

BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2023

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairperson R. McKinley Elliott called the Board of Commissioners' (BOC) regular meeting to order at 10:31 A.M. in the BOC's boardroom at the Berrien County Administration Center, 701 Main Street, St. Joseph, Michigan.

INVOCATION - Pastor Jaime Cervantes, First Church, Benton Heights Campus:

Pastor Jaime Cervantes, First Church, Benton Heights Campus, gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner David Vollrath 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 SEPTEMBER 7, 2023 MEETING:

Commissioner Ott moved and supported by Commissioner Freehling, to approve the BOC regular meeting minutes of September 7, 2023. Motion carried and no nays.

COMMUNICATION(S):

Chief Deputy County Clerk Kristene Walton stated the following communication was received in the County Clerk's office:

- An email from Paul Caron, Decatur, Michigan, regarding two properties located in Harbert, received on September 11, 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 Freehling moved and supported by Commissioner Harrison, to include Resolutions #B2309298, #B2309299 and #B2309300 from the Added Resolution(s) to the Consent Calendar, and to approve today's Consent Calendar:

<u>Resolution(s) #</u>	<u>Description</u>
F2309046	Weekly Bills Approval & Road Payables
B2309093	Weekly Requisitions
P2309287	Complement Change for Sheriff/Public Defender Office
P2309288	Donation seeking authorization for Silver Beach playground project
P2309289	Drinking Water Testing grant amendment
F2309290	Berrien Bus Title VI Plan approval
F2309291	Berrien Bus FY2024 fares
P2309292	Remonumentation contracting company approval
P2309293	Remonumentation Peer Group approval
B2309298	Honorary Resolution
B2309299	Honorary Resolution
B2309300	Honorary Resolution

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:

<u>Resolution(s) #</u>	<u>Description</u>
B2309298	Honorary Resolution
B2309299	Honorary Resolution
B2309300	Honorary Resolution

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

The Personnel & Human Services (PHSC), Administration and Finance 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. Commissioner Hinkelman left the meeting at 11:01 A.M. 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):

Melissa Clapper, St. Joseph Charter Township, spoke about Sheriff Bailey’s retirement.

Adolf Pelzer, Hagar Township, spoke about the agenda and the water fountain.

Michael Haskins, Pipestone Township, spoke about the Napier Avenue project.

Sheriff Bailey spoke about the process to appoint his replacement.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:14 A.M.

R. McKinley Elliott, Chairperson

Kristene Walton, Chief Deputy County Clerk

Minutes are to be approved at the next BOC meeting.