

BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Board Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2022

CHAIRMAN TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairperson R. McKinley Elliott called the regular Board of Commissioners' (BOC) meeting to order at 10:35 A.M. in the BOC's room at the Berrien County Administration Center, 701 Main Street, St. Joseph, Michigan.

INVOCATION:

Commissioner Julie Wuerfel gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

Commissioner Michael Majerek 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: Rayonte Bell, Jim Curran, Teri Sue Freehling, Robert Harrison, Michael Majerek, James Martin, Ezra Scott, David Vollrath, Julie Wuerfel and R. McKinley Elliott.

2 ABSENT: Jon Hinkelman and Mamie Yarbrough.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 9, 2022 REGULAR MEETING:

Commissioner Scott moved and supported by Commissioner Bell, to approve the BOC regular meeting minutes of June 9, 2022. Motion carried and no nays.

COMMUNICATION(S):

County Clerk Sharon Tyler received and distributed to the Board of Commissioners (BOC) the following communications:

- Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners, a resolution opposing Michigan House Bills 4729, 4730, 4731, and 4732, received on June 14, 2022.
- Sarah Rhein, Private Duty Home Healthcare, St. Joseph, MI, an email thanking the BOC for their support on the auto no fault insurance, received on June 14, 2022.
- Sarah Rhein, Private Duty Home Healthcare, St. Joseph, MI, two emails regarding communications with State Representative Paquette on auto no fault insurance on homecare benefits, received on June 9, 2022.

REQUISITION REVIEW - Annette Christie:

Executive Administrative Assistant Annette Christie presented the requisitions to the Board for their review and discussion.

AGENDA AMENDMENT:

Commissioner Harrison moved and seconded by Commissioner Scott, to amend the Agenda to include Resolution #C2206294, separately.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call the roll with the following results:

10 YEAS: Curran, Freehling, Harrison, Majerek, Martin, Scott, Vollrath, Wuerfel, Bell and Elliott.

Motion carried, no nays.

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). The public should refer to the resolution # that they are commenting on as a part of their comments: None.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Commissioner Freehling moved and supported by Commissioner Martin, to approve today's Consent Calendar with Added Resolution #F2206130 as presented:

<u>Resolutions #</u>	<u>Description</u>
P2206006	Monthly Per Diems
F2206035	Weekly Bills and Road Payables
B2206082	Weekly Requisitions
B2206123	Lest We Forget Proclamation
P2206124	Approve 2 nd Amendment to License Agreement
P2206129	Complement Change Information Systems
P2206205	Accept EGLE Funds for Water Monitoring
A2206241	Renew Agreement with Blue Cross Blue Shield
P2206287	Accept United Way Funding
F2206130	Increase Mileage Reimbursement

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call the roll with the following results:

10 YEAS: Freehling, Harrison, Majerek, Martin, Scott, Vollrath, Wuerfel, Bell, Curran and Elliott.

Motion carried, no nays.

ADDED RESOLUTION(S):

The following resolution was moved to the Consent Calendar.

<u>Resolution #</u>	<u>Description</u>
F2206130	Increase Mileage Reimbursement

RESOLUTION #C2206294:

Chairperson Elliott read the following Resolution #C2206294:

***WHEREAS**, on June 1, 2022, the Michigan Supreme Court ordered that "Juneteenth", June 19, would be observed by all state courts as a paid holiday, and this year will be observed on Monday, June 20, 2022; and*

***WHEREAS**, this is an additional holiday above what is identified in County Policy ADM-4020; and*

***WHEREAS**, as designed, this would provide an additional holiday for ONLY court employees in Berrien County; and*

***WHEREAS**, adding this as holiday for only court employees places additional burden on all other county staff; and*

***WHEREAS**, in time when Berrien County is trying to attract and retain workers to fill vacancies across the board, providing an additional holiday for only a specific group of employees would hinder that effort.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners authorizes that June 20, 2022 will be a paid day off for all county employees.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that at this time, the paid day off will only be recognized for all county staff this year, while staff looks at all the pieces and parts involved with the consideration of it in the future.*

Motion

Commissioner Curran moved and supported by Commissioner Bell, to approve Resolution #C2206294 as presented.

Chairperson Elliott explained the court system and funding. Discussion was held on how the Michigan Supreme Court ordering that June 20th would be observed by all state courts as a paid holiday for only court employees and placing burdens on all other county staff as an unfunded mandate and how this will effect this non-budgeted expense. Further discussion was held on the county's policy and preparing a resolution regarding the unexpected holiday.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call the roll with the following results:

10 YEAS: Harrison, Majerek, Martin, Scott, Vollrath, Wuerfel, Bell, Curran, Freehling and Elliott.

Motion carried, no nays.

The County Clerk will email the Resolution #C2206294 to each of the County Clerks, per Chairperson Elliott's request.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - Personnel & Human Services and Board Chairman:

Motion:

Commissioner Harrison moved and seconded by Commissioner Scott, to approve the following Board Appointment:

Recommendation by Personnel & Human Services Committee

Appointment to the Board of Health to fill a vacancy:

Six (6) - year term – term expires April 19, 2027:

- Bill Chickering

Motion carried, no nays.

Board Chair Appointments

Chairperson Elliott appointed Commissioner Julie Wuerfel to the following commission to replace Don Meeks:

Term expiring December 31, 2022:

- Southwest Michigan Planning Commission

COMMITTEE REPORT(S) – Finance, Personnel & Human Services, and Administration Committees:

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

COMMISSIONER REPORT(S):

The Commissioners presented their outside committee reports.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Administrator Brian Dissette gave his Administrator's Report.

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):

Annette Christie, thanked the BOC for approving Resolution #C2206294.

Izzy DiMaggio, Hagar Township, thanked the BOC for the work they do for the County and on the Road Department.

Adolf Peltzer, Hagar Township, spoke about a car show at the airport during the annual Lest We Forget event, May Day, and a balanced budget.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chairperson Elliott stated he received an email that former Treasurer Carol Stockman has passed away. Carol Stockman helped launch Carol's Hope, which is an engagement center providing support to those wanting to recover from drug addiction.

Chairperson Elliott spoke about a court case regarding an incident at Silver Beach where they caught the individual on camera taking a life ring. Sheriff Bailey gave a brief report about Silver Beach. Discussion was held.

Commissioner Freehling thanked the County for assisting the Berrien County Youth Fair with the horse barns. She announced the Berrien County Broadband Internet Task Force (BCBIT) was meeting in the Otto Grau conference room at 12:30 P.M. today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS:

Chairperson Elliott announced the following:

- Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners on Thursday, June 30, 2022 at 10:30 A.M. – No Committee or Committee of the Whole meetings will be held.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:29 A.M.

R. McKinley Elliott, Chairperson

Sharon J. Tyler, County Clerk

Minutes are to be approved at the next BOC meeting.