

BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2020

CHAIRMAN TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairperson R. McKinley Elliott called the regular meeting to order at 10:35 A.M. in the Board of Commissioners' (BOC) room at the Berrien County Administration Center, 701 Main Street, St. Joseph, Michigan.

INVOCATION:

Chairperson R. McKinley Elliott gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

Commissioner Robert Harrison led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

ROLL CALL:

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

10 PRESENT: William Chickering, Jim Curran, Teri Freehling, Robert Harrison, Jon Hinkelman, Michael Majerek, Don Meeks, Ezra Scott, David Vollrath, and R. McKinley Elliott.

2 ABSENT: Christopher Heugel and Mamie Yarbrough.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 12, 2020 MEETING:

Commissioner Meeks moved, seconded by Commissioner Harrison, to approve the BOC meeting minutes of March 12, 2020. Motion carried, no nays.

COMMUNICATION(S):

County Clerk Sharon Tyler distributed to the Board an email communication from Jonathan Brater, Elections Director of the Michigan Department of State, Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson, Bureau of Elections, regarding the incident at Coloma Charter Township during the March Presidential Primary, received on March 11, 2020.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING RESOLUTIONS - Public comments at this portion of the meeting must be related to resolutions listed on today's agenda only. 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): None.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Commissioner Harrison moved, seconded by Commissioner Scott, to move Resolutions # F2003208 and F2003209 from Added Resolutions to the Consent Calendar. Motion carried, no nays.

Commissioner Harrison moved, seconded by Commissioner Scott, to approve today's Consent Calendar as presented:

<u>Resolutions #</u>	<u>Description</u>
P2003003	Per Diems
F2003023	Weekly Bills
B2003070	Weekly Requisitions
F2003113	Road Payables
P2003190	Southwest Michigan Planning 4 X 4 Contract
P2003192	City of Niles 4 X 4 Contract
P2003193	Michigan Public Health Institute OHAB Mini Grant Acceptance
P2003194	Lakeland Foundation Grant Application
P2003199	Apply grant for development of Paw Paw County Park expansion
P2003200	Apply grant for acquisition of property Madeline Bertrand County Park
A2003201	Road Department 3-Year Project Plan
P2003204	Krasl Sculpture Agreement Renewal
F2003208	Approve 2 nd Amended Refunding Resolution Berrien Springs #29
F2003209	Approve 2 nd Amended Refunding Resolution Coloma #30

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call the roll resulting as follows:

10 YEAS: Chickering, Curran, Freehling, Harrison, Hinkelman, Majerek, Meeks, Scott, Vollrath and Elliott.

Motion carried, no nays.

ADDED RESOLUTION(S):

Added Resolutions were moved to the Consent Calendar.

PARENT COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Personnel and Human Services, Finance and Administration Committees presented their Parent Committee Reports. Parent Committee minutes are available at www.berriencounty.org.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Commissioners presented their Commissioner Reports.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: None.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS - 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):

Tony Benhart, Sodus Township, spoke about his mother being a victim of people posing as utility workers and then was robbed.

Adolf Pelzer, Hagar Township, spoke about the public needing desks during the Board meeting to write, the Board needs to take care of themselves and the current closings due to the coronavirus.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The Board discussed future meetings and being flexible due to the coronavirus. They spoke about how to handle bid openings and having them held in the BOC room. Administrator William Wolf reviewed the next steps being taken.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:13 A.M.

R. McKinley Elliott, Chairperson

Sharon J. Tyler, County Clerk

Minutes are to be approved at the full board meeting on March 26, 2020.