

BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
July 15, 2021

CHAIRMAN TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairperson R. McKinley Elliott called the Board of Commissioners' (BOC) regular meeting to order at 10:31 A.M. in the BOC room at the Berrien County Administration Center, 701 Main Street, St. Joseph, Michigan.

INVOCATION:

Commissioner Don Meeks gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

Treasurer Shelly Weich 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, Jim Curran, Teri Sue Freehling, Robert Harrison, Jon Hinkelman, Michael Majerek, Don Meeks, Ezra Scott, David Vollrath, Julie Wuerfel, Mamie Yarbrough and R. McKinley Elliott.

0 ABSENT.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JULY 8, 2021 MEETING:

Commissioner Freehling moved and supported by Commissioner Meeks, to approve the BOC regular meeting minutes of July 8, 2021. Motion carried and no nays.

COMMUNICATION(S):

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

- Wexford County Board of Commissioners, a resolution opposing Michigan Secretary of State "By Appointment Only", received on July 14, 2021.

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:

Chairperson Elliott requested to pull Resolution #P2107271 - Health Department Fee Schedule Increase from the Consent Calendar and to be presented separately for further discussion, to add Resolution #C2107283 - Authorize County Administrator to Submit a Vote, from Added Resolution(s) to the Consent Calendar.

Commissioner Freehling moved and supported by Commissioner Curran, to pull Resolution #P2107271 from the Consent Calendar to be presented separately for further discussion, to add Resolution #C2107283 from Added Resolution(s) to the Consent Calendar, and to approve today's Consent Calendar as presented:

<u>Resolutions #</u>	<u>Description</u>
P2107007	Monthly Per Diems
F2107039	Weekly Bills
P2107265	Approve Contract with Spectrum for TB Testing
P2107266	Accept EGLE Grant Funding for Water Testing
P2107272	Accept MALPH Funding for COVID Related Services
C2107283	Authorize County Administrator to Submit a Vote

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.

Resolution #P2107271:

Commissioner Scott moved and supported by Commissioner Bell, to approve Resolution #P2107271 - Health Department Fee Schedule Increase.

Commissioner Harrison explained Resolution #P2107271 - Health Department Fee Schedule Increase. The resolution authorizes the addition of a \$40.00 administration fee for COVID-19 immunizations.

Commissioner Scott is concerned about charging the insurance companies for the COVID-19 vaccines, since the shots were given to the County free and the County received federal and state monies for COVID-19 for this year. Commissioner Wuerfel agreed with Commissioner Scott. Commissioner Hinkelman is concerned this fee may discourage individuals in getting the vaccine. Commissioner Vollrath and Commissioner Majerek agreed with the Health Department in placing this fee on the schedule as we move forward to cover our cost. Discussion was held on the marketing and promotional efforts by the Federal and State governments for people to get the vaccine and not detouring individuals from getting the shot due to a fee. Commissioner Curran talked about delaying this motion after hearing this discussion.

Commissioner Yarbrough moved and supported by Commissioner Scott, to table Resolution #P2107271 - Health Department Fee Schedule Increase until the first week of October 2021.

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 and no nays.

ADDED RESOLUTION(S):

The following resolution was moved to the Consent Calendar.

<u>Resolutions #</u>	<u>Description</u>
C2107283	Authorize County Administrator to Submit a Vote

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

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 through the YouTube chat during public comments shall identify themselves by name (including last name) and city, township, or village:

Darrin Schaer, Pipestone Township, stated he would not be happy if the Health Department charged his insurance company for the COVID-19 vaccine. He spoke about farm machinery on the roads and the County's master plan.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Commissioner Scott wished Executive Administrative Assistant Annette Christie a Happy Birthday!

Commissioner Freehling moved and supported by Commissioner Curran, to authorize and direct staff to work with JHUDS, LLC and Williams & Work to prioritize and coordinate community survey activity. Motion carried and no nays.

Commissioner Freehling mentioned that Commissioners joined the courthouse staff in a walk to the Police Memorial on the bluff to honor Joe Zangaro and Ron Kienzle.

Commissioner Scott spoke about road rage against farm equipment. Administrative Dissette will work with the Sheriff's Department on road traffic issues and follow-up with the Administration Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS:

Chairperson Elliott announced the following:

- July 22, 2021 – Committee of the Whole meeting 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 11:23 A.M.

R. McKinley Elliott, Chairperson

Sharon J. Tyler, County Clerk

Minutes are to be approved at the next BOC meeting.