

BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2022

CHAIRMAN TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairperson R. McKinley Elliott called the regular Committee of the Whole (COW) meeting to order at 8:38 A.M. in the Board of Commissioners' (BOC) room at the Berrien County Administration Center, 701 Main Street, St. Joseph, Michigan.

ROLL CALL:

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

11 PRESENT: Rayonte Bell (arrived at 8:50 A.M.), Jim Curran, Teri Sue Freehling, Robert Harrison, James Martin, Michael Majerek, Ezra Scott, David Vollrath, Julie Wuerfel, Mamie Yarbrough and R. McKinley Elliott.

1 ABSENT: Jon Hinkelman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 22, 2022 MEETING:

Commissioner Scott moved and seconded by Commissioner Majerek, to approve the Committee of the Whole minutes held on September 22, 2022. Motion carried, no nays.

REQUISITION REVIEW - Annette Christie:

Executive Administrative Assistant Annette Christie presented the requisitions to the Board for their review and discussion.

SCHEDULED DISCUSSION:

(1) Legislation Update – Mike Krombeen, Midwest Strategy

(2) FY23 Budget Update – Doug James, Financial Services Director

Chairperson Elliott gave an update on today's meetings. He stated they will be continually reviewing the Salary Study. He stated all employees are essential and we need to be fair.

- **Legislation Update – Mike Krombeen, Midwest Strategy**
Mike Krombeen, Midwest Strategy (virtually), gave a Legislation Update presentation and discussed approximately eleven session days left until the end of the year. Discussion was held.
- **FY23 Budget Update – Doug James, Financial Services Director**
Financial Services Director Doug James gave an update on the FY23 Budget. There will be a Budget Workshop meeting to be held on October 19, 2022 at 9:00 A.M. Discussion was held.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Per the Berrien County Board of Commissioners' Bylaws, those speaking during public comments may do so no longer than two minutes and shall identify themselves by name and city, township, or village. (Article III, 3.9B-C):

Marsha Gorbitz, Niles City, is a Trial Court II in the Niles Courthouse. She spoke about the Salary Study and reclassification of jobs.

Lisa Hernandez, Three Oaks Village, is a Deputy Clerk Court II in the Niles Courthouse and spoke about the Salary Study.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Commissioner Scott stated the two employees took their personal time off from work today to speak to the BOC and we need to support our employees.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 A.M.

R. McKinley Elliott, Chairperson

Sharon J. Tyler, County Clerk

Minutes are to be approved at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.