

BERRIEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
Minutes of March 9, 2023

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

Absent:

Scheduled: Brian Dissette, County Administrator
Mac Elliott, BOC Chair
Mark Heyliger, Road Department
Annette Christie, Administration

Others: Sheriff Bailey, BCSD

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 9:15 am.

Road Department Update – Heyliger

Heyliger reviewed the update. They are getting designs together and getting them bid out for the upcoming projects. He will have a meeting with Weesaw regarding the planning. He reviewed personnel and noted all garages will be at full complement with only 2 engineering positions open. He discussed special areas of emphasis including Millburg & Territorial in Bainbridge Township that has water encroaching onto residents' law due to the south side being the lowest spot. The Drain Commissioner is looking at it as it is past the Road Department's right-of-way. Dune Lane in Lincoln Township had K barriers, but someone moved them and started dumping. He had a guard rail installed. He will place a "no parking" sign. Discussions ensued regarding State statutes. Due to the road leading into the lake, MDNR has next rights. McKinley Street in Hagar Township is designated public, not open. It's a dirt road with no turn around. A resident is demanding it be closed. This is something the Township would have to pay for. Heyliger gave a brief update on Snow Road, in which the acquisition is going through. He reviewed the fee schedule and permits issued in relation to BCBIT and explained grouping borings and aerals.

Q & A – Dissette & Elliott

Dissette announced, assuming the resolution is approved, Scott Sanford is the new Chief Public Defender. Discussions ensued regarding the cost of materials for the jail painting. There have also been both supply chain issues and labor issues. The bid package has been updated to allow more time and to try to attract more bidders. Regarding applicants for open positions, they are getting more applications but not for Building & Grounds. He reviewed resolution A2303162 for Bacchiocchi Construction Services. Discussions ensued regarding animal holds in court proceedings. The Michigan Humane Society is a lobbyist and will be meeting with them regarding State holds legislation.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Vollrath, supported by Ott, to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2023. Motion Carried.

Board Appointments – Christie

Christie reviewed all appointments that will be completed today. Curran noted he is on an ad hoc board to try and combine 911 Advisory and Operations bylaws. Discussions ensued regarding subcommittees.

Resolutions

The following Resolution was signed by the Committee:

A2303162 – Approve agreement with Bacchiocchi Construction Services for assistance in construction project management.

Child Protective Ordinance – Ott

Ott has elected to withdraw the ordinance.

Public Comment

None.

Miscellaneous

None.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

J Arent

Jennifer Arent
Recording Secretary