

BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Board Meeting Minutes
August 25, 2022

CHAIRMAN TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairperson R. McKinley Elliott called the regular Board of Commissioners' (BOC) meeting to order at 10:36 A.M. in the BOC's room at the Berrien County Administration Center, 701 Main Street, St. Joseph, Michigan.

INVOCATION:

Pastor Greg Gordon, Executive Pastor of Operations, First Church of God of St. Joseph, gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

Clerk Sharon Tyler 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:

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

1 ABSENT: Rayonte Bell.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 18, 2022 REGULAR MEETING:

Commissioner Majerek moved and supported by Commissioner Martin, to approve the BOC regular meeting minutes of August 18, 2022. Motion carried and no nays.

COMMUNICATION(S):

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

- Muskegon County Board of Commissioners, a resolution urging State Legislature to amend the Michigan Auto Insurance Reform Act to amend the reimbursement cap for auto accident victims and home health care, received on August 22, 2022.
- Muskegon County Board of Commissioners, a resolution urging the adoption of policies that will lead to energy independence in the United States, received on August 22, 2022.
- Lynn Todman, Vice President of Health Equity at Spectrum Health, an email inviting you to attend the Community Grand Rounds event on October 27, 2022 at Lake Michigan College, received on August 18, 2022.
- Buchanan American Legion Post 51, Buchanan City Police and Fire Chaplains and the Buchanan Area Ministerial Association, an email inviting you to Patriot Day on September 11, 2022 at the Buchanan Common, received on August 18, 2022.
- Newsletter from Clara Jungermann, Berrien County 4-H Program Coordinator, the Berrien County Spotlight, 4-H Family News – August/September 2022 issue, received on August 11, 2022.

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, 3.9B-C). The public should refer to the resolution # that they are commenting on as a part of their comments: None.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Commissioner Curran moved and supported by Commissioner Harrison, to approve today's Consent Calendar, and to include Added Resolutions #F2208342 and #F2208343 as presented:

<u>Resolutions #</u>	<u>Description</u>
B2208091	Requisitions
A2208334	Accept Donation for animal shelter improvements
P2208335	Approve complement changes Road Department Engineering
P2208336	Approve complement changes Road Department Mechanic

F2208342 Declare surplus of Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund
F2208343 Approve FY2022 General Fund Budget Amendment

Discussion was held.

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

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

Motion carried, no nays.

ADDED RESOLUTION(S):

The following resolutions were moved to the Consent Calendar:

<u>Resolutions #</u>	<u>Description</u>
F2208342	Declare surplus of Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund
F2208343	Approve FY2022 General Fund Budget Amendment

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

The Administration, Finance and Personnel & Human Services 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.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Administrator Brian Dissette gave his Administrator’s Report. He discussed his recent appointment to the Lake Michigan College Board.

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). The Board of Commissioners embraces diverse points of view as the Board considers a wide variety of policy challenges. The right to be heard is a central democratic value. That said, public comments are most productive when it is civil and respectful. Personal attacks have no place in reasoned discourse. We urge all commenters to share their viewpoints in a manner that is respectful and courteous, and to refrain from making comments that are abusive, defamatory or obscene:

Adolf Pelzer, Hagar Township, spoke about the Senior Center, BOC’s conference room and meetings, and the proposed roundabout on Napier Avenue.

Tony Benhart, Sodus Township, spoke about a road project and the proposed roundabout on Napier Avenue.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS:

Chairperson Elliott announced the following:

- September 1, 2022 – Night meeting at 6:00 P.M. at Lincoln Charter Township Hall, 2055 W. John Beers Rd., Stevensville. Board of Commissioners’ meeting only – No Committee of the Whole meeting or parent committees.

Chairperson Elliott stated Commissioner Bell’s grandfather passed away and please keep him in your prayers.

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.