

**BERRIEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of March 5, 2020**

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

**Absent:**

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

**Others:** Annette Krieger-Christie, Administration  
Undersheriff Heit, BCSD  
Capt. Wilke, BCSD  
Lt. Burke, BCSD  
Tiffany Peterson, Animal Control  
Darren Schaer, Public  
Jerry Sirk, Public

**Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 9:12 am.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Majerek, supported by Meeks, to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2020 meeting. Motion Carried.

**Sheriff's Department Update**

Lt. Burks gave an update on phase 3 of the jail construction. The old booking area has been demolished and studs have been put in. They will start on the concrete pouring in April. The flooring should be complete by May. The Master Control area has been relocated to visitation. Due to visitation being shut down, they are allowing 1 free internet visit (additional visits are \$10 each). Discussions ensued regarding the construction schedule. Bailey reviewed the February statistics. Burks discussed activities and training for HAZMAT, which includes 11 deputies and 1 tribal officer. The trainings are provided by FEMA and Homeland Security.

**Q & A with Bill Wolf and BOC Vice Chair Scott**

Elliott verified the consent calendar. He let the Committee know the deputy canine will need surgery, which will take place in Grand Rapids. They will be looking over the 911 applications. The opening for Corporate Counsel has been posted and Dewane is serving as interim. They may need to extend the posting for Administrator.

Wolf asked Peterson to stop in and discuss the anesthesia machine. She stated she received 5 bids and will have a vet go over them to determine the best one. The excess donations will be used to service the autoclave machine.

Discussions ensued regarding Papparazzi Tattoo and the testing needs of the effected people.

**Miscellaneous – Annette Krieger-Christie**

Christie reported the City of St. Joseph gave permission for the annual Alex's Duck Duck Run at their January 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Committee concurred to allow it.

The Road Department 3 Year Construction Plan is a component of the Asset Management Plan and must be updated and submitted to the State annually. She will highlight the changes from the original, scan it and email it to the Board.

She would like to align the expiration dates of both the 911 Committee and the County Operations Committee in April as the people serve on both boards simultaneously. She will have a resolution prepared for the next meeting.

**Resolutions**

None.

**Public Comment**

Darren Schaer, Pipestone Township – What is the County's plan for equine encephalitis next year? Are we going to wait until someone gets sick or spray the mosquitoes before? If a neighbor opts out of the spraying, can he still spray his own? He would like discussions prior to May.

Jerry Sirk, Benton Charter Township – When Nikki Britten was talking about free testing for people affected by the tattoo shop, has she included people possibly infected from relations, such as spouses? This is a big concern.

Meeting adjourned at 10:14 am.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jennifer Arent