

BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
October 20, 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:

10 PRESENT: Rayonte Bell, Jim Curran, Teri Sue Freehling, Robert Harrison, James Martin, Michael Majerek, David Vollrath, Julie Wuerfel, Mamie Yarbrough and R. McKinley Elliott.

2 ABSENT: Jon Hinkelman and Ezra Scott.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 13, 2022 MEETING:

Commissioner Majerek moved and seconded by Commissioner Bell, to approve the Committee of the Whole minutes held on October 13, 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:

- **Apportionment of Millages Report – Warren Parrish**
Administrator Brian Dissette introduced Equalization Director Warren Parrish. Warren gave a PowerPoint presentation on the 2022 Berrien County Apportionment Report and discussed the following:
 - Overview of 2022 Apportionment Report:
 - Report Objective
 - Interesting Fact
 - Statutory Responsibilities of the Board
 - Breakdown of Taxing Authorities
 - Apportionment Report Pages
 - Mills apportioned by the Board
 - Ad Valorem Taxable Values
 - Millage Rate Comparison Charts
 - Township and City Details
 - Recap Showing Overall Totals
 - Potential November Amendments
 - Galien Township
 - Niles Township
 - Berrien County

Discussion was held.

- **Silver Beach County Park Master Plan – Jill Adams**
Parks Director Jill Adams gave a brief overview of Silver Beach County Park. Jill Adams introduced Jason Vetne, DLZ. Jason Vetne gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Silver Beach County Park Master Plan – Concept Design and discussed the following:
 - Goals
 - Existing Site
 - Site Context, History
 - Visioning
 - Proposed Site
 - Proposed Site – Option 1
 - Proposed Site – Option 2

- Playground Amenities
- Aerial View
- Entry View
- Plaza View
- Roof Terrace
- Service Area
- Proposed 1st Floor
- Proposed 2nd Floor

Jill Adams spoke about Resolution #P2210348 – Authorize submitting a Spark Grant application for replacement of Silver Beach County Park playground on the Agenda today. 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): None.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 A.M.

R. McKinley Elliott, Chairperson

Sharon J. Tyler, County Clerk

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