

BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2023

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairperson R. McKinley Elliott called the Board of Commissioners' (BOC) regular meeting to order at 10:35 A.M. in the BOC's boardroom at the Berrien County Administration Center, 701 Main Street, St. Joseph, Michigan.

INVOCATION:

Chairperson Elliott 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: Teri Sue Freehling, Robert Harrison, Jon Hinkelman, Michael Majerek, Alex Ott, Chokwe Pitchford, David Vollrath, Julie Wuerfel, Mamie Yarbrough and R. McKinley Elliott.

2 ABSENT: Rayonte Bell and Jim Curran.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 3, 2023 MEETING:

Commissioner Pitchford moved and supported by Commissioner Vollrath, to approve the BOC regular meeting minutes of August 3, 2023. Motion carried and no nays.

COMMUNICATION(S):

Chief Deputy County Clerk Kristene Walton announced the County Clerk's Office received the following communications:

- Resolutions from Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners, opposing legislation preempting local control of aggregate for roads and a resolution opposing septic statewide regulations, received on August 4, 2023.
- An email from South Central Primary Care Center Inc., Community Relations Specialist Lilian Ramirez, Ocilla, Georgia, inviting the BOC for their legislative and Community Leaders' Appreciation Breakfast to be held on August 10, 2023, received on August 8, 2023.

Chairperson Elliott recommended emailing South Central Primary Care Center Inc. to inform them they emailed the wrong Berrien County. It should go to Georgia.

REQUISITION REVIEW - Annette Christie:

Executive Administrative Assistant Annette Christie presented the requisitions to the Board for their review, spoke of corrected requisitions, and revised amounts.

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 Pitchford, to include Resolution #A2308266 from the Added Resolution(s) to the Consent Calendar, and to approve today's Consent Calendar:

<u>Resolution(s) #</u>	<u>Description</u>
F2308042	Approve Weekly Bills and Road Payables
B2308089	Requisition Approval Week 2
A2308266	Approve obsolete VHF equipment dismantling expense

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

10 YEAS: Freehling, Harrison, Hinkelman, Majerek, Ott, Pitchford, Vollrath, Wuerfel, Yarbrough and Elliott.

Motion carried, no nays.

ADDED RESOLUTION(S):

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

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A2308266	Approve obsolete VHF equipment dismantling expense

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

- **Finance Committee**
- **Personnel & Human Services Committee**
- **Administration Committee**

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

COMMISSIONER REPORT(S):

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

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Brian Dissette gave his Administrator's Report. He spoke about the Berrien County Fair Leadership who are willing to accommodate the Berrien County Department Head's Tuesday meeting to be held at the fairgrounds and spoke of Berrien County's presence at the Fair. Discussion was held.

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 Township, spoke about Berrien County, Georgia.

Adolf Pelzer, Hagar Township, spoke about the night meeting that was held on August 3, 2023.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS:

Chairperson Elliott announced the following:

- No meetings will be held Thursday, August 31, 2023 – 5th Thursday.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:01 A.M.

R. McKinley Elliott, Chairperson

Kristene Walton, Chief Deputy County Clerk

Minutes are to be approved at the next BOC meeting.