

**BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
**July 1, 2021**

**CHAIRMAN TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:**

Chairperson R. McKinley Elliott called the Board of Commissioners' (BOC) regular meeting to order at 10:33 A.M. in the BOC room at the Berrien County Administration Center, 701 Main Street, St. Joseph, Michigan.

**INVOCATION:**

Reverend Jeffrey Hubers, First Congregational Church, St. Joseph, gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:**

Executive Assistant to the Administrator Annette Christie 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:

10 PRESENT: Rayonte Bell, Jim Curran, Robert Harrison, Michael Majerek, Don Meeks, Ezra Scott, David Vollrath, Julie Wuerfel, Mamie Yarbrough and R. McKinley Elliott.

2 ABSENT: Teri Sue Freehling and Jon Hinkelman.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 24, 2021 MEETING:**

Commissioner Scott moved and supported by Commissioner Vollrath, to approve the BOC virtual regular meeting minutes of June 24, 2021. Motion carried, no nays.

**COMMUNICATION(S): None.**

**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 during public comments may do so no longer than two minutes and shall identify themselves by name and city, township, or village. (Article III, 3.9B-C). Those speaking should reference the resolution # they are speaking about:  
**None.**

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Commissioner Curran moved and supported by Commissioner Scott, to approve today's Consent Calendar as presented:

<u>Resolutions #</u>	<u>Description</u>
F2107037	Weekly Bills
B2107084	Weekly Requisitions
C2107258	Appoint Acting Health Officer
P2107260	Approve County Administrator Salary Increase
B2107261	Honorary Resolution
A2107263	Request MDOT Engineer Reimbursement
A2107264	Authorize Amendment to Management Services Agreement

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

10 YEAS: Curran, Harrison, Majerek, Meeks, Scott, Vollrath, Wuerfel, Yarbrough, Bell and Elliott.

Motion carried, no nays.

**ADDED RESOLUTION(S): None.**

**BOARD MEETING CALENDAR:**

Chairperson Elliott reviewed the Board Meeting Schedule for 2021. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

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

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

**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 during public comments may do so no longer than two minutes and shall identify themselves by name and city, township, or village. (Article III, 3.9 B-C):

Jack Kinney, St. Joseph, spoke about issues he is having regarding property on Benton Center Road and working with Chris Cooke at the Road Department in regards to closing the road. The Chair will have the County Administrator and Administrative Committee investigate and follow up on this issue with Mr. Kinney.

Matt Kirkus, New Buffalo, spoke about public rights and protecting his rights.

Adolf Pelzer, Hagar Township, asked about the BOC's room and new remodeling. He discussed his beard. Administrator Dissette responded on the upgrades to the BOC's room.

Darren Schaer, Pipestone Township, asked about the Committee meetings and the Road Department. He thanked the Road Department on the improvements to Park Road and discussed placing a weight limit on the road. The Chair responded to his comments.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Scott was happy to be done with virtual meetings and that we returned to live meetings.

Chairperson Elliott was happy to be back in the BOC room. The Chair spoke about Administrator Dissette's 1<sup>st</sup> year anniversary and welcomed everyone to honor him by celebrating with cake after the meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS:**

Chairperson Elliott announced the following:

- July 8, 2021 – Commissioner photos at 8:15 A.M, Committee meetings at 9:15 A.M. and BOC meeting at 10:30 A.M.
- July 15, 2021 – Committee of the Whole (COW) meeting with presentation scheduled at 8:00 A.M. – Shortened committee meetings, if needed 10:00 A.M., BOC Meeting at 10:30 A.M.
- July 22, 2021 – COW with presentation scheduled at 8:35 A.M., Committee meetings at 9:15 A.M. and BOC meeting at 10:30 A.M.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 A.M.

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R. McKinley Elliott, Chairperson

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Sharon J. Tyler, County Clerk

***Minutes are to be approved at the next BOC meeting.***