

BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the August 17, 2020 Personnel and Human Services Committee Meeting.
Meeting held in Board of Commissioner Room. Attendance was virtual and is as follows:

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	ALSO PRESENT
William Chickering	X (ZOOM)		Annette Christie, Brian Bailey
Dave Vollrath	X (phone)		
Teri Freehling	X(ZOOM)		
			Shelley Jasper

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

- Meeting called to order at 2:07 p.m.
- Motion by Vollrath, supported by Chickering to approve the minutes of August 5, 2020. Chickering – yea, Vollrath – yea, Freehling – yea; 3 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.
- Motion by Vollrath, supported Freehling to approve the advanced step hire request for Becka Shipp. Ms. Shipp will fill the Project Engineer position and be compensated at grade 5, step 5, annualized salary of \$62,093. Chickering – yea, Vollrath – yea, Freehling – yea; 3 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.
- Resolution P2008008, per diems for the month of July totaling \$6,714.58 was reviewed and approved for signature.
- Resolution P2008318, a Resolution to accept \$1000 in additional funds for the Double-up Food Bucks for the Benton Harbor Farmer’s Market was reviewed and approved for signature.
- Parks & Recreation Director Brian Bailey discussed the 1839 Courthouse Signature Event as proposed by the Executive Director of the Berrien County Historical Association. The signature event is proposed as either an in-person option of dining on the grounds or a virtual option of participating from their homes. Neither Brian nor the PHSC members had any issue with the Historical Association obtaining a 1-day liquor license in order to be able to include a bottle of wine in the meal boxes. The discussion centered on the proposed “in-person” option. Brian explained that the Historical Association Director understands the Executive Order limiting participation to 100 and the accompanying social distancing requirements. PHSC consensus was to have a virtual event only and not allow any in person gathering on the Historic Courthouse grounds. Brian said he will communicate that the Executive Director.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Adjourned 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Jasper
Human Resources Director