

**BERRIEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of June 13, 2019**

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

**Absent:**

**Scheduled:** Sheriff Bailey, BCSD  
Bill Wolf, County Administration  
Mac Elliott, BOC Chair

**Others:** Chief Deputy Boyce, BCSD  
Mike Sepic, Prosecuting Attorney  
Chris Swihart, Information Systems  
Darren Schaer, Public  
Michael Haskins, Public  
Tony Dlouhy, Public  
Tony Benhart, Public

**Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 9:15 am.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Heugel, supported by Majerek, to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2019 meetings.  
Motion Carried.

**Sheriff's Department Update**

Sheriff Bailey reviewed the May statistics. He attended a yearly conference with topics that included stress and suicide detection. He discussed the Michigan Sheriffs Association and giving input and testifying on legislative bills. He discussed overcrowding options as well as mental health issues with inmates. Chief Deputy Boyce reviewed the service calls, detective bureau and SWET. Discussions ensued regarding life rings. He stated most were lost due to high waves and weather. There is still funding to purchase replacements.

**Q & A with Bill Wolf and BOC Chair Elliott**

Wolf let the Committee know that there will be a small Public Defenders contract for short term integration until they are linked to Equivant. He discussed the Drain Commissioner's office software project that is estimated to be \$140,000. There are 4 modules that will also need to be switched, but those are at no charge.

Elliott verified the consent calendar. He discussed the exploration of heightened enforcement of the proper passing of farm vehicles on highways.

**Equivant Update**

Wolf discussed the amendment to the contract for the Prosecutor's office, which is ready now. Sepic discussed the beta testing of another State program last summer. The State had other pending issues and put the beta testing on hiatus. They have not reinstated it as of yet. He

discussed the quality of Equivant. Swihart stated McGovern is currently reviewed the addendum. He discussed the utilization of the hardware and software.

**County Property Use Requests**

The following requests were approved:

The Krasl Art Fair, July 12 through 14, Parking lot at 701 Main Street (Administration Building).

The TBCK Foundation 5K Run/Walk, September 7, River side location below the Courthouse.

Suicide Prevention 5K Run/Walk, September 7, County Conference Center parking lot only.

**911 Advisory Board Appointment**

Motion by Heugel, supported by Majerek, to appoint Chris Swihart, Information Systems Director, to the 911 Advisory Board. Motion Carried.

**Miscellaneous**

None.

**Public Comment**

Darren Schaer, Pipestone Township – Farm equipment takes up the whole road. They are oversized and no permits are required. He would be upset if he were given a ticket and thinks this is not a good thing.

Michael Haskins, Pipestone Township – He was behind a farm and the farmer was able to move over at one spot to allow him to pass. There are multiple issues.

Tony Dloughy, Lincoln Charter Township – Good judgment needs to be in place when issuing tickets.

Tony Benhart, Sodus Township – Discussed seal coating issues and two employees that were not directing traffic properly.

Meeting adjourned at 10:33 am.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jennifer Arent