

BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Virtual Board Meeting Minutes
August 20, 2020

Staff Present: Clerk Sharon Tyler
Annette Christie, Executive Assistant to the Administrator
Brian Dissette, County Administrator
Treasurer Shelly Weich (Left at 10:52 A.M.)
Braeden Wilson, Information Systems

BOC Present: Chairperson R. McKinley Elliott
Commissioner Jim Curran
Commissioner Christopher Heugel
Commissioner Michael Majerek
Commissioner Don Meeks

CHAIRMAN TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairperson R. McKinley Elliott called the virtual regular meeting to order at 10:37 A.M. in the Board of Commissioners' (BOC) room at the Berrien County Administration Center, 701 Main Street, St. Joseph, Michigan.

INVOCATION:

Commissioner Christopher Heugel gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

Commissioner Ezra Scott 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 (Left at 10:55 A.M.), Mamie Yarbrough and R. McKinley Elliott.

0 ABSENT.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 13, 2020 MEETING:

Commissioner Meeks moved and supported by Commissioner Heugel, to approve the BOC virtual regular meeting minutes of August 13, 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 over seventy emails with the same communication from email address advocacy@bluestatedigital.com with different names and no addresses, regarding "Michiganians deserve a fair election in November and beyond," received on August 18 and 19, 2020. Discussion was held on these type of communications.

TAX FORECLOSURE UPDATE – Treasurer Shelly Weich:

Treasurer Shelly Weich gave an update on Tax Foreclosures and the bid processing. The Tax Foreclosure sale will be held on Saturday, September 26, 2020. The second sale will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020. Information on the auctions will be found on the County’s website.

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>
P2008008	Monthly Per Diems
F2008043	Weekly Bills
B2008088	Weekly Requisitions
F2008124	Road Payables
P2008318	Accept additional Double Up Food Bucks

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.

ADDED RESOLUTION(S): None.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S):

The Personnel and Human Services (PHSC), and Finance Committees presented their Committee Report. Discussion was held on the Berrien County Historical Association’s “All that Jazz” event to be held on September 8th. The plan was to hold the event outside and/or virtually. The Board agrees with PHSC’s approval for the event to be held virtually.

COMMISSIONER REPORT(S):

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, commented that Sodus Township denied Indiana Michigan Power’s request for a substation.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chairperson Elliott reviewed the BOC meeting schedule. The Board agreed to the following:

- The Thursday, September 3, 2020 BOC’s regular meeting and Finance Committee meeting have been cancelled, unless due to unforeseen reasons they may meet with due notification.
- Thursday, September 10, 2020 BOC’s night meeting has been changed to a 10:30 A.M. regular meeting to be held virtually at the Berrien County Administration Center.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS:

Chairperson Elliott announced the following:

- Administration Committee meeting will be held at 12:30 P.M. today.
- The Thursday, August 27, 2020 BOC's regular meeting will be held virtually.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 A.M.

R. McKinley Elliott, Chairperson

Sharon J. Tyler, County Clerk

Minutes are to be approved at the next BOC meeting.