CHAIRMAN TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 10:30 a.m.
  • Reminder - Please do not have any background noise or activity going on in the background during the meeting.

INVOCATION - Given by Commissioner R. McKinley Elliott

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Led by Commissioner Jim Curran

ROLL CALL

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 23, 2020 MEETING

COMMUNICATIONS

COVID-19 UPDATE - Nicki Britten/Dan Fette

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 You Tube chat during public comments shall identify themselves by name (including last name) and city, township, or village.

CONSENT CALENDAR
The following resolutions are considered routine and will be adopted by one motion unless a request for removal, discussion, or explanation is received from a County Commissioner.

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A2004226
Authorize Purchase Process for Software Upgrade
Authorize the 911 Administrator to process required documents for a software upgrade associated with the audio recording logger system at 911 dispatch centers.

F2004227
Law Enforcement Millage Renewal
Approve the law enforcement millage renewal language for the August 4, 2020 ballot.

F2004228
911 Millage Renewal
Approve the 911 millage renewal language for the August 4, 2020 ballot.

F2004229
Senior Center Millage Renewal
Approve the senior center millage renewal language for the August 4, 2020 ballot.
CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)
P2004230 Parks Millage Renewal
Approve the Parks millage renewal.

P2004232 Heart of Cook Grant acceptance
Accept the Heart of Cook Grant to assist with the funding of breastfeeding initiatives.

B2004233 State of Emergency Declaration Extension
Extend the State of Emergency through May 31, 2020, to be shortened by action of the Board

A2004072 Honorary Resolutions

A2004245 Honorary Resolutions

F2004246 Electronic Signature for MDOT Authorizations
Authorize the Chairman of the Board to execute project authorizations with electronic signature for the MDOT master agreement.

• FINANCE COMMITTEE DISCUSSION / ROAD REQUISITION

ADDED RESOLUTION
B2004243 Approve Requisition for Wightman & Associates

• PERSONNEL COMMITTEE PENSION APPROVALS

• ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE HONORARY RESOLUTIONS PRESENT INTO RECORD

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

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OTHER BUSINESS
  • May 7, 2020 Night Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENT/REMINDERS

ADJOURNMENT
TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: Your Finance Committee respectfully recommends the approval of the Road Department’s 2020 Accounts Payable Voucher #9 covering the time frame from April 11, 2020 – April 25, 2020 in the amount of $71,052.19.

Respectfully submitted,
BERRIEN COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mamie L. Yarbrough, Chairperson

Robert P. Harrison, Vice-Chairperson

Jon Hinkelman

Ezra A. Scott
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Total Expenses 71,052.19 71,052.19
THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS hereby approves the requisitions over $5,000 as presented in the Requisition Approval Reports attached in the amount of $126,316.22 unless an individual Commissioner otherwise notes accordingly on the attached Abstention Statement.

Berrien County Board of Commissioners:

Mamie L. Yarbrough, Finance Chair

Jon Hinkelman, Finance

Jim Curran, Admin Chair

Don Meeks, Admin

William J. Chickering, PHSC Chair

David Vollrath, PHSC

Robert P. Harrison, Finance

Ezra A. Scott, Finance

Chris Heugel, Admin

Michael J. Majerek, Admin

Teri Sue Freehling, PHSC

R. McKinley Elliott, Chairman
### Requisition Approval

**Thursday, April 30, 2020**

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**Commissioner Abstention Statement for:**  
**Resolution # B2004241**  
**Date: April 30, 2020**

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I, ______________________ abstain from voting on Requisition #________ as included in the Resolution authorizing payment of requisitions over $5,000.

(Signature)
TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: Your Finance Committee respectfully recommends the approval of the auditing report covering the time frame from April 23, 2020 – April 29, 2020 ending in the amount of $972,440.11

Respectfully submitted,
BERRIEN COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mamie L. Yarbrough, Chairperson

Robert P. Harrison, Vice-Chairperson

Jon Hinkelman

Ezra A. Scott
DATE: 04/30/2020  CHECK RUN: 20200430  AMOUNT: $683,815.11

Check Run #: 20200430

Date: 04/30/2020

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: Your Finance Committee respectfully recommends the approval of the auditing report for checks to be issued in the amount of $683,815.11.

