

BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
July 28, 2022

CHAIRMAN TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

Vice Chairperson Teri Sue Freehling called the regular Committee of the Whole (COW) meeting to order at 8:38 A.M. in the Board of Commissioners' (BOC) room at the Berrien County Administration Center, 701 Main Street, St. Joseph, Michigan.

ROLL CALL:

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

10 PRESENT: Rayonte Bell, Jim Curran, Teri Sue Freehling, Robert Harrison, Jon Hinkelman, Michael Majerek, James Martin, Ezra Scott, Julie Wuerfel and Mamie Yarbrough.

2 ABSENT: David Vollrath and R. McKinley Elliott.

Vice Chairperson Freehling made the following general statement:

"As I'm sure you are all aware, the County is mourning the loss of a beloved Road Department employee who tragically passed away last week. While we all continue to collectively grieve that loss, we ask that everyone remain mindful that a criminal investigation into the incident is ongoing. For this reason, Board members will not be commenting on the details of the incident. In addition, we request that members of the public refrain from making speculative comments about the incident that could hinder that investigation. Thank you."

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JULY 14, 2022 MEETING:

Commissioner Curran moved and seconded by Commissioner Scott, to approve the Committee of the Whole minutes held on July 14, 2022. Motion carried, no nays.

REQUISITION REVIEW - Annette Christie:

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

SCHEDULED DISCUSSION:

- **ARPA Funds Review Update – Tim Dempsey, Public Sector Consultants**
Administrator Brian Dissette introduced Tim Demsey, Public Sector Consultants. Tim Demsey gave a PowerPoint presentation on American Rescue Plant Act and discussed the following via Zoom:
 - American Rescue Plant Act (ARPA)/State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) Refresher
 - Eligible Expenditures
 - Restrictions
 - Government Services
 - Recommendations

Discussion was held.

- **Resolution Review**
Director of Financial Services Doug James, Assistant Director/Budget Coordinator Ben Reynnells and Interim Road Department Director Kevin Stack reviewed the Act 51 Financials Report. Added Resolution #A2207323 will be on the BOC's Agenda today, to approve the annual

submission of Road Department financials to the State of Michigan as required by Act 51 by Friday, July 29, 2022. Discussion was held.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Per the Berrien County Board of Commissioners’ Bylaws, 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.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 A.M.

Teri Sue Freehling, Vice Chairperson

Sharon J. Tyler, County Clerk

Minutes are to be approved at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.