

**BERRIEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
VIA ZOOM
Minutes of March 10, 2021**

Roll Call Present: Jim Curran, Chairperson, via Zoom in Winter Haven, Florida
David Vollrath, via Zoom in Coloma Township
Julie Wuerfel, via Zoom Buchanan

Absent: Don Meeks Sr., Vice Chair

Scheduled: Brian Dissette, County Administrator via Zoom
Annette Christie, County Administration via Zoom

Others: Jennifer Arent, Recording Secretary via Zoom

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 12:03pm.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Vollrath, supported by Wuerfel, to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2021 meeting. Roll Call Vote as follows: 3 YEAS: Curran, Vollrath, Wuerfel. 1 ABSENT: Meeks. Motion Carried.

Administrator Update – Brian Dissette

Dissette discussed Senate Bill 207, which is a proposed amendment to the Open Meetings Act. The amendment would allow an extension to June 30, 2021 of Zoom meetings. He requested the Committee send a letter to LaSata encouraging her to rally at the State for its consideration. Discussions ensued regarding a possible resolution of support.

Resolutions

The following resolutions were presented and approved to move forward:

A2103174 – Renew agreement with Riverwood for Multi Systemic Therapy Program

A2103175 – Traffic Control Order No Thru Truck Signage E. Euclid Avenue

A2103176 – Traffic Control Order remove truck restriction on Yore Avenue

A2103180 – Authorize the Road Department to do a Speed Limit Study of Maiden Lane from Washington to Hollywood

A2103181 – Accept grant funds for hazmat equipment

Wuerfel reviewed the following proposed BOC resolution:

B2103179 – BOC Request to Governor – Reduce COVID Restrictions (BOC written)

She worked with Freehling to put it together using data provided by Arthur Havlicek from Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber. She would like the State to go back to a regional approach. Dissette reviewed feedback from Nicki Britton, County Health Officer. Discussions ensued. Dissette and Christie will edit the resolution and bring a draft back to the Committee at the next meeting.

Public Comment

Kelsey Schoenwitz, Lincoln Charter Township – Why did you fire Jason and why are you looking for an engineering firm to oversee the Road Department? Isn't that exactly what he was

doing? Is it so you can micro manage the day to day operations? Sounds like this is a common style of leadership these days.

Upcoming Meetings

The next two meetings will be Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 10:00am and Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at 12:00pm.

Chairman Curran adjourned the meeting at 12:38pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jennifer Arent
Recording Secretary