Respectfully submitted,

BERRIEN COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sharon Tyler, Chair
Sharon Tyler, County Clerk

Shelly Weid
Shelly Weid, Chief Deputy Treasurer
DATE: 04/28/2020  CHECK RUN: 20200428  AMOUNT: $ 288,625.00

Check Run #: 20200428

Date: April 28, 2020

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: Your Finance Committee respectfully recommends the approval of the auditing report for checks to be issued in the amount of $288,625.00.

Respectfully submitted,

BERRIEN COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE

[Signature]
Sharon Tyler, County Clerk ex officio

[Signature]
Shelly Weich, Chief Deputy Treasurer
TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BERRIEN COUNTY MICHIGAN: Your County Administration Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, to continue utilization of the NICE audio recording logger systems at the Berrien County and Niles City 911 dispatch centers, the current end-of-life servers at each location must be replaced; and

WHEREAS, to accommodate new digital Internet-Protocol (IP) that may interface with the new IP telephony and MPSCS (Michigan Public Safety Communication System) trunked radio system technologies, the current software must also be upgraded; and

WHEREAS, Word Systems, Inc. can provide the software upgrade which will include an enhanced Quality Assurance interface tool to compliment the newly established QA Supervisor program for building audio files of case reviews; and

WHEREAS, the upgrade, at a cost of $49,146, will be funded from the 911 Millage account funds (ORG 26103250).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners authorizes the 911 Administrator to proceed with the required documentation between Berrien County and WORD Systems Inc. for the software project upgrade for 911 dispatch centers.

Respectfully submitted,
BERRIEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Jim Curran, Chairman
Michael J. Majerek, Vice-Chairman

Chris Heugel
Don Meeks

RESOLUTION APPROVED AS TO FORM
Administrator ___________________________ Date 4/30/20

Comments Attached

Corporate Counsel ___________________________ Date

Comments Attached
TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN: Your County Finance Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there continues to be a serious crime problem in Berrien County despite the efforts of law enforcement agencies and community groups to eradicate this social problem; and

WHEREAS, since 1982, Berrien County voters have approved a special millage to provide funding to address this problem; and

WHEREAS, these millage funds have provided additional law enforcement and public safety resources to address the crime and public safety issues in Berrien County; and

WHEREAS, a millage of .35 hundredths of one mill is the amount necessary to continue law enforcement, education and treatment efforts, as well as, related criminal justice and public safety issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the following proposal be placed on the ballot for consideration by the voters of Berrien County at the election to be held on August 4, 2020 and that the form of the proposal shall be as follows:

RENEWAL OF COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY PROPOSAL

In support of law enforcement, criminal justice and public safety for the citizens of Berrien County, including the areas of drug enforcement, education and treatment, shall the limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be assessed against all taxable valuation of all property in Berrien County liable for taxation be set at thirty-five hundredths of one mill ($ .35 per each $1,000.00 of taxable valuation, as equalized). The above said millage represents a renewal of the millage rate of 35 hundredths of one mill ($ .3500 cents per $1,000 of taxable valuation, as equalized). The authorization to levy said millage is for a period of four (4) years being 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024. It is estimated that the amount to be generated from the total millage rate in the first year of the levy (2021) will be approximately $2,888,518.00.

Yes _________  No ________

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said election shall be held and conducted and the result of said election shall be canvassed in accordance with the provisions of the state law pertaining to the submission of such questions to the electors entitled to vote thereon and that the County Clerk shall do and perform all acts required by law for the calling and conducting of such election, and that the County Clerk shall, upon completion of the official canvass, file with the County Treasurer of Berrien County a certified copy of the official declaration of results of said election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event that the above proposal is approved by the voters, this Board of Commissioners will not levy any greater millage than is necessary, within the limits approved by the voters, to adequately provide funds for services and programs for law enforcement and related criminal justice and public safety issues in this county, and that all revenues generated by this millage will be used solely for said purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

BERRIEN COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mamie L. Yarbrough, Chairperson

