

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN: Your Finance Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on September 14, 15, and 16, 2020, the Berrien County Board of Commissioners conducted budget reviews with the County Administrator/Controller and each department of Berrien County; and

WHEREAS, after careful study of the receipts and expenditures for each County Department, the County Administrator/Controller has prepared the following General Appropriations Act in accordance with Public Act 2 of 1968 and the Michigan Department of Treasury Uniform Budget Manual; and

WHEREAS, with due prudence and calculation for the preparation of the budget, a reduced County general operating rate of 4.7627 was used, and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has reviewed this General Appropriations Act; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing on the proposed 2021 budget was held on Thursday, November 5, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the County Administrator/Controller is designated the Chief Purchasing Agent for the County; and

WHEREAS, the County Administrator/Controller or his/her designee reports on the status of the General Fund and the contingency fund at least once every 60 days to the Finance Committee; and

WHEREAS, the County Administrator/Controller is authorized to execute budget transfers within budgetary centers and between those centers and the contingency fund; however, any transfer between budgetary centers in excess of \$10,000 requires Finance Committee approval except for transfers required to execute actions otherwise approved by the Board of Commissioners, required by end of year closing procedures, or in the case of emergency; and

WHEREAS, transfers to appropriation lines in the General Fund for depositing into any other fund (i.e. Special Revenue Funds) must be approved by the Board of Commissioners except for transfers required to execute actions otherwise approved by the Board of Commissioners, required by end of year closing procedures, or in the case of emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED provided that a reduction of the maximum allowable millage rates is not required by the Headlee Amendment to the Michigan Constitution, the millage rates to be levied and collected for the 2021 budget are:

1. County General Operating Millage (1010), general operating millage for Berrien County, millage rate = 4.7723 (\$4.7723 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation, as equalized)
2. Berrien County Parks Millage (2087), raise PA90 funds for the improvement, maintenance or acquisition of Berrien County parks, millage rate = .1000 (\$.10 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation, as equalized)
3. 911 Emergency System Millage (2610), support of continued operation of a 9-1-1 emergency system within Berrien County, millage rate = .4500 (\$.45 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation, as equalized)
4. County Law Enforcement and Public Safety Millage (2640), support of law enforcement, criminal justice and public safety for the citizens of Berrien County, millage rate = .3500 (\$.35 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation, as equalized)
5. Senior Centers Millage (2700), support of continued operation of seven Senior Centers in Berrien County, millage rate = .3000 (\$.30 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation, as equalized)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the FY2021 combined line item budgets for budgeted funds are summarized as follows.

Fund Group	Expenditures & Uses	Property taxes	All Other Revenues & Sources	Net Fund Balance Increase (Decrease)
General Fund	63,114,809	(39,708,574)	(22,860,033)	(546,202)
Special Revenue Funds	85,854,705	(9,934,131)	(69,714,069)	(6,206,505)
Debt Service Funds	-	-	-	-
Capital Projects Funds	3,017,977	-	(1,557,165)	(1,460,812)
Internal Service Funds	18,216,132	-	(18,091,447)	(124,685)
Enterprise Funds	5,359,497	(1,810,815)	(1,715,434)	(1,833,248)
Component Unit	14,117,593	(1,312,700)	(12,338,753)	(466,140)
	<u>189,680,713</u>	<u>(52,766,220)</u>	<u>(126,276,901)</u>	<u>(10,637,592)</u>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that to assist the execution of this budget, the Finance Committee or its designee, is hereby granted the authority to regulate, transfer funds, amend budgets and approve such expenditures as it may deem necessary for successful and effective operation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Administrator, with the concurrence of the Finance Committee, may, upon the recognition of a personnel vacancy, remove funding from that position prior to it being filled, and placing such funds in the Contingency Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED any legal settlement of pending litigation greater than \$5,000 shall be brought to the attention of the full board for its approval and concurrence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners approves the Berrien County General Appropriations Act for 2021, hereafter known as the 2021 Annual Budget.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Committee wishes to express appreciation to the Board of Commissioners and the County Departments for their cooperation and assistance in the preparation of this budget.

**Respectfully submitted,
 BERRIEN COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE**

 Mamie L. Yarbrough, Chairperson

 Robert P. Harrison, Vice-Chairman

 Jon Hinkelman

 Ezra A. Scott

RESOLUTION APPROVED AS TO FORM

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