

BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Virtual Board Meeting Minutes
June 24, 2021

Staff Present: County Administrator Brian Dissette
(In-person at County Clerk Sharon Tyler
Adm. Center) Executive Assistant to the Administrator Annette Christie

CHAIRMAN TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairperson R. McKinley Elliott called the Board of Commissioners' (BOC) virtual regular meeting to order at 10:32 A.M. in the BOC room at the Berrien County Administration Center, 701 Main Street, St. Joseph, Michigan.

INVOCATION:

Commissioner Julie Wuerfel gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

Administrator Brian Dissette 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: Rayonte Bell (via Zoom in St. Joseph City, MI), Jim Curran (via Zoom in Niles Charter Township, MI), Teri Sue Freehling (via Zoom in Dubois, WY), Robert Harrison (via Zoom in Lincoln Charter Township, MI), Jon Hinkelman (via Zoom in Watervliet, MI), Michael Majerek (via Zoom in Niles City, MI), Don Meeks (via Zoom in Benton Charter Township, MI), Ezra Scott (via Zoom in New Buffalo Township, MI), David Vollrath (via Zoom in Coloma Charter Township, MI), Julie Wuerfel (via Zoom in Royalton Township, MI), Mamie Yarbrough (via Zoom in Benton Harbor City, MI) and R. McKinley Elliott (via Zoom in Buchanan Township, MI).

0 ABSENT.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 17, 2021 MEETING:

Commissioner Freehling moved and supported by Commissioner Majerek, to approve the BOC virtual regular meeting minutes of June 17, 2021.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call the roll with the following results:

12 YEAS: Curran, Freehling, Harrison, Hinkelman, Majerek, Meeks, Scott, Vollrath, Wuerfel, Yarbrough, Bell and Elliott.

Motion carried, no nays.

COMMUNICATION(S):

County Clerk Sharon Tyler received and distributed to the Board the following communication(s):

- Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners, a resolution opposing gearing towards privatizing Michigan's mental health system, received on June 17, 2021.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S) – Personnel & Human Services, Administration and Finance Committees:

The Personnel & Human Services (PHSC), Administration and Finance Committees presented their Committee Reports. Discussion was held. Parent Committee minutes are available at www.berriencounty.org.

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 YouTube chat during public comments shall identify themselves by name (including last name) and city, township, or village. The public should refer to the resolution # that they are commenting on as a part of their comments: **None.**

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Commissioner Scott moved and supported by Commissioner Curran, to include Added Resolution #A2106262 to the Consent Calendar and to approve today's Consent Calendar as presented:

<u>Resolutions #</u>	<u>Description</u>
F2106036	Weekly Bills
*B2106083	Weekly Requisitions
F2106120	Road Payables
P2106255	Accept Kresge Foundation Grant
P2106257	Accept Health Department Donation
A2106262	Approve Act 51 Report Submission

*Commissioner Freehling stated she is abstaining from Requisition #51564 – REV in an amount of \$14,000.00 contained in Resolution #B2106083 out of an abundance of caution.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call the roll with the following results:

12 YEAS: *Freehling, Harrison, Hinkelman, Majerek, Meeks, Scott, Vollrath, Wuerfel, Yarbrough, Bell, Curran and Elliott.

Motion carried, no nays.

ADDED RESOLUTION(S):

The following resolution was moved to the Consent Calendar:

<u>Resolutions #</u>	<u>Description</u>
A2106262	Approve Act 51 Report Submission

BOARD APPOINTMENT(S) – Recommendation from PHSC:

Commissioner Harrison moved and seconded by Commissioner Meeks, to approve the following Board Appointment recommended by the PHSC:

- **Workforce Development Board**
Appoint Brady Cohen to fill vacancy in the private sector – term expires December 31, 2023.

Discussion was held.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call the roll resulting as follows:

12 YEAS: Harrison, Hinkelman, Majerek, Meeks, Scott, Vollrath, Wuerfel, Yarbrough, Bell, Curran, Freehling and Elliott.

Motion carried, no nays.

COMMISSIONER REPORT(S):

The Commissioners presented their outside Commissioners' Reports.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Administrator Dissette gave his Administrator's Report. Discussion was held on the following:

- Health Department changes with Health Officer/Director Nicki Britten leaving on July 9th and replacing with Courtney Davis as interim, once approved by the State of Michigan.
- The BOC is returning to in-person meetings effective Thursday, July 1, 2021. The COW and BOC meetings will be streamed live on YouTube.
 - Executive Assistant to the Administrator Annette Christie spoke about the new layout of the BOC room.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS – Those speaking through the YouTube chat during public comments shall identify themselves by name (including last name) and city, township, or village: None.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS:

Chairperson Elliott announced the following:

- Land Bank Authority meeting will be held virtually today at 1:00 P.M.
- July 1, 2021 – The BOC will resume regular live meetings. All committee meetings next week will be at 9:15 A.M. followed by the BOC meeting at 10:30 A.M. The BOC meeting will be streamed live to the Berrien County channel on YouTube.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 A.M.

R. McKinley Elliott, Chairperson

Sharon J. Tyler, County Clerk

Minutes are to be approved at the next BOC meeting.