

BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Virtual Board Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2020

Staff Present: Clerk Sharon Tyler
Annette Christie, Executive Assistant to the Administrator
Brian Dissette, County Administrator
Sheriff Paul Bailey (Left at Noon.)
Shelley Jasper, Human Resources Director (Left at 11:54 A.M.)
Nicki Britten, Health Officer (via Zoom) (Left at 11:54 A.M.)
Russ Beland, Information Systems

BOC Present: Chairperson R. McKinley Elliott

CHAIRMAN TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairperson R. McKinley Elliott called the virtual 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 Robert Harrison gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

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

0 ABSENT.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 6, 2020 MEETING:

Commissioner Majerek moved and supported by Commissioner Freehling, to approve the BOC virtual regular meeting minutes of August 6, 2020.

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

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

Motion carried, no nays.

COMMUNICATION(S):

Clerk Sharon Tyler received an email communication from Kelly Stelter, Berrien County 4-H Program Coordinator, sending the Berrien County Spotlight, 4-H Family News – August 2020 issue, received on August 12, 2020.

AUGUST ELECTION UPDATE – Clerk Sharon Tyler:

Clerk Sharon Tyler gave an update on the Primary Election held on August 4, 2020. She stated the Primary Election will be certified today by the Board of Canvassers.

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:

Chairperson Elliott discussed pulling Resolution #P2008313 - Update for additional funding for FY2020-21 CPBC and Resolution #P2008314 - Health Department Staff Complement Change from the Consent Calendar and for each resolution to be presented separately. Chairperson Elliot discussed moving Resolution #P2008319 – Approve agreement with Mitre Corporation from the Added Resolution(s) to the Consent Calendar and be presented separately. Discussion was held.

Commissioner Curran moved and supported by Commissioner Meeks, to do the following:

- Pull Resolution #P2008319 from the Added Resolution(s) to the Consent Calendar and to be presented separately,
- Pull Resolution #P2008313 from the Consent Calendar and to be presented separately,
- Pull Resolution #P2008314 from the Consent Calendar and to be presented separately; and
- To approve today’s Consent Calendar as presented:

| <u>Resolutions #</u> | <u>Description</u> |
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| F2008042 | Weekly Bills |
| B2008087 | Weekly Requisitions |
| A2008306 | OHSP Traffic Safety Grant Agreement |
| A2008307 | Secondary Road Patrol Grant |
| A2008310 | Approve MDOT Contract Marquette Woods Rd. |
| B2008311 | Honorary Resolution – Anniversary of ADA |
| P2008312 | MOSAIC CCDA Contract |
| P2008315 | Approve Medical Director Contract with Lakeland |

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

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

Motion carried, no nays.

Resolution #P2008319 - Approve agreement with Mitre Corporation:
Discussion was held on Resolution #P2008319.

Commissioner Harrison moved and supported by Commissioner Heugel, to approve Resolution #P2008319 as presented.

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

9 YEAS: Harrison, Heugel, Majerek, Meeks, Vollrath, Yarbrough, Chickering, Curran and Elliott.

3 NAYS: Freehling, Hinkelman and Scott.

Motion carried.

Resolution #P2008313 - Update for additional funding for FY2020-21 CPBC:
Discussion was held on Resolution #P2008313.

Commissioner Curran moved and supported by Commissioner Harrison, to approve Resolution #P2008313 as presented.

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

10 YEAS: Harrison, Heugel, Majerek, Meeks, Vollrath, Yarbrough, Chickering, Curran, Freehling and Elliott.

2 NAYS: Hinkelman and Scott.

Motion carried.

Resolution #P2008314 - Health Department Staff Complement Change:

Discussion was held on Resolution #P2008314.

Commissioner Chickering moved and seconded by Commissioner Harrison, to approve Resolution #P2008314 as presented.

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

8 YEAS: Heugel, Majerek, Vollrath, Yarbrough, Chickering, Curran, Harrison and Elliott.

4 NAYS: Hinkelman, Meeks, Scott and Freehling.

Motion carried.

ADDED RESOLUTION(S):

Added Resolution #P2008319 was moved to the Consent Calendar and presented separately.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S):

The Finance Committee presented their Committee Report. Discussion was held.

COMMITTEE ACTION NEEDED:

Personnel and Human Services Committee (PHSC) Chairperson Chickering explained the pension refunds and rollovers as provided and why this motion was being taken during the Board meeting.

PHSC Chairperson Chickering moved and seconded by PHSC member Vollrath, to approve the pension refunds and rollovers as presented. Support needed by PHSC members.

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

3 YEAS: Chickering, Freehling and Vollrath.

Motion carried, no nays.

COMMISSIONER REPORT(S):

The Commissioners presented their outside Commissioners' Reports.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Administrator Brian Disette 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.

Eric Lester, St. Joseph Charter Township, spoke about the following:

- Thanked Commissioner Harrison for a good invocation.
- Thanked Clerk Tyler for an excellent election report.
- Spoke about the Health Department and the need for contact tracing.
- Asked if the Broadband meeting was an open meeting to the public?

Tony Benhart, Sodus Township, spoke about the following:

- Wondered about the trees cut up in the ditches (from the storm) being removed, creating a liability.
- Spoke about mowing and cleaning the trash in ditches.
- Spoke about the Indiana Michigan Power's new tower regarding a communication line.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chairperson Elliott reviewed the BOC meeting schedule. Discussion was held on cancelling the Thursday, September 3, 2020 BOC meeting and having the Thursday, September 10, 2020 BOC night meeting at the Administration Center as a virtual night meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS:

Chairperson Elliott announced the following:

- Friday, August 14, 2020 – PHSC Virtual Meeting at 2:00 P.M.

- Thursday, August 20, 2020 – Administration Committee virtual meeting directly after the BOC meeting.
- Thursday, August 20, 2020 BOC meeting will be held virtually.
- Thursday, August 27, 2020 BOC meeting will be held virtually.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:24 P.M.

R. McKinley Elliott, Chairperson

Sharon J. Tyler, County Clerk

Minutes are to be approved at the next BOC meeting.