

BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the October 6, 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, Jill Adams
Dave Vollrath	X (ZOOM)		Brian Dissette (Zoom)
Teri Freehling	X (ZOOM)		

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

- Meeting called to order at 2:00 PM. Attendance was taken and is reflected above.
- Motion by Vollrath, supported by Freehling to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2020 meeting. Chickering - yea, Vollrath - yea, Freehling - yea; 3 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.
- The following Health Department resolutions were reviewed:
 - P2010335 - Amend MPHI agreement for additional time.
 - P2010337 - Contract with Area Agency on Aging for opioid awareness.
 - P2010341 - Contract with LMC for clinical education experience.
 - P2010345 - Accept the Children's Trust Fund grant for Triple P
 - P2010350 - Approve collaboration agreement with Aids MinistriesA short review took place. Chairman Chickering said that after the Board of Health meeting being held the next day that he would have a very thorough review of them. The committee gave consensus to move the resolutions forward to the full BOC.
- The next PHSC meeting will be held on Thursday, October 15, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.

PARKS DISCUSSION:

Resolution P2010331 - Resolution to increase the entry fees to Silver Beach County Park and annual entrance permit cost. A discussion was held on the process. Brian explained that as Parks staff annually work through the budgeting process, a review of fees occurs, if a change is recommended it then goes to the Parks & Recreation Commission. In this case, that step, to the Parks & Recreation Commission, happened in an email survey due to the meeting being cancelled. Due to grant funds being used for Silver Beach County Park, the non-resident fee cannot be more than double the resident fee, which has not been increased since 2005. Commissioner Freehling expressed concern that they proceed with caution given the millage that residents already pay. Commissioner Vollrath stated that price increases are discussed every year and didn't feel that the increase was harmful. PHSC gave concurrence to move the resolution forward to the full Board for action.

Discussion was held about Parks & Recreation member J. B. Hoyt's proposal that the Board of Commissioners should increase the millage that can be done at their level without a vote of the people. Some discussion over whether an increase would be for the purpose of maintaining and repairs vs. purchasing additional parks property. Following discussion, there was consensus to pause on the subject for the time being.

There was discussion about the private/public partnerships that assist the Parks & Recreation Department with an alternative funding source that parks has greatly benefitted from in the past (not so much this year because of COVID, many events were cancelled). Some of those partnerships have included alcohol as part of an event and those experiences have gone well. There was some discussion on expanding those numbers of events. Commissioner Vollrath said he was open and encouraged Brian to bring those proposals to the Committee for consideration.

GIS MEMO:

The Committee reviewed a memo from GIS Mapping Director Lex Winans. The subject of the memo was a request from the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission for parcel data as an in-kind gift for a project that they were working on with U of M and CommunityViz. Commissioner Freehling, who serves as the Chairperson of the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission, was not aware of the request. Due to the expense of the "in-kind" gift, it was determined that more information would be necessary. The request was put on hold. County Administrator Brian Dissette will reach out to their Executive Director John Egelhaaf.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Adjourned 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Christie
Executive Assistant to the Administrator