

**BERRIEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of January 9, 2020**

**Present:** Michael Majerek, Vice Chair  
Don Meeks Sr.

**Absent:** Jim Curran, Chair  
Chris Heugel

**Scheduled:** Sheriff Bailey, BCSD  
Bill Wolf, County Administration  
Mac Elliott, BOC Chair

**Others:** Chief Deputy Boyce, BCSD  
Darren Schaer, Public

**Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 9:29 am.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Meeks, supported by Majerek, to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2020 meeting.  
Motion Carried.

**Sheriff's Update**

Sheriff Bailey reported they assisted Cass County with apprehending a fugitive wanted by the U.S. Marshall's office for felonies committed in LaPorte County. They were able to apprehend the suspect after approximately 12 hours with no gunfire exchanged. Bailey detailed the construction update. Boyce discussed planning on the upcoming summer activities that include the Senior PGA, Silver Beach, and assisting the City of Benton Harbor. He discussed partnerships with local and State law enforcement. Bailey reviewed the jail stats for December and Boyce reviewed the patrol stats. Majerek asked if they were seeing any trending in domestic violence assaults. Boyce reported that there is typically a spike around the holidays, but they have not noticed any this time, possibly due to the nice weather. Discussions ensued regarding the current car thefts and larcenies from vehicles. Bailey reported the majority are committed by drug addicts. He stressed people need to remove valuables from vehicles and keep them locked.

Discussions ensued regarding the Public Safety Millage enhancement that Bailey is requesting. It is currently at 0.35 and he would like it increased to 0.45, which is the same as the current 911 millage. Bailey is putting together information requested by Curran and will provide it to the Committee.

**Q & A with Bill Wolf and BOC Chair Elliott**

Elliott verified the consent calendar. Majerek asked Wolf if a pay increase would have helped to retain Renna. Discussions ensued.

**Resolutions**

The following Resolution was approved and signed:  
A2001147 – Approval of the county wide mileages for 2019 and authorize title sheets for Act 51 Certification Maps.

**Berrien Community Foundation**

The following request was signed:  
Special Olympics Michigan in the amount of \$2,450.00

**Miscellaneous**

Reporting Calendar – Arent will distribute the 2020 reporting schedule after verification of night meeting dates.

**Public Comment**

Darren Schaer, Pipestone Township – What does the Sheriff's Department spend for the Senior PGA? What is the return to the community and taxpayers?

Meeting adjourned at 10:07 am.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jennifer Arent