

**BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Minutes of the January 24, 2019 Personnel and Human Services Committee Meeting.

Meeting held in Conference Room 4B Roll was called. Results as follows:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>ALSO PRESENT</b>
William Chickering	X		Mac Elliott, Bill Wolf
Teri Sue Freehling	X		Ric Compton
Dave Vollrath	X		
			Shelley Jasper

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATION**

- Meeting called to order at 9:25 a.m.
- Motion by Commissioner Freehling, supported by Commissioner Freehling, to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2019 meeting, . 3 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
- Resolution P1902148, a Resolution to approve the renewal of the agreement with Weesaw Township to provide a recycling station was reviewed and signed by all Committee members.
- Resolution P1902152, a Resolution to approve the Parks Department applying for a grant to partially fund the beach access mat for Rocky Gap was reviewed and signed by all Committee members.
- Motion by Commissioner Vollrath, supported by Commissioner Freehling to approve the advanced step hire request for Carri Briseno, Assistant Public Defender II, grade 12, step 3, annualized salary of \$65,562. 3 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

**BERRIEN MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY (RIVERWOOD)**

Ric Compton, Riverwood CEO, provided an overview of community mental health centers (CMH) in Michigan. Riverwood is one of 46 such centers in Michigan. The primary funding source for CMH is Medicaid. Ric explained that Riverwood serves four main populations, those being: 1) Children with serious emotional disturbances; 2) people with substance use disorders; 3) people with developmental/intellectual disabilities; and 4) adults with mental illness.

Ric then highlighted several services provided to consumers and also discussed those services purchased by Riverwood through the provider networks. Riverwood has over 200 contracts with outside agencies which provide services for consumers. Various evidenced based programming was also discussed. In CY2018, 5,836 people were served by Riverwood staff. Ric also discussed challenges faced by CMH, especially budgetary challenges.

**ADMINISTRATOR/CHAIRMAN**

Chairman Elliott discussed the Administrator evaluation process and the Parks millage. Bill responded to budgetary questions regarding the Public Defender’s Office.

Adjourned 10:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Jasper  
Human Resources Director