

BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 1, 2023

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairperson R. McKinley Elliott called the regular Board of Commissioners' (BOC) meeting to order at 6:06 P.M., hosted by Three Oaks Village and Three Oaks Township at 19 North Froehlich's, 19th North Elm Street, Three Oaks, Michigan.

INVOCATION:

Todd Noble, Elder, Real Life Church in Three Oaks, gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Three Oaks Township Supervisor George Mangold 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:

9 PRESENT: Rayonte Bell, Jim Curran, Teri Sue Freehling, Robert Harrison, Jon Hinkelman, Michael Majerek, Chokwe Pitchford, Julie Wuerfel and R. McKinley Elliott.

3 ABSENT: Alex Ott, David Vollrath and Mamie Yarbrough.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 25, 2023 MEETING:

Commissioner Pitchford moved and supported by Commissioner Majerek, to approve the BOC regular meeting minutes of May 25, 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 Ingham County Board of Commissioners, designating the Month of June, 2023 as LGBTQ Pride Month, received on May 24, 2023.
- An email from Robert Tatina, regarding recycling programs and landfills, received on May 27, 2023.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Three Oaks Township Supervisor George Mangold welcomed everyone to Three Oaks. He introduced the Three Oaks Village President Rich Smith. Three Oaks Village President Rich Smith announced events that are happening in Three Oaks.

REQUISITION REVIEW - Annette Christie:

Executive Administrative Assistant Annette Christie presented the requisitions to the Board for their review.

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.

RESOLUTIONS - CONSENT CALENDAR:

The following resolutions are considered routine and will be adopted by one motion unless a request for removal, discussion or explanation is received from a County Commissioner.

Commissioner Freehling moved and supported by Commissioner Harrison, to approve today's Consent Calendar:

<u>Resolution(s) #</u>	<u>Description</u>
F2306033	Weekly Bills
B2306080	Weekly Requisitions

A2306227 Authorize 4-way stop in Niles Charter Township
A2306229 Authorize sale of Three Oaks County facility
A2306231 Approve contract for boiler replacement in the Jail.

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

9 YEAS: Curran, Freehling, Harrison, Hinkelman, Majerek, Pitchford, Wuerfel, Bell and Elliott.

Motion carried, no nays.

Chairperson Elliott discussed Resolution #A2306229 - Authorize sale of Three Oaks County facility. The resolution authorized the transfer of ownership from Berrien County to the Village of Three Oaks for \$1.00. Three Oaks has housed their Village Hall in the building, which is located at 21 North Elm Street, for many years. The agreement was signed at the meeting and the County received the \$1.00 for the purchase.

RESOLUTION(S) - ADDED: None.

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):

Ezra Scott, New Buffalo, thanked the BOC and he announced he was running for the U.S. Senate. He asked about the mainframe and Administrator Brian Dissette said it continues.

Susan Ginter, Hagar Township, asked about the status of Kerlikowske Road regarding road improvements and the dust issues on her farm property. Commissioner Pitchford will talk with Ms. Ginter after the meeting.

Michael Haskins, Pipestone Township, stated he finally has high-speed internet. He thanked the BCBIT Board members and to continue the good work.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS:

Administrator Dissette announced that Whirlpool Corporation is inviting the BOC to attend the unveiling of the Lakeview Trail M-63 Corridor.

Chairperson Elliott announced the following:

- Regular Meeting Schedule next week, Thursday, June 8, 2023 at the Berrien County Administration Center, 701 Main St., St. Joseph, Michigan:
 - 8:35 A.M. - Committee of the Whole Meeting
 - 9:15 A.M. - Administration/Finance/Personnel Committee Meetings
 - 10:30 A.M. - Board of Commissioners Meeting

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 P.M.

R. McKinley Elliott, Chairperson

Sharon J. Tyler, County Clerk

Minutes are to be approved at the next BOC meeting.