

BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Board Meeting Minutes
July 7, 2022

CHAIRMAN TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairperson R. McKinley Elliott called the regular night meeting to order at 6:04 P.M. at 19 North Froehlich's, 19th North Elm Street, Three Oaks, Michigan.

INVOCATION:

Commissioner Jon Hinkelman gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

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:

12 PRESENT: Rayonte Bell, Jim Curran, Teri Sue Freehling, Robert Harrison, Jon Hinkelman, Michael Majerek, James Martin, Ezra Scott, David Vollrath, Julie Wuerfel, Mamie Yarbrough and R. McKinley Elliott.

0 ABSENT.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 30, 2022 SPECIAL MEETING:

Commissioner Freehling moved and supported by Commissioner Harrison, to approve the BOC special meeting minutes of June 30, 2022. Motion carried and no nays. 1 Abstain: Wuerfel (Commissioner Wuerfel was not in attendance at the June 30, 2022 special BOC meeting.)

COMMUNICATION(S):

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

- Eaton County Board of Commissioners, a resolution opposing Michigan House Bill 4730, received on June 22, 2022.
- Calhoun County Board of Commissioners, a resolution opposing Michigan House Bills 4730, received on June 23, 2022.
- Allegan County Board of Commissioners, a resolution opposing Michigan House Bills 4729, 4730, 4731, and 4732, received on June 24, 2022.
- Goebic County Board of Commissioners, a resolution in opposition to the proposed Wagner-Peyser Act rule change, received on June 27, 2022.
- Leelanau County Board of Commissioners, a resolution opposing Michigan House Bills 4729, 4730, 4731, and 4732, received on June 27, 2022.
- Lake County Board of Commissioners, a resolution opposing Michigan House Bills 4729, 4730, 4731, and 4732, received on June 27, 2022.
- Jackson County Board of Commissioners, a resolution opposing Michigan House Bills 4729, 4730, 4731, and 4732, received on June 28, 2022.
- Diann Glaza-Helbling, Michigan Ovarian Cancer Alliance, Ann Arbor, Michigan, inviting everyone to the first free Teal 10 Concert for Ovarian Cancer Awareness at Jean Klock Park in Benton Harbor on July 15th at 7:00 P.M., received on July 7, 2022.

REQUISITION REVIEW:

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

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

The meeting tonight was hosted by Three Oaks Township and the Village of Three Oaks. Three Oaks Township Supervisor George Mangold and Three Oaks Village President Richard Smith welcomed everyone tonight to Three Oaks and introduced members of their Boards and the Village Manager.

PRESENTATIONS:

- **Area Agency on Aging (AAA) – Christine Vanlandingham**
Region IV Area Agency on Aging Chief Executive Officer Christine Vanlandingham distributed a packet to the BOC and introduced her staff member. She discussed the Region IV Area Agency on Aging, Inc.’s FY2023-2024 Multi-Year Plan and 2023 Annual Implementation Plan. The plan is available on the agency website, www.areaagencyonaging.org, with the “About the Agency” link on the homepage. The AAA is requesting a resolution of approval for this plan for aging services funded by the federal Older Americans Act and state Older Michiganians Act for residents of Berrien, Cass and Van Buren Counties for the coming three fiscal years. The AAA is a private not-for-profit corporation, has been the center for aging services in Southwest Michigan since 1974. The Area Agency on Aging works to assure the highest quality of life for the older persons it is committed to serve. Its mission is Offering Choices for Independent Lives. Discussion was held.
- **Legislation Opposition – Register of Deeds Lora Freehling and Treasurer Shelly Weich**
Register of Deeds Lora Freehling and Treasurer Shelly Weich discussed Michigan House Bills 4729, 4730, 4731, and 4732. Zillow, a for-profit corporation from Seattle, WA, is lobbying the Michigan Legislature to pass the legislation. The Michigan Association of County Treasurers, Michigan Association of Registers of Deeds, Michigan Municipal League are united in opposing the House Bills. The legislation will allow for-profit corporations to benefit financially from public records resulting in an increased burden to Michigan taxpayers. Discussion was held.

