

BERRIEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
Minutes of February 23, 2023

Roll Call Present: Jim Curran, Chairperson
David Vollrath, Vice Chair
Julie Wuerfel

Absent: Alex Ott

Scheduled: Brian Dissette, County Administrator
Teri Freehling, BOC Vice Chair
Steve Pierangeli, Prosecutor

Others: Sheriff Bailey, BCSD

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 9:16 am.

Prosecutor's Update – Pierangeli

Pierangeli discussed the dogs involved in current cases. There are 2 cases with about 14 dogs involved in dog fighting. He met with Dissette and Sheriff Bailey last fall. The Judge is the only one that can order animals to be released or destroyed. He will discuss the possibility of fast-tracking those cases as well as restitution. He noted restitution can be ordered, but collection is difficult. He is working on a form that can be filed for forfeiture. Pierangeli discussed the Child Advocacy Center. The State funding was significantly cut, but it is doing well with private funding. The local CACs have been working together to reach out to legislators regarding the funding. Discussions ensued regarding upcoming CCW State laws and "red flag" laws. Sheriff Bailey informed the Committee that Pierangeli nominated Sgt. Thad Chartrand to receive the Berrien County Investigator of the Year Award. Pierangeli noted that Chartrand always does the right thing expecting no recognition.

Q & A – Dissette & Freehling

Freehling reviewed Resolution F2302154 which supports ISPs' applying for ROBIN funds in the amount of \$4.5M. The Finance Committee is adding it to today's BOC Resolutions. All actions are time sensitive due to applications being due in to the State in March. Discussions ensued.

Freehling stated there are three candidates for Indigent Defense that are being interviewed today at 1:00pm.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Wuerfel, supported by Vollrath, to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2023. Motion Carried.

Resolutions

None.

Public Comment

None.

Miscellaneous

Wuerfel noted the Committee needs to get back to working on the Road Department policies. Curran will discuss with Annette Christie to see where they are at and to go over the budget.

Meeting adjourned at 10:11 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jennifer Arent
Recording Secretary