

THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN RECOMMENDS THE ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Berrien County Mission Statement reads: *It is the mission of Berrien County Government to provide: Leadership, Cooperation with all Units of Government, Sound Fiscal Management and Planning, Thereby promoting public safety, health, well-being, and prosperity in order to improve the quality of life for present and future generations; and*

WHEREAS, following the strategic planning sessions held in the early part of 2019, which included facility visits, meeting with department heads and county-wide elected officials, and discussing the many issues that Berrien County faces today and is projected in the future, the Berrien County Board of Commissioners have set the operational objectives for 2019-2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the following operational objectives for the next two years beginning 2019 in order to achieve the County's Mission Statement:

- I. Safe and resilient County for employees and the public.
 - a. Where appropriate, implement the principles of asset management throughout all County departments and organizations.
- II. Focus on support and improvement of County infrastructure.
 - a. Integrate the county policy guidelines with the road department's current policy guidelines to achieve one policy guideline which applies to all county departments.
 - b. Provide additional financial support to accelerate the road department's ten-year asset management plan to improve all secondary roads as set forth in the asset management plan in few than ten years.
 - c. Staff and financial resources will be utilized to pursue all options available to bring high speed internet into unserved areas of the county.
- III. Improve private sector jobs and tax base.
 - a. Work with the County's strategic partners to attract additional high paying jobs into the County.
 - b. Deliver a 2-year pilot transportation program to evaluate the viability of a county-wide public transportation program.
- IV. Make Berrien County the "Employer of Choice" in the public sector through evaluation and improvement of our personnel policies, salaries and benefits.
- V. Establish Berrien County's financial position rank in the Top 25% of counties in Michigan through diligent budgetary oversight and planning, including long-range analysis of retirement obligations.
- VI. Improve governance through technology.
 - a. Encourage greater efficiencies and cooperation with Berrien County cities, villages and townships by utilizing social media and other enhanced communications methods.
 - b. Continue to expand the use of social media to involve the citizens of Berrien County in County activities and keep them informed.

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