Robert P. Harrison, Vice-Chairman

Ezra A. Scott

Jon Hinkelman

RESOLUTION APPROVED AS TO FORM
Administrator: [Signature] Date: 1/28/20
TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN: Your County Finance Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on August 7, 1990, the voters of Berrien County approved a property tax levy for the establishment and operation of a 9-1-1 emergency system in Berrien County; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Berrien County have continuously approved 9-1-1 millages, the latest in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the continued operation of the 9-1-1 emergency system is consistent with promoting the safety and well being of all Berrien County residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the following proposal be placed on the ballot for consideration by the voters of Berrien County at the election to be held on August 4, 2020 and that the form of the proposal shall be as follows:

9-1-1 EMERGENCY SYSTEM PROPOSAL

In support of continued operation of a 9-1-1 Emergency System within Berrien County, shall the limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be assessed against the taxable valuation of all property in Berrien County liable for taxation be set at forty-five hundredths of one mill ($0.45 cents per each $1,000 of taxable valuation). The above said millage represents a renewal of the millage rate of forty-five hundredths of one mill ($0.4500 per each $1,000.00 of taxable valuations, as equalized). The authorization to levy said millage is for a period of four (4) years being the years 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024. It is estimated that the amount of revenue to be generated from the total millage rate in the first year of the levy (2021) will be approximately $3,713,809.00.

Yes ________  No ________

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said election shall be held and conducted and the result of said election shall be canvassed in accordance with the provisions of the state law pertaining to the submission of such questions to the electors entitled to vote thereon and that the County Clerk shall do and perform all acts required by law for the calling and conducting of such election, and that the County Clerk shall, upon completion of the official canvass, file with the County Treasurer for Berrien County a certified copy of the official declaration of results of said election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event that the above proposal is approved by the voters, this Board of Commissioners will not levy any greater millage than is necessary, within the limits approved by the voters, to adequately provide funds for services and programs for the 9-1-1 Emergency Services in this county, and that all revenues generated by this millage will be used solely for said purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

BERRIEN COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mamie L. Yarbrough, Chairperson

Robert P. Harrison, Vice-Chairman

Ezra A. Scott

Jon Hinkelman
TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN: Your County Finance Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the senior centers throughout Berrien County provide valued services for the senior citizens of Berrien County; and

WHEREAS, PA39 of 1976 authorized the County to submit a millage proposal to the electorate for services to older citizens; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the following proposal be placed on the ballot for consideration by the voters of Berrien County at the election to be held on August 4, 2020, and that the form of the proposal shall be as follows:

RENEWAL OF SENIOR CENTERS PROPOSAL
In accordance with PA39 of 1976 and in support of continued operation of the senior centers in Berrien County, shall the limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be assessed against the taxable valuation of all property in Berrien County liable for taxation shall be set at thirty hundredths of one mill ($.30 cents per each $1,000 of taxable valuation). The above said millage represents a renewal of the millage rate of thirty hundredths of one mill. The authorization to levy said millage is for a period of four (4) years being 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024. It is estimated that the amount of revenue to be generated from the total millage rate in the first year of levy (2021) will be approximately $2,475,873.00.

Yes ______ No ______

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said election shall be held and conducted and the result of said election shall be canvassed in accordance with the provisions of the state law pertaining to the submission of such questions to the electors entitled to vote thereon and that the County Clerk shall do and perform all acts required by law for the calling and conducting of such election, and that the County Clerk shall, upon completion of the official canvass, file with the County Treasurer of Berrien County a certified copy of the official declaration of results of said election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event that the above proposal is approved by the voters, this Board of Commissioners will not levy any greater millage than is necessary, within the limits approved by the voters, to adequately provide funds for services and programs for the Senior Centers in this county, and that all revenues generated by this millage will be used solely for said purposes.

