

BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2020

CHAIRMAN TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairperson R. McKinley Elliott called the regular meeting to order at 10:30 A.M. in the Board of Commissioners' (BOC) 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 David Vollrath 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:

11 PRESENT: Jim Curran, Teri Freehling, Robert Harrison, Christopher Heugel, Jon Hinkelman, Michael Majerek, Don Meeks, Ezra Scott, David Vollrath, Mamie Yarbrough and R. McKinley Elliott.

1 ABSENT: William Chickering.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 13, 2020 MEETING:

Commissioner Meeks moved, seconded by Commissioner Scott, to approve the BOC meeting minutes of February 13, 2020. Motion carried, no nays.

COMMUNICATION(S):

County Clerk Sharon Tyler received and distributed to the Board the following communications:

Received on February 12, 2020 – emails in opposition to the passage of a 2A Resolution:

- Betsy Lozoff, Shoreham Village.
- Patricia Lauth, New Buffalo.
- Beth Kenagy, St. Joseph.

Received on February 12, 2020 - emails in support of the passage of a 2A Resolution:

- Brian Jeske, St. Joseph Charter Township.
- Rob Feldbruegge, Stevensville.

Received on February 12, 2020 – emails in support of the 2A Resolution as presented by Jim Walker:

- Doral Jackson, Watervliet.
- Judy Collins, Coloma.
- Kevin G. Schneider, Benton Harbor (2).
- Sean Phelan, Baroda.
- Brad Mann, Watervliet.

Received on February 13, 2020 – emails in opposition to the passage of a 2A Resolution:

- Bette Pierman, Benton Harbor.
- Nancy Watson, Harbert House Bed and Breakfast, Harbert.

Received on February 13, 2020 - email in support of the passage of a 2A Resolution:

- Tom Rosenbluth, Three Oaks.

Received on February 13, 2020 – emails thanking the Board of Commissioners for their consideration of the 2A Resolution:

- Max Miller, St. Joseph.
- Jim Walker, Baroda.
- Kevin Schneider, Benton Harbor.

Received on February 14, 2020 – email from Cheryl Marie, of the Lynch family, New Buffalo, regarding her appeal case.

Received, February 14, 2020 - email in support of the passage of a 2A Resolution:

- Patricia Clark, Royalton Township.

Received February 15, 2020 – email from Shirley Myers, Lake Charter Township - asking MLive to correct their reporting on the Board's vote last week.

Received February 16, 2020 – email thanking the Board of Commissioners for their consideration of the 2A Resolution:

- Brett Arrans, Hagar Township.

Oceana County Board of Commissioners Resolution – received via email on February 18, 2020 – Resolution #20-20 – Declaring Oceana County to be a County that Supports the Second Amendment.

PRESENTATION – LIFESAVING AWARDS - SHERIFF BAILEY:

Sheriff Paul Bailey discussed the Meritorious Service and Lifesaving Awards and introduced his staff.

Captain Brian Wilkey presented the Meritorious Service Award to Deputy Jason Uhrik.

Chief Deputy Robert Boyce presented the Life Saving Award to the following: Deputy Matthew Taylor, Deputy Amanda Scurek, Deputy David Lee and Nurse Tamara Scheppleman.

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):

Darrin Schaer, Pipestone Township, spoke about Resolution #P2002170 - National Environmental Health Association Award.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Commissioner Curran moved, seconded by Commissioner Vollrath, to approve today's Consent Calendar as presented:

<u>Resolutions #</u>	<u>Description</u>
P2002002	Monthly Per Diems
F2002019	Weekly Bills
B2002066	Weekly Requisitions
F2000111	Road Payables
P2002152	LARA Medical Marijuana Education Grant
A2002164	Marine Grant Application 2020
P2002170	National Environmental Health Association Award
P2002171	Heart of Cook Grant Application
A2002173	Contract with University of Cincinnati
A2002175	Contract with MDOT for Napier Avenue Improvements
A2002176	Approve MDOT Performance Resolution
P2002177	Scrap Tire Collection Grant Agreement
P2002178	Prosecutor Complement Change
A2002182	CCAB Contract with Riverwood
A2002183	CCAB Contract with KPEP
A2002184	CCAB Contract with Men In Crisis
A2002185	CCAB Contract with Michiana Drug Testing
A2002186	Watervliet Hospital MPSCS Radio Site Agreement
A2002187	Approve Grant Applications for Veterans Services

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call the roll resulting as follows:

11 YEAS: Curran, Freehling, Harrison, Heugel, Hinkelman, Majerek, Meeks, Scott, Vollrath, Yarbrough, and Elliott.

Motion carried, no nays.

ADDED RESOLUTION(S): None.

PARENT COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Commissioners presented their Commissioner Reports.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: None.

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):

Darrin Schaer, Pipestone Township, thanked the Board on how they handled the 2A Resolution and spoke about how the Board meetings needed to be restructured.

Greta Hurst, Baroda, spoke about the Snow Road Bridge project.

Administrator William Wolf stated the Snow Road Bridge project is under the Drain Commissioner.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chairperson Elliott discussed a one-time FOIA request from the Drain Commissioner and to appoint John Dewane as the Interim Counsel for this request. The FOIA request is due by March 6th.

Commissioner Heugel moved, seconded by Commissioner Vollrath, to appoint John Dewane as Interim Counsel for a one-time FOIA request from the Drain Commissioner.

Commissioner Freehling abstained from voting.

Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS:

Administrator Wolf announced the EDC meeting has been cancelled for today.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:19 A.M.

R. McKinley Elliott, Chairperson

Sharon J. Tyler, County Clerk

Minutes are to be approved at the full board meeting on February 27, 2020.