

BERRIEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
Minutes of February 21, 2019

Present: Jim Curran, Chair
Michael Majerek, Vice Chair
Chris Heugel
Don Meeks Sr.

Absent:

Scheduled: Tiffany Peterson, Animal Control
Bill Wolf, County Administration
Mac Elliott, BOC Chair

Others: Savanna Paxton, Animal Control
Jerry Sirk, Public
Darren Schaer, Public
Tony Benhart, Public

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 9:12 am.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Heugel, supported by Majerek, to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2019 meetings. Motion Carried.

Animal Control Update

Peterson reviewed the 2018 4th Quarter numbers. They have been working with other groups to transfer dogs and the State requirement that they use other State licensed facilities. She discussed the need for more cost effective spay/neuter services in the area. She reviewed her proposal to increase fees by a nominal amount. Discussions ensued and the Committee concurred with a recommendation to accept the proposal. Peterson stated the internal Manual of Operational Procedures is complete and available to review.

Q & A with Bill Wolf and BOC Chair Elliott

Elliott confirmed the consent calendar. Wolf reported that Kari Bennett, Road Department Business & Finance Manager, has submitted her resignation.

Public Comment

Jerry Sirk, Benton Charter Township – One of his concerns about bringing more cars to the Benton Harbor side for the water taxi service is that it would require additional policing and it should be discussed with the City.

Darren Schaer, Pipestone Township – There is major shipping in the harbor and it will be unsafe for smaller boats.

Tony Benhart, Sodus Township – The public waterway is getting more and more “private areas” that prevents the public from free access. He stated the plow drivers are still using cell phones.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10am.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jennifer Arent