

BERRIEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
Minutes of February 27, 2020

Present: Jim Curran, Chair
Michael Majerek, Vice Chair
Chris Heugel
Don Meeks Sr.

Absent:

Scheduled: Chief Judge Mayfield, Trial Court
Carrie Smietanka-Haney, Trial Court
Bill Wolf, County Administration
Mac Elliott, BOC Chair

Others: Chris Swihart, Information Systems
Steve Pierangeli, Prosecutor's Office
Ezra Scott, Commissioner
Annette Krieger-Christie, Administration
Tony Benhart, Public

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 9:25 am.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Majerek, supported by Meeks, to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2020 meeting. Motion Carried.

Trial Court Update

Discussions ensued regarding Equivant and the customization of the product and added costs in tandem with balancing budgets. Smietanka-Haney reviewed the breakdowns of 2019 cases and three year trends. Judge Mayfield introduced herself and discussed employee recognition, online communications, the Justice for All Task Force, increasing internal communication for external information, and cultural change. She is focused on heightened customer service and they are working on digital signage that will list cases and judges, along with the courtroom and a map of the courthouse.

Q & A with Bill Wolf and BOC Vice Chair Scott

Scott verified the consent calendar. Wolf stated tomorrow is the cut-off for applications for the 911 Director. Corcoran found a buyer for one of the old printing machines and is collecting bids for an envelope printer. Wolf noted that donations came in for the purchase of a new anesthesia machine for Animal Control and a bid proposal will go through the Finance Committee. Discussions ensued regarding potential Parks acquisitions. Krieger-Christie asked for signatures for the Honorary Resolution for Art Fenrick. She will be back next week with Board appointments.

Resolutions

The following Resolution was approved and signed:
A2003189 – Accept Child and Parent Legal Representation Grant

Public Comment

Tony Benhart, Sodus Township – Under the bridge on Niles-Buchanan Road, there was an icy spot and people were sliding off the road. He called 911 to let them know salt needed to be applied and was told MDOT was already on site. He called the Niles Police to request salt.

Meeting adjourned at 10:24 am.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jennifer Arent