

BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2019

CHAIRMAN TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairperson R. McKinley Elliott called the regular meeting to order at 10:34 A.M. in the Board of Commissioners' room at the Berrien County Administration Center in St. Joseph, Michigan.

INVOCATION:

Commissioner Robert Harrison gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

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

0 ABSENT.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 7, 2019 MEETING:

Commissioner Heugel moved, seconded by Commissioner Majerek, to approve the regular minutes of February 7, 2019. Motion carried, no nays.

COMMUNICATION(S): None.

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 Freehling moved, seconded by Commissioner Scott, to include all the Added Resolutions to the Consent Calendar and to approve today's Consent Calendar as presented:

<u>Resolutions #</u>	<u>Description</u>
F1902017	Weekly Bills
B1902064	Approve Requisitions
A1902149	Marine Safety Grant Application 2019
A1902154	Marine Safety Federal Equipment Grant Application 2019
A1902155	Approve participation in National Police Week
A1902156	Approve Assent Management Plan
A1902158	Approve contract with Kalamazoo Probation Enhancement Program
F1902161	Approve Election Fee Schedule for Clerk's Office
B1902164	Employee Recognition
P1902165	Accept Water Filter Funding

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

12 YEAS: Chickering, Curran, Freehling, Harrison, Heugel, Hinkelman, Majerek, Meeks, Scott, Vollrath, Yarbrough and Elliott.

Motion carried, no nays.

ADDED RESOLUTION:

The Added Resolutions were included on the Consent Calendar.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Commissioner Vollrath moved, seconded by Commissioner Chickering, to approve the following:

- Re-appoint Tyanna Weller to the Department of Human Services (State Appointee) with a term expiring on December 31, 2021.
- Re-appoint R. Bryce Glenn to the Soldiers and Sailors Relief Fund (Confirming Judge Re-Appointment) with a term expiring on January 7, 2022.

Motion carried, no nays.

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):

Melissa Clapper, St. Joseph Charter Township, spoke about an article in the Herald Palladium regarding the Oronoko Charter Township Clerk in handling absentee voters.

Michael Hoyh, Watervliet, spoke about the Benton Harbor and St Joseph Public Safety departments gathering with the public in attempt to bridge the divide. He spoke about the Karate Love Gang program.

Adolf Pelzer, Hagar Township, spoke about an extra table in the Board room for the public to access handouts.

Tony Dlouhy, Lincoln Charter Township, spoke about the Transportation Study and having meetings for public input.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Commissioner Chickering discussed Administrator Wolf's evaluation. He stated the current evaluation system doesn't fit our needs and we need a new appraisal system.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS:

Chairperson Elliott announced the following:

- A Board of Commissioners' Strategic Planning Session will be held at noon today 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.

Commissioner Freehling announced the Berrien County Conservation District Annual meeting will be held on February 21, 2019.

Chairperson Elliott stated the Memorialization Committee meeting will be held today at 11:30 A.M. in Conference Room 4C.

Administrator Wolf announced the Land Bank Authority meeting has been cancelled for today.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:16 A.M.

R. McKinley Elliott, Chairperson

Sharon J. Tyler, County Clerk

Minutes are to be approved at the full board meeting on February 21, 2019.