

**BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**April 11, 2019**

**CHAIRMAN TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:**

Chairperson R. McKinley Elliott called the regular meeting to order at 10:33 A.M. in the Board of Commissioners' room at the Berrien County Administration Center, 701 Main Street, St. Joseph, Michigan.

**INVOCATION:**

Commissioner David Vollrath gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:**

Information Systems Director Kenneth Hoffman 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, Jon Hinkelman, Michael Majerek, Don Meeks, Ezra Scott, David Vollrath, and R. McKinley Elliott.

ABSENT: Christopher Heugel and Mamie Yarbrough.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 4, 2019 REGULAR MEETING:**

Commissioner Freehling moved, seconded by Commissioner Meeks, to approve the regular minutes of April 4, 2019. Motion carried, no nays.

**COMMUNICATION(S):**

County Clerk Sharon Tyler distributed to the Board a resolution from the Township of Berrien, urging the Berrien County Parks to reconsider a prescribed burn proposal for the Indian Bowl Preserve, approved on March 26, 2019.

**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 Curran moved, seconded by Commissioner Scott, to include Resolution #A1904214 from the Added Resolutions and to approve today's Consent Calendar as presented:

<u>Resolutions #</u>	<u>Description</u>
F1904025	Weekly Bills
B1904072	Approve Requisitions
A1904195	Approve contract with Riverwood for Court Liaison position
A1904196	Approve contract with Riverwood for FFT Program
A1904197	Approve contract with Riverwood for MST Program
A1904198	Approve contract with Riverwood for Psychiatric Services
C1904203	Appoint Information Systems Director
A1904205	Approve contract with State of Michigan Road Project
A1904206	Placement of Log Cabin Road Bridge on Critical Bridge List
A1904207	Placement of Snow Road Bridge on Critical Bridge List
A1904208	Placement of Ferndale Street Bridge on Critical Bridge List

A1904209	Placement of Glendora Bridge on Critical Bridge List
A1904210	Placement of Lincoln Ave. Bridge on Critical Bridge List
B1904211	Honorary Resolution
B1904212	Honorary Resolution
B1904213	Honorary Resolution
A1904214	Approve submission of the Drug Court Program Grant Application

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

10 YEAS: Chickering, Curran, Freehling, Harrison, Hinkelman, Majerek, Meeks, Scott, Vollrath and Elliott.

Motion carried, no nays.

**ADDED RESOLUTIONS:**

Resolution #A1904214 - Approve submission of the Drug Court Program Grant Application was pulled from the Added Resolutions and was included on the Consent Calendar.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Chairperson Elliott presented Anne Hendrix, Ken Hoffman and Rose Shuck with Honorary Resolutions for their years of service to the citizens, wishing them a retirement filled with happiness and good health. Their life, actions, and contributions reflect most favorably upon their self, their family, Berrien County, the State of Michigan, and the United States of America.

Drain Commissioner Christopher Quattrin thanked Anne Hendrix for her years of service as the Chief Deputy for the Drain Commissioners' Office.

Treasurer Bret Witkowski thanked Rose Shuck for her years of service as the Senior Treasury Clerk for the Treasurer's Office.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

The Administration, Finance, and Personnel and Human Services Committees presented their Committee Reports. Committee minutes are available at [www.berriencounty.org](http://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):**

Darrin Schaer, Pipestone Township, spoke about roads being a priority versus non-motorized or recreational vehicle path funding. Also, he spoke about the Senior Centers.

Tony Dlouhy, Lincoln Charter Township, spoke about politicians making too many rules and the people to stand up and express their concerns. Also, he spoke about non-motorized paths.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Freehling spoke about the importance of broadband. She attended the Oronoko Charter Township Board meeting and spoke about their needs for broadband.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS:**

Chairperson Elliott announced the following:

- April 11, 2019 – Strategic Planning at Noon to 5:00 P.M., Berrien County Administration Center.
- April 19, 2019 – County facilities closed for the Spring Holiday.

- April 25, 2019 – Strategic Planning at Noon to 5:00 P.M., Berrien County Administration Center.
- May 2, 2019 – Night Meeting at 6:00 P.M., St. Joseph Lincoln Senior Center, 3271 Lincoln Avenue, St. Joseph.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 A.M.

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R. McKinley Elliott, Chairperson

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Sharon J. Tyler, County Clerk

***Minutes are to be approved at the full board meeting on April 18, 2019.***