

BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2023

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairperson R. McKinley Elliott called the Board of Commissioners' (BOC) regular meeting to order at 10:32 A.M. in the BOC's boardroom at the Berrien County Administration Center, 701 Main Street, St. Joseph, Michigan.

INVOCATION:

Commissioner Teri Sue Freehling gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Michael Majerek 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: Rayonte Bell, Jim Curran, Teri Sue Freehling, Jon Hinkelman, Michael Majerek, Chokwe Pitchford, David Vollrath, Julie Wuerfel, Mamie Yarbrough and R. McKinley Elliott.

2 ABSENT: Robert Harrison and Alex Ott.

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

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

COMMUNICATION(S):

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

- Berrien County MSU Extension, an email on the Michigan State University Extension's Upcoming Events in Berrien County, received on March 30, 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 Vollrath, to include Resolution #A2304181 from the Added Resolution(s) to the Consent Calendar, and approve today's consent calendar:

| <u>Resolution(s) #</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|------------------------|--|
| F2304025 | Weekly Bills & Road Payables |
| B2304072 | Weekly Requisitions |
| F2304169 | Amend FY2023 Budget |
| A2304173 | Accepting MCOLES grant for police academy |
| P2304174 | Property Alert Notification System against fraud |
| A2304181 | Critical Bridge Funding Request |

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

10 YEAS: Curran, Freehling, Hinkelman, Majerek, Pitchford, Vollrath, Wuerfel, Yarbrough, Bell and Elliott.

Motion carried, no nays.

ADDED RESOLUTION(S):

The following resolution(s) was moved to the Consent Calendar:

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|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| A2304181 | Critical Bridge Funding Request |

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

Committees:

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

Drain Commissioner Christopher Quattrin gave a brief update on the drains due to the recent storms.

Discussion was held.

COMMISSIONER REPORT(S):

The Commissioners presented their outside committee reports. Discussion was held.

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 (including last name) and city, township, or village. (Article III, 3.9 B-C):

Adolf Pelzer, Hagar Township, spoke about the water fountain in the Administrative building and the gasoline tax.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS:

Chairperson Elliott announced the following:

- County facilities will be closed on Friday, April 7, 2023, to recognize the Spring Holiday.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 A.M.

R. McKinley Elliott, Chairperson

Sharon J. Tyler, County Clerk

Minutes are to be approved at the next BOC meeting.