

**BERRIEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
Minutes of March 12, 2020**

Present: Jim Curran, Chair
Michael Majerek, Vice Chair
Chris Heugel
Don Meeks Sr.

Absent:

Scheduled: Todd Johnson, Building & Grounds
Annette Krieger-Christie, Administration
Bill Wolf, County Administration
Mac Elliott, BOC Chair

Others: Hailey Richards, Trial Court
Nikki Britten, Health Department
Jerry Sirk, Public
Darren Schaer, Public

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 9:24 am.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Majerek, supported by Heugel, to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2020 meeting.
Motion Carried.

Building & Grounds Update

Johnson reviewed his quarterly update. They are currently at full employment with the last two hires. He reviewed the current 2020 funded projects and spoke at length regarding the boilers in the Courthouse. They will be replaced with more efficient units. They are averaging 4,000+ work orders per a 12 month period. He is scheduled to give a more detailed report on all the projects to the full Board on March 26th.

Q & A with Bill Wolf and BOC Chair Elliott

Majerek asked if Silver Beach will open on time due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Wolf stated he will need more guidance due to so many factors. As the parent committee, Curran requested an Honorary Resolution for Chris Renna's family. Wolf agreed and suggested mailing it to the family since they live in Saginaw. Elliott verified the consent calendar and noted Dewane's office will be retained as interim Corporate Counsel. Richards introduced herself and explained the reason for Resolution A2003205 being pushed through in one day. The cut off for the grant application for additional funding for the Mental Health Court is March 15th.

Annette Krieger-Christie – Committee Appointments & Honorary Resolution

Christie distributed the Community Appointments list showing the aligned dates. Regarding the Road Department 3 year construction plan, she is unable to find the changes in the document and has asked Latham to discuss it during his presentation next week at the Committee of the Whole. She will have the resolution for the Administration Committee to sign at that time.

She presented Honorary Resolutions for both Dave Agens and Chris Renna. Agens will be ready next week. However, with Committee approval, she will expedite Renna's so that Wolf can deliver it to the family at the funeral.

Resolutions

The following Resolution was approved and signed:

A2003205 – Approval to submit a grant application for Mental Health Court.

Public Comment

Jerry Sirk, Benton Charter Township – Is COVID-19 like the mumps where you are immune after getting it once? Britten stated that, in theory, once you have contracted it and are over it, then you should be immune. Discussions ensued.

Darren Schaer, Pipestone Township – What is the plan for Equine Encephalitis this year? Britten state that they are not able to plan due to the natural cycle of the virus. What happened last year may not be an indicator of what will be this year. There are no grants available for the local level, but the State is working on options for farms and homeowners.

Dick Bertog, Benton Charter Township – Asked if Britten was familiar with another type of airborne bacteria. Discussions ensued and Britten requested he fill out a request so she can investigate it.

Meeting adjourned at 10:24 am.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jennifer Arent