Respectfully submitted,
BERRIEN COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE

Manie L. Yarbrough, Chairperson

Robert P. Harrison, Vice-Chairman

Jon Hinkelman

Ezra A. Scott

RESOLUTION APPROVED AS TO FORM
Administrator ______ Date 4/30/20
Comments Attached
Corpora Counsel ______ Date
Comments Attached
TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BERRIEN COUNTY: Your County Personnel and Human Services Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Berrien County Board of Commissioners authorized resolution #C1210195 on October 11, 2012 which approved raising funds for the improvement, maintenance or acquisition of public parks through an ad valorem property tax levy on property as allowed under Public Act 90; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, the Berrien County Board of Commissioners approved the renewal of the Berrien County Parks Millage through 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Berrien County Parks system offers an opportunity for county residents to enjoy the benefit of living in Michigan’s Great Southwest as well as attracting visitors from all over the world with a positive tourist and economic development impact of over $5 million annually; and

WHEREAS, Berrien County Parks are maintained, improved, administered and acquired through a variety of fees, charges, grants, donations and the Public Act 90 tax levy; and

WHEREAS, resolution #P1504130 authorized the Public Act 90 tax levy through 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners approves the renewal of the Berrien County Parks Millage to be assessed upon all property within the County of Berrien, in the amount of 0.1 mills ($0.10 per $1,000 of taxable value) for a period of four (4) years (2020-2023).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the estimated revenue that is expected to be generated by this levy will be $825,291 in 2020.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
BERRIEN COUNTY PERSONNEL AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

William J. Chickering, Chairperson

Teri Sue Freehling

David Vollrath, Vice-Chairperson
TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BERRIEN COUNTY: Your County Personnel and Human Services Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Berrien County Health Department (BCHD) applied for funding from Heart of Cook Foundation (application approved under Resolution P2002171) to increase breastfeeding rates and normalize breastfeeding in the community through collaborative partnerships in the Berrien County Breastfeeding Coalition as well as operating a support group for breastfeeding families; and

WHEREAS, BCHD wishes to accept the grant award from the Heart of Cook Foundation for the amount $1,500 to provide funding to support the work of the Berrien County Breastfeeding Coalition and breastfeeding support group, to include operational supplies, participant incentives, and event costs; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Health endorses this resolution, pending approval of Corporate Counsel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners authorizes the acceptance of the grant award from the Heart of Cook Foundation to assist with BCHD efforts to increase breastfeeding rates and normalize breastfeeding in the community.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
BERRIEN COUNTY PERSONNEL AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

William J. Chickering, Chairman

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David Vollrath, Vice Chairman

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Teri Sue Freehling

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THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN: respectfully recommends the adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Michigan Public Act 390 of 1976 authorizes and vests the power in the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners “to declare a local state of emergency if circumstances within the county or municipality indicate that the occurrence or threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property from a natural or human-made cause exists.”; and

WHEREAS, On April 2, 2020, the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Berrien County extended the originally declared local state of emergency (March 26, 2020) under Berrien Co. Emergency Order (B.C. E.O. 2020-2) for the response to a pandemic emergency causing deadly respiratory illness in Michigan (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, Michigan Public Act 390 of 1976, Section 10, explains the term of a local state of emergency declared by the chief executive official county [sh]all not be continued or renewed for a period in excess of 7 days except with the consent of the governing body of the county or municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Berrien County Emergency Operations Plan (“Plan”) details the actions taken when an emergency occurs in Berrien County including but not limited to declaring a Local State of Emergency; “as necessary, appropriate and expend funds” (Annex A of the Plan); and organize and direct local and county disaster relief forces; and

WHEREAS, the conditions described in the previously written declarations of emergency still exist in Berrien County and it is expected that Berrien County will need to expand the number of days under the Local State of Emergency until at least Friday, May 31, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to renew and extend the local state of emergency declaration issued on March 26, 2020, then extended on April 2, 2020; and execute all of the powers delegated to the Chief Executive under Michigan Public Act 390 of 1976 and all duties enumerated in the Berrien County Emergency Operations Plan; to include but not limited to expending funds, through May 31, 2020, if not before, by action of this Board.

