

BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2023

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairperson R. McKinley Elliott called the Board of Commissioners' (BOC) regular meeting to order at 10:30 A.M. in the BOC's boardroom at the Berrien County Administration Center, 701 Main Street, St. Joseph, Michigan.

INVOCATION:

Volunteer Chaplain Mike Austin, Midway Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Julie Wuerfel 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:

10 PRESENT: Jim Curran, Teri Sue Freehling, Robert Harrison, Jon Hinkelman, Michael Majerek, Alex Ott, Chokwe Pitchford, David Vollrath, Julie Wuerfel and R. McKinley Elliott.

2 ABSENT: Rayonte Bell and Mamie Yarbrough.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 23, 2023 MEETING:

Commissioner Freehling moved and supported by Commissioner Ott, to approve the BOC regular meeting minutes of February 23, 2023. Motion carried and no nays.

COMMUNICATION(S):

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

- A resolution from Lapeer County Board of Commissioners, honoring the Michigan Association of Counties on its 125th Anniversary, received on February 24, 2023.
- A resolution from Lapeer County Board of Commissioners, to instruct our representatives to oppose all firearms control legislation, received on February 24, 2023.
- A resolution from Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners, urging repair of the Cornwall Creek Flooding Dam, received on February 28, 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 Freehling moved and supported by Commissioner Pitchford, to include Resolutions #A2303155, #P2303156 and #A2303157 from the Added Resolution(s) to the Consent Calendar, and to approve today's consent calendar:

<u>Resolution(s) #</u>	<u>Description</u>
F2303021	Weekly Bills & Road Payables
B2303068	Weekly Requisitions
A2303155	Annual Grant Application for Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness
P2303156	Approve Collective Bargaining Unit
A2303157	Amend School Resource Officer Agreement with Countryside Academy

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

10 YEAS: Curran, Freehling, Harrison, Hinkelman, Majerek, Ott, Pitchford, Vollrath, Wuerfel and Elliott.

Motion carried, no nays.

ADDED RESOLUTION(S):

The following resolutions were moved to the Consent Calendar:

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

Committees:

The Finance, Administration and Personnel & Human Services (PHSC) 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):

Drain Commissioner Christopher Quattrin, spoke about Lake Baroda and handed out maps of the location. Discussion was held.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS:

Chairperson Elliott announced the following:

- No Committee of the Whole meeting on Thursday, March 9, 2023 (Commissioner photos).
- No meetings will be held on Thursday, March 30, 2023 (5th Thursday).

Commissioner Freehling announced a BCBIT meeting today at 12:30 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:59 A.M.

R. McKinley Elliott, Chairperson

Sharon J. Tyler, County Clerk

Minutes are to be approved at the next BOC meeting.