

Berrien County Board of Commissioners

Finance Committee Minutes

Thursday, August 25, 2022

Kenneth L. Wendzel Conference Room

Finance Committee Attendance:

Commissioner Mamie L. Yarbrough–Chairperson	Present
Commissioner Jon Hinkelman – Vice-Chair	Present
Commissioner Ezra Scott	Present
Commissioner Teri Freehling	Present

Others Present: Administrator Brian Dissette, Chairman R. McKinley Elliott, and Secretary Stephanie Carlson.

Meeting was called to order at 9:32am

Public Comments: None

Q&A Administrator – Administrator Dissette did a follow-up on last week’s meeting and the update at the Committee of the Whole meeting, in regards to the Insurance Fund. He said he’s talked with Blue Cross and they will provide him with a report on what’s driving up the costs. He also said they will put together a report regarding the 100% coverage for retirees, which should eliminate the high cost quarters, but it will cost the County more. He said he should have the report available sometime in September. There was a brief discussion.

Commissioner Yarbrough requested the Treasurer meet with Finance on a quarterly basis to give an update. Administrator Dissette said he would get with Shelly and have her schedule time with Finance.

Commissioner Scott brought up his concerns regarding the audit report on Drains and said it’s been going on for four years and needs to be resolved. Commissioner Hinkelman agreed and said the County is being punished and taking dings on the audit because of Drains. Brian said the Committee on Committee’s has agreed to sit down with the Drain Commissioner.

The committee had an extensive discussion on the proposed capital spending in facilities.

Committee Business

Commissioner Scott motioned to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2022 meeting, supported by Commissioner Hinkelman. Motion carried.

Resolutions:

The following Resolutions were moved forward to the full Board:

F2208042 – Surplus Funds transfer Delinquent Tax Revolving to General Fund

F2208043 – Amend FY2022 Budget

F2208044 – Approval of Weekly Bills and Road Payables

F2209325 – Accepting Grant Agreement award amount of \$145,970

Meeting Adjourned: 10:28

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Carlson
Financial Services