Respectfully submitted,
Berrien County Board of Commissioners

William J. Chickering, PHS Chair

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Jon Hinkelman

RESOLUTION APPROVED AS TO FORM
TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BERRIEN COUNTY:
Your County Finance Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act No. 51 of the Public Acts of 1951, as amended, Berrien County is providing a local transportation program; and

WHEREAS, Berrien County has entered into Master Agreement No. 2017-0021 with the Michigan Department of Transportation authorizing Berrien County to enter into Project Authorizations for Fiscal Year(s) 2017 through 2021; and

WHEREAS, due to the unique circumstances created by the COVID-19 pandemic, it is recommended that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners authorize, via resolution, the Chairman of the Board, with the Vice-Chair as an alternate, to sign and execute all future project authorizations under Master Agreement No. 2017-0021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chairman of the Board, with the Vice-Chair as an alternate, to enter into and execute all Project Authorizations under Master Agreement No. 2017-0021 with the Michigan Department of Transportation, on behalf of Berrien County.

Respectfully submitted,
BERRIEN COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mamie L. Yarbrough, Chair

Robert P. Harrison, Vice-Chair

Ezra A. Scott

Jon Hinkelman

[Stamp: RESOLUTION APPROVED AS TO FORM
Administrator: __________ Date: 4/30/20]
Comments Attached
Corporate Counsel: __________ Date: __________
Comments Attached
THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS hereby approves the following requisition over $5,000:

| 50263 | Wightman | Construction Services Red Arrow & Union Pier Intersection (Bid 2020-051) | $421,300.00 | Road Department |

unless an individual Commissioner otherwise notes accordingly on the attached Abstention Statement.

Berrien County Board of Commissioners:

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**Commissioner Abstention Statement for:**

**Resolution # B2004243**

**Date:** April 30, 2020

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WHEREAS, Paul Granigan, born on January 22, 1968, was a lifelong resident of Berrien County, and

WHEREAS, Paul attended and graduated from St. Joseph High School and wore his “Bears” football and track uniform with pride; and

WHEREAS, he furthered his education at Western Michigan University and graduated with a Bachelors in Business Administration, majoring in Finance; and

WHEREAS, he began his work for the citizens of Berrien County in 2007 as the Financial Services Manager in the Financial Services Department, and

WHEREAS, in 2010, he became the Business Manager for the Berrien County Sheriff; and

WHEREAS, Paul had an impressive work history while at Berrien County; and

WHEREAS, more impressive was the mark he made on the community, as he was well-known and well-loved by many in Southwest Michigan, especially by his fellow Michigan State Spartan fans; and

WHEREAS, Paul unexpectedly departed this world on Saturday, April 18, 2020; and

WHEREAS, with his outgoing nature and heart of gold, his life is to be celebrated and honored.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners recognizes the many years of exemplary service provided by Paul Granigan and extends their sincerest condolences to his loved ones, friends and family alike.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Paul Granigan’s life, actions, and contributions reflect most favorably upon himself, his family, the Berrien County Sheriff’s Office, the County of Berrien, the State of Michigan and the United States of America.

BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Berrien County, Damon Nichols was born on February 16, 1975; and

WHEREAS, Damon Nichols attended and graduated from Benton Harbor High School and went on to obtain an Associate’s Degree from college; and

WHEREAS, while Damon didn’t begin with Berrien County until 2010, prior to that he was serving the citizens of Berrien County as a police dispatcher for Benton Harbor and a rural carrier for the U.S. Postal Service, and

WHEREAS, in 2010, he became a public safety dispatcher with the County’s 911 center; and

WHEREAS, in the midst of what can be a job that has its chaotic moments, Damon made the work environment more picturesque and humorous, yet is described as having one of the calmest voices and demeanors that would inspire others, callers included, to also be calm; and

WHEREAS, Damon found peace from cancer on Tuesday, April 22, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Damon embodied a dedication to his co-workers, friendships that were fed and cultivated, and an optimism even until the end; and

WHEREAS, his life is to be celebrated and honored because those that knew him are better because of their association with him.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners recognizes the many years of exemplary service provided by Damon Nichols and extends their sincerest condolences to his family.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Damon Nichols’ life, actions, and contributions reflect most favorably upon himself, his family, the Southwest Michigan community, the County of Berrien, the State of Michigan and the United States of America.

BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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