

BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2022

CHAIRMAN TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

Vice Chairperson Teri Sue Freehling called the regular Committee of the Whole (COW) meeting to order at 8:36 A.M. in the Board of Commissioners' (BOC) room at the Berrien County Administration Center, 701 Main Street, St. Joseph, Michigan.

ROLL CALL:

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

10 PRESENT: Jim Curran, Teri Sue Freehling, Robert Harrison, Jon Hinkelman, James Martin, Michael Majerek, Ezra Scott, David Vollrath, Julie Wuerfel and Mamie Yarbrough.

2 ABSENT: Rayonte Bell and R. McKinley Elliott.

Vice Chair Freehling recognized in the audience Road Department Director Mark Heyliger and spoke about the road conditions due to the weather.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 10, 2022 MEETING:

Commissioner Majerek moved and seconded by Commissioner Wuerfel, to approve the Committee of the Whole minutes held on November 10, 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.

PRESENTATION – FRIENDS OF BERRIEN COUNTY TRAILS PRESENTATION – Gary Wood:

Vice Chair Freehling introduced Gary Wood, President of Friends of Berrien County Trails, Marcy Hamilton, Southwest Michigan Planning Commission and John Chipman, Vice President of Friends of Berrien County Trails. Gary Wood, Marcy Hamilton and John Chipman gave a PowerPoint presentation on Friends of Berrien County Trails Master Plan 2022 and discussed the following:

- Leadership Team
- Funding Support
- Steering Committee
- Agenda
- Project Process Overview
- Stakeholder & Public Outreach
- Recommendations
- Implementation
- Next Steps
- Significance of Plan – Regional Connectivity – Maps/Charts
- Stakeholder & Public Outreach – Maps/Charts
- Municipal Assessment
- Key Findings
- Recommendations – Maps/Charts
- Regional Connectors
- Local Community Connectors
- Implementation Toolbox
- Maintenance
- Goals/Next Steps

- Questions

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):

Melissa Clapper, St. Joseph Charter Township, thanked all the clerks and the Berrien County Clerk’s Office, Sharon Tyler and Chief Deputy Clerk Sheila Reitz for the great work on the November election.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 A.M.

Teri Sue Freehling, Vice Chairperson

Sharon J. Tyler, County Clerk

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