

BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
June 27, 2019

CHAIRMAN TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairperson Elliott called the regular meeting to order at 8:35 A.M. in the Board of Commissioners' room at the Berrien County Administration Center, 701 Main Street, St. Joseph, Michigan.

ROLL CALL:

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

11 PRESENT: William Chickering, Jim Curran, Teri Freehling, Robert Harrison, Christopher Heugel, Jon Hinkelman, Michael Majerek, Don Meek, Ezra Scott, Dave Vollrath and R. McKinley Elliott.

1 ABSENT: Mamie Yarbrough.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JUNE 20, 2019 MEETING:

Commissioner Heugel moved, seconded by Commissioner Scott, to approve the regular minutes of June 20, 2019. Motion carried, no nays.

REQUISITION REVIEW:

Annette Christie presented the requisitions to the Board for their review and discussion. She asked the Board if they are attending the MAC Conference and to please let her know for registration.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Per the Berrien County Board of Commissioners' Bylaws, 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):

Chairperson Elliott stated he received photos of an individual's property and will determine what path to take.

SCHEDULED DISCUSSION:

County Treasurer:

County Treasurer Bret Witkowski gave an update on the Land Auction and distributed the booklet to the Board. The auction is of tax-foreclosed real property. The Land Auction will be held at the Dank, 2651 Pipestone Road, Benton Harbor, on July 30, 2019. Bidder registration begins at 8:00 A.M. and the sales start at 9:30 A.M.

Veteran's Service Office:

Veteran's Service Director Lee Lull received the Community Service Award in recognition of their continued support to the Battle Creek VA Medical Center received on May 30, 2019. He gave an update on the remodeling of his office.

Animal Control:

Animal Control Director Tiffany Peterson discussed an accident at WB I-94 (Exit 30) and Napier Avenue and involving one hundred and twenty-seven (127) pigs, and nineteen (19) pigs were lost. She discussed how her office had to deal with the accident.

Tiffany Peterson and Dr. Phil Hecht spoke about the parvo virus and the threat it poses to our shelter. They discussed a plan in how to handle the parvo virus.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 A.M.

R. McKinley Elliott, Chairperson

Sharon J. Tyler, County Clerk

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