

BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Virtual Board Meeting Minutes
July 16, 2020

Staff Present: County Clerk Sharon Tyler
Annette Christie, Executive Assistant to the Administrator
Brian Dissette, County Administrator

BOC Present: Chairperson R. McKinley Elliott
Commissioner William Chickering
Commissioner Chris Heugel
Commissioner David Vollrath

CHAIRMAN TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairperson R. McKinley Elliott called the regular meeting to order at 10:34 A.M. in the Board of Commissioners' (BOC) room at the Berrien County Administration Center, 701 Main Street, St. Joseph, Michigan.

INVOCATION:

Commissioner David Vollrath gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

Chairperson R. McKinley Elliott 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:

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

0 ABSENT.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JULY 9, 2020 MEETING:

Commissioner Scott moved and supported by Commissioner Meeks, to approve the BOC virtual meeting minutes of July 9, 2020.

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

12 YEAS: Yarbrough, Harrison, Hinkelman, Scott, Chickering, Vollrath, Freehling, Curran, Heugel, Majerek, Meeks and Elliott.

Motion carried, no nays.

COMMUNICATION(S): None.

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 through the You Tube chat during public comments shall identify themselves by name (including last name) and city, township, or village: None.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Commissioner Vollrath moved and supported by Commissioner Heugel, to approve today's Consent Calendar as presented:

<u>Resolutions #</u>	<u>Description</u>
P2007007	Monthly Per Diems
F2007039	Weekly Bills
B2007085	Weekly Requisitions
A2007298	Approve application for 2021 Snowmobile Grant

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

12 YEAS: Yarbrough, Harrison, Hinkelman, Scott, Chickering, Vollrath, Freehling, Curran, Heugel, Majerek, Meeks and Elliott.

Motion carried, no nays.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

The Commissioners presented their outside Commissioners' Reports.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Administrator Brian Dissette gave his Administrator's Report.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS – Those speaking through the You Tube chat during public comments shall identify themselves by name (including last name) and city, township, or village.

Tony Benhart, Sodus Township, spoke about the change on Red Arrow Highway and wanted to know about Napier Avenue.

Adolf Pelzer, Hagar Township, stated he can hear everyone fine on Zoom and hopes this will continue when they return to regular meetings.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Discussion was held on the CARES Act funds and other COVID-19 funds.

Commissioner Freehling spoke about the Berrien County Transportation Advisory Committee meeting.

Chairperson Elliott spoke about the August 6th night meeting and will make a decision next week whether it will be changed.

Commissioner Yarbrough inquired whether the Joint Pension Committee and Land Bank Authority will meet next week. They will check to see, if they are still meeting.

Commissioner Chickering stated the Salary Committee will be meeting in the future.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS:

Chairperson Elliott announced the following:

- Wednesday, July 22, 2020 – The PHSC Committee meeting will be held virtually at 10:30 A.M.
- Thursday, July 23, 2020 – The Finance Committee meeting will be held virtually at 9:30 A.M.
- Thursday, July 23, 2020 – The Board of Commissioners meeting will be held virtually at 10:30 A.M.
- Thursday, July 30, 2020 - The Board of Commissioners will not meet due to being the 5th Thursday of the month.

Commissioner Scott announced the Broadband meeting will be held virtually today at 2:15 P.M. by the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 A.M.

R. McKinley Elliott, Chairperson

Sharon J. Tyler, County Clerk

Minutes are to be approved at the next BOC meeting.