

BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2019

CHAIRMAN TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairperson R. McKinley Elliott called the regular meeting to order at 10:35 A.M. in the Board of Commissioners' room at the Berrien County Administration Center in St. Joseph, Michigan.

INVOCATION:

Pastor Michael J. Roth, Trinity Lutheran Church, St. Joseph, gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

Commissioner Teri Freehling 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: William Chickering, Jim Curran, Teri Freehling, Robert Harrison, Christopher Heugel, Michael Majerek, Don Meeks, Ezra Scott, Mamie Yarbrough and R. McKinley Elliott.

2 ABSENT: Jon Hinkelman and Dave Vollrath.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 24, 2019 MEETING:

Commissioner Freehling moved, seconded by Commissioner Scott, to approve the regular minutes of January 24, 2019. Motion carried, no nays.

COMMUNICATION(S):

County Clerk Sharon Tyler received on February 5, 2019 and distributed to the Board a communication from Kelly Stelter, Berrien County 4-H Program Coordinator, the Berrien County 4-H Spotlight – February/March 2019 newsletter.

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): None.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Commissioner Majerek moved, seconded by Commissioner Yarbrough, to approve today's Consent Calendar as presented:

<u>Resolutions #</u>	<u>Description</u>
F1902016	Weekly Bills
B1902063	Approve Requisitions
F1902109	Approve Road Payables
A1902142	Approve Renewal Contract with Bizstream
P1902148	Weesaw Township Recycling Agreement Renewal
A1902151	Approve Annual Act 51 Certification Maps
P1902152	Approve Grant Application Rocky Gap Beach Access Mat
A1902153	Apply for a RAP Grant for the Road Department

Discussion was held on Resolution #F1902109 – Road Payables.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call the roll resulting as follows:

10 YEAS: Chickering, Curran, Freehling, Harrison, Heugel, Majerek, Meeks, Scott, Yarbrough and Elliott.

Motion carried, no nays.

ADDED RESOLUTION: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Finance, Personnel and Human Services, and Administration Committees presented their Committee Reports. Committee minutes are available at www.berriencounty.org.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Commissioners presented their outside committee reports.

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, 3.9B-C):

Jerry Sirk, Benton Charter Township, spoke about the gasoline tax and electric vehicles.

Tony Benhart, Sodus Township, spoke about the Nye Road bridge, roads and bike paths, and thanked Sheriff Bailey and his department during the winter storm for their work. Also, spoke about the Road Department's cell phone policy.

Adolf Pelzer, Hagar Township, spoke about ideas for a road tax. He thanked the Board for having the agenda and resolutions available to the public prior to the meeting date on the County's website.

Tony Dlouhy, Lincoln Charter Township, spoke about spending money on roads vs. non-motorized paths. He spoke about the non-motorized path along South Roosevelt Road in Lincoln Charter Township.

Michael Hoyh, Watervliet, thanked the Animal Control Department and Lisa, who works there regarding a friend's cat.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Commissioner Freehling thanked the staff who had to work last week during the winter storm. She would like to show appreciation for their dedication by a resolution. Discussion was held.

Commissioner Freehling moved, seconded by Commissioner Chickering, to prepare a resolution of appreciation to the staff who worked last week, and served above and beyond the call of duty during the winter storm, and to waive the time period of the rules of the Board of Commissioners' Bylaws in presenting a resolution. Motion carried, no nays.

Chairperson Elliott spoke about dedicating a small conference (committee) room in the Administration Center to honor Kenneth Wendzel, a former County Commissioner, past Chairperson for the Finance Committee and who has served on various other boards. Discussion was held. Chairperson Elliott will set a Memorialization Committee meeting for Thursday, February 14, 2019 at 11:30 A.M. in Conference Room 4C.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS: None.

The following announcements and reminders were listed on the Agenda, but not read. (Administrator Wolf did announce the following during the Committee of the Whole meeting).

- *A Board of Commissioners' Strategic Planning Session will be held today at noon in the BOC Room.*
- *A Board of Commissioners' Strategic Planning Session will be held at noon on February 14, 2019 in the BOC Room.*
- *County Facilities will be closed on Monday, February 18, 2019 for Presidents' Day.*
- *A Board of Commissioners' Strategic Planning Session will be held at noon on February 21, 2019 in the BOC Room.*

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:31 A.M.

R. McKinley Elliott, Chairperson

Sharon J. Tyler, County Clerk

Minutes are to be approved at the full board meeting on February 14, 2019.