

Commissioner Harrison moved and supported by Commissioner Vollrath, to approve Resolution #P2202385 - Complement Change Health Department.

Discussion was held.

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

11 YEAS: Hinkelman, Majerek, Meeks, Scott, Vollrath, Wuerfel, Yarbrough, Bell, Curran, Harrison and Freehling.

Motion carried, no nays.

ADDED RESOLUTION(S): None.

PRESENTATIONS

Resolution #B2202197 Presentation - Veterans Service Office Lee Lull:

Veterans Service Lee Lull introduced Patti Kenworthy, the daughter, and Chelsie Nitz, the granddaughter of Warren L Schultz. The BOC approved a resolution in the Consent Calendar, honoring Warren L. Schultz for his many years of service to Berrien County Veterans. The resolution further honors Warren Schultz with the official naming of a conference room in his honor.

Lee Lull read the following Resolution #B2202197 - Memorialization into record:

**RESOLUTION
HONORING Warren L Schultz
B2202197 – February 17, 2022**

WHEREAS, Warren L. Schultz served in the U.S. Marine Corps from September 9, 1942 to January 10, 1945, during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Schultz went on to serve for (23) twenty-three years of uninterrupted service as the Berrien County Veterans Service Officer from October of 1965 through July of 1988; and

WHEREAS, Berrien County Veterans and their families had a great friend in Mr. Schultz, who often was able to assist them to obtain every available benefit; and

WHEREAS, many Veteran organizations have recognized and honored Mr. Schultz such as receiving the Legion of Merit Award from the Governor's Office, the Citation for Meritorious Service from the National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Center of the American Legion, and service awards from the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disable American Veterans, the American Legion, and the Marine Corps League; and

WHEREAS, Berrien County Policy #ADM-1260 provides the purpose and procedure of honoring and recognizing distinguished servants of Berrien County, to include the naming of Berrien County buildings, facilities, and structures; and

WHEREAS, the Memorialization Advisory Committee met on January 27, 2022 to review the application and unanimously endorsed honoring Warren L. Schultz by naming the conference room located in the Veterans Service Office after him.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners, in honor and in memory of Mr. Warren L. Schultz, authorize naming the conference room located in the Veterans Service Office at the Berrien County Administration Center the:

Warren L. Schultz Veterans Conference Room

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the official dedication of the room will take place today, February 17, 2022.

**Respectfully submitted,
BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Lee Lull read the following plaque:

Warren L. Schultz Veterans Conference Room

Dedicated to the honor and legacy of Warren L. Schultz, who proudly, admirably, and faithfully served veterans and their dependents from October 26, 1965 to July 29, 1988. For nearly 23 years, Mr. Schultz was the Director of Berrien County Veterans Services known affectionately to veterans as their County Veterans Service Officer. Mr. Schultz was a veteran himself who served in the Southern Pacific Theater of Operations during WWII in the U.S. Marine Corps from September 9, 1942 to January 10, 1945. Mr. Schultz was a "Great Friend" to veterans and dependents from as far back as the Spanish American War of 1898 and WWI thru Vietnam and the Cold War Eras, the latter which officially ended on December 26, 1991. Mr. Schultz was also actively involved in his local American Legion Post 568 where he served as a past Post Commander. The American Legion also awarded him with the special and prestigious "Citation for Meritorious Service Award" from their National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Center at the Legion State Convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan on July 15, 1978. His honorable service and legacy reflects great credit upon himself, his family, Berrien County, the State of Michigan and Our Nation.

*Warren L. Schultz
Veterans Affairs Administrator
1965 – 1988*

The resolution was presented to the Family. Patti Kenworthy stated this was the best day of her life and she spoke about her father. Also, she thanked the BOC.

Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber President/CEO Arthur Havlicek:

Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber/CEO President Arthur Havlicek spoke about the National Restaurant Association: COVID-19 Restaurant Impact Survey. He presented an update to the BOC and the efforts to support local restaurants through the Chamber's "Restaurant Month" initiative. The BOC received a draft resolution on this topic and will have it presented next week with revisions. Discussion was held.

COVID-19 Update - Guy Miller, Acting Health Officer / Eric Hoppstock, Berrien RESA Superintendent:

Acting Health Officer Guy Miller updated the BOC on COVID-19 and on the mask recommendations. He spoke about the State of Michigan and the Berrien County Health Department have scaled back recommendations on masking. Berrien RESA Superintendent Eric Hoppstock gave an update on COVID-19 in schools. He spoke about lead poisoning and testing.

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

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

COMMISSIONER REPORT(S):

The Commissioners' Reports were forgone today.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Administrator Brian Dissette gave his Administrator's Report.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS - 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, 3.9B-C):

Michael Hoyh, Benton Harbor, told the BOC, Happy Valentines' Day and Happy Super Bowl Day. He spoke about the Benton Harbor Area Public Schools and Living on Pavone Street.

Luke Andresen, St. Joseph, spoke about COVID-19 in schools.

Tony Benhart, Sodus Township, spoke about the Road Department.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Vice Chairperson Freehling noted this week Berrien Springs lost an icon, Terry Burandt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS:

Vice Chairperson Freehling announced the following:

- County facilities closed on Monday, February 21, 2022 in observance of Presidents' Day.
- No Committee of the Whole Meeting on Thursday, February 24, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:22 P.M.

Teri Sue Freehling, Vice Chairperson

Sharon J. Tyler, County Clerk

Minutes are to be approved at the next BOC meeting.