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 and city, township, or village. (Article III, 3.9B-C): None.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Commissioner Scott moved and supported by Commissioner Harrison, to approve the Consent Calendar with Added Resolutions #C2207304 and #B2207310 as presented:

<u>Resolutions #</u>	<u>Description</u>
F2207037	Approve Weekly Bills & Road Payables
B2207084	Approve Requisition List
C2207304	Appoint Road Department Director
B2207310	Opposition to Legislation

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

12 YEAS: Curran, Freehling, Harrison, Hinkelman, Majerek, Martin, Scott, Vollrath, Wuerfel, Yarbrough, Bell and Elliott.

Motion carried, no nays.

ADDED RESOLUTION(S):

The following resolutions were moved to the Consent Calendar:

<u>Resolutions #</u>	<u>Description</u>
C2207304	Appoint Road Department Director
B2207310	Opposition to Legislation

COMMITTEE BUSINESS: Personnel & Human Services Committee (PHSC):

- **Approval of Pension Fund Rollovers & Refunds**

Motion by the Personnel & Human Services Committee (only):

Commissioner Majerek moved and supported by Commissioner Bell, for the approval of the pension fund rollovers and refunds.

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

3 YEAS: Bell, Majerek and Harrison.

Motion carried, no nays.

Motion by the Personnel & Human Services Committee (only):

Commissioner Bell moved and supported by Commissioner Majerek, for the approval of Resolution #P2207311 – FY2023-2025 Region IV Area Agency on Aging, Inc.'s Multi-Year Plan and 2023 Annual Implementation Plan.

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

3 YEAS: Majerek, Bell and Harrison.

Motion carried, no nays.

AGENDA AMENDMENT:

Commissioner Harrison moved and seconded by Commissioner Vollrath, to amend the Agenda to include a Resolution #P2207311 – FY2023-2025 Region IV Area Agency on Aging, Inc.'s Multi-Year Plan and 2023 Annual Implementation Plan.

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

12 YEAS: Freehling, Harrison, Hinkelman, Majerek, Martin, Scott, Vollrath, Wuerfel, Yarbrough, Bell, Curran and Elliott.

Motion carried, no nays.

RESOLUTION #P2207311:

Chairperson Elliott read Resolution #P2207311:

***WHEREAS**, the Region IV Area Agency on Aging has provided their FY2023-2025 Multi-Year Plan and the FY2023 Annual Implementation Plan; and*

***WHEREAS**, the plan presented provides information on their continued service to the older Americans of Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren County; and*

***WHEREAS**, the plan for aging services is funded by the federal Older Americans Act and state Older Michiganians Act*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that this Berrien County Board of Commissioners approves the Region IV Area Agency on Aging FY2023-2025 Multi-Year Implementation Plan.*

***Respectfully submitted,
BERRIEN COUNTY PERSONNEL & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE***

Public Comments: None.

Commissioner Bell moved and supported by Commissioner Scott, for the approval of Resolution #P2207311 – FY2023-2025 Region IV Area Agency on Aging, Inc.'s Multi-Year Plan and 2023 Annual Implementation Plan.

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

12 YEAS: Harrison, Hinkelman, Majerek, Martin, Scott, Vollrath, Wuerfel, Yarbrough, Bell, Curran, Freehling and Elliott.

Motion carried, no nays.

COMMISSIONER REPORT(S):

The Commissioners presented their outside committee reports.

The BOC thanked Three Oaks Township and Three Oaks Village for hosting tonight's meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Administrator Dissette introduced Mark Heyliger, who was hired as the new Berrien County Road Department Director. Administrator Brian Dissette gave his Administrator's Report.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS - Those speaking during public comments may do so no longer than two minutes and shall identify themselves by name and city, township, or village. (Article III, 3.9B-C):

Dan Carson, Buchanan Township, spoke about the Road Department and how they have left a job site.

Linda Mangold, Three Oaks, spoke about the Region IV Area Agency on Aging.

Tony Benhart, Sodus, spoke about Froehlich's event building, the roads in Berrien County and the special BOC meeting last week.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Commissioner Scott and Chairperson Elliott spoke about last week's special BOC meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS:

Chairperson Elliott announced the regular meeting schedule for July 14, 2022.

Commissioner Scott thanked Sheriff Paul Bailey for attending BOC meetings.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

R. McKinley Elliott, Chairperson

Sharon J. Tyler, County Clerk

Minutes are to be approved at the next BOC meeting.