

BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 24, 2023

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairperson R. McKinley Elliott called the Board of Commissioners' (BOC) regular meeting to order at 10:30 A.M. in the BOC's boardroom at the Berrien County Administration Center, 701 Main Street, St. Joseph, Michigan.

INVOCATION:

Commissioner David Vollrath gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Joseph Ott, son of Commissioner Alex Ott, 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, Alex Ott, Chokwe Pitchford, David Vollrath, Julie Wuerfel, Mamie Yarbrough and R. McKinley Elliott.

0 ABSENT.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 17, 2023 MEETING:

Commissioner Pitchford moved and supported by Commissioner Freehling, to approve the BOC regular meeting minutes of August 17, 2023. Motion carried and no nays.

COMMUNICATION(S): None.

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 Vollrath moved and supported by Commissioner Ott, to include Resolutions #F2308279 and #A2308281 from the Added Resolution(s), and to approve today's Consent Calendar:

<u>Resolution(s) #</u>	<u>Description</u>
F2308044	Approve Weekly Bills and Road Payables
B2308091	Requisition Approval Week 2
A2308272	Apply for the Raise the Age Grant
P2308273	Designate National Recovery Month
A2308274	Approve 4-Way Stop for Intersection of Hollywood Rd. and Linco Rd.
A2308275	Approve traffic control order for a portion of Gast Road
P2308276	Approve grant application for Silver Beach County Park playground project
F2308277	Accept Blight Elimination Program Grant
P2308278	Approve MOU with Van Buren Conservation for scrap tire recycle project
F2308279	Apply for County Clerk Early Voting Grant
A2308281	Contract for employment services for Building and Grounds Department

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

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

Motion carried, no nays.

ADDED RESOLUTION(S):

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

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F2308279	Apply for County Clerk Early Voting Grant
A2308281	Contract for employment services for Building and Grounds Department

COMMITTEE REPORT(S) – Administration, Finance and Personnel & Human Services

Committees:

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

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):

Matt Kirkus, New Buffalo, spoke about individuals' rights.

Adolf Pelzer, Hagar Township, spoke about how taxpayer monies are spent and the drinking fountain.

Rhiannon Cizon, Executive Director of the Berrien County Historical Association, Inc., gave an update to the BOC and discussed a fundraising event.

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 11:08 A.M.

R. McKinley Elliott, Chairperson

Sharon J. Tyler, County Clerk

Minutes are to be approved at the next BOC meeting.