

BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 7, 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 Mamie Yarbrough gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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:

10 PRESENT: Jim Curran, Teri Sue Freehling, Robert Harrison, Jon Hinkelman, Michael Majerek, Alex Ott, David Vollrath, Julie Wuerfel, Mamie Yarbrough and R. McKinley Elliott.

2 ABSENT: Rayonte Bell and Chokwe Pitchford.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 24, 2023 MEETING:

Commissioner Majerek moved and supported by Commissioner Freehling, to approve the BOC regular meeting minutes of August 24, 2023. Motion carried and no nays.

COMMUNICATION(S):

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

- An email from Ashley Butler, Cornerstone Alliance, regarding the approval of an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption for Vickers Engineering, to build a 14,900 square foot building in Weesaw Township, received on August 23, 2023.
- An email from Ashley Butler, Cornerstone Alliance, regarding the Women's Business Center at Cornerstone Alliance celebrating its 10-year anniversary, received on August 25, 2023.
- A resolution from Tuscola County Board of Commissioners, opposing Senate Bill 299, Senate Bill 300, House Bill 4479 and House Bill 4480, regarding changes to the septic provisions of the Michigan Public Health Code, received on August 31, 2023.
- Berrien County MSU Extension, an email on the Michigan State University Extension's Upcoming Events in Berrien County, received on August 31, 2023.

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 Curran moved and supported by Commissioner Freehling, to approve today's Consent Calendar:

<u>Resolution(s) #</u>	<u>Description</u>
F2309045	Weekly Bills Approval & Road Payables

B2309092 Weekly Requisitions
A2309280 Approve placement of Yield sign at intersection
A2309283 Contract with Wightman for additional Juvenile Center Design work
A2309284 Approve Speed Study – Warren Woods Rd.
A2309285 Approve Speed Study – Three Oaks Rd.
A2309286 Approve Speed Study – Prairie Rd.

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

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

Motion carried, no nays.

ADDED RESOLUTION(S): None.

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

The Finance, Personnel & Human Services (PHSC) and Administration 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:

Administrator Brian Dissette presented the Administrator's report.

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):

Adolf Pelzer, Hagar Township, spoke about the sound system in the conference room and lawyers.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS:

Executive Administrative Assistant Annette Christie announced the Ride to Remember on Sunday, September 10, 2023 starting at the Berrien County Courthouse and the departure will be at noon.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 A.M.

R. McKinley Elliott, Chairperson

Sharon J. Tyler, County Clerk

Minutes are to be approved at the next BOC meeting.