

BERRIEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
Minutes of August 11, 2022

Roll Call Present: Jim Curran, Chairperson
Jim Martin
Julie Wuerfel

Absent: David Vollrath, Vice Chair

Scheduled: Brian Dissette, County Administrator
Mac Elliott, BOC Chair
Steve Pierangeli, Prosecutor
Sheriff Bailey, BCSD

Others:

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 9:17 am.

Prosecutor's Office Compliment Change – Pierangeli

The Public Safety millage used to go towards drug court and the domestic violence court. Since those courts are no longer active, there is no direct funding. Pierangeli would like to update the lab equipment, so he will discuss the millage option in the future. He reviewed the resolution asking for 4 evidence clerks, 1 violent crimes investigator, 1 sexual assault/domestic violence investigator and 1 victim advocate. The Administration Committee supports this request. It will move forward to PHSC.

Sheriff's Department Update – Bailey

Sheriff Bailey reviewed the July numbers, which now includes Animal Control. He noted who is included in daily counts. He is in need of 2 female deputies in the jail. Deputy Laesch will be running the recruiting booth at the Youth Fair next week.

Shooting Range Discussion – Dissette

The owner is liquidating. The site has been used by local law enforcement agencies. Dissette stated the current asking price is too high. He discussed an Abonmarche report that determined the cost to bring it up to County requirements is significant and the selling price would need to come down drastically to make it even possibly feasible.

Q & A – Dissette & Elliott

Elliott discussed the \$1,000 hazard pay that should be extended to all employees under the general fund. He discussed the draft resolution naming all County employees as "essential", which is in the Finance Committee right now. Discussions ensued.

Dissette presented recruiting flyers for Trial Court and the Juvenile Center that will be distributed at the Youth Fair. He also noted design concepts for Sacred Heart are being obtained from a local designer and will be presented along with the Wightman designs.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Wuerfel, supported by Martin, to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2022 meeting. Motion Carried.

Resolutions

None.

Public Comment

Michael Haskins, Pipestone Township – The Road Department garages are being located near population centers. However, they should be where there are higher miles of operations.

Meeting adjourned at 10:12 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jennifer Arent
Recording Secretary