

BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 18, 2019

CHAIRMAN TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairperson R. McKinley Elliott called the regular meeting to order at 10:34 A.M. in the Board of Commissioners' room at the Berrien County Administration Center, 701 Main Street, St. Joseph, Michigan.

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Chairperson Elliot had a moment of silence in remembrance of Joseph Zangaro and Ronald Kienzle for the third anniversary of the shooting on July 11, 2016.

INVOCATION:

Commissioner Mamie Yarbrough gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

Commissioner William Chickering led 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:

11 PRESENT: William Chickering, Jim Curran, Robert Harrison, Christopher Heugel, Jon Hinkelman, Michael Majerek, Don Meeks, Ezra Scott, David Vollrath, Mamie Yarbrough and R. McKinley Elliott.

1 ABSENT: Teri Freehling.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 27, 2019 MEETING:

Commissioner Scott moved, seconded by Commissioner Majerek, to approve the regular minutes of June 27, 2019. Motion carried, no nays.

COMMUNICATION(S):

County Clerk Sharon Tyler received and distributed to the Board the following:

- An email newsletter from Kim Rodgers, Berrien County Health Department, received on July 2, 2019.
- A resolution from the Menominee County Board of Commissioners opposing any reduction of federal funding for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, and a resolution urging our legislators to revise the Medicare Prescription Drug Bill of 2003, received on July 10, 2019.
- A resolution from the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners opposing the Trial Court Funding Commission Interim Report dated April 8, 2019, received on July 11, 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):

Darrin Schaer, Pipestone Township, spoke about Resolution #P1907265 - Comprehensive Agreement FY19-20.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Commissioner Vollrath moved, seconded by Commissioner Chickering, to approve today's Consent Calendar as presented:

<u>Resolutions #</u>	<u>Description</u>
F1907037	Approve Weekly Bills
B1907084	Approve Requisitions
F1907120	Approve Road Payables
A1907263	Approve Public Defender Office Software Add On
P1907264	Michigan Tobacco Control Grant Application
P1907265	Comprehensive Agreement FY19-20
P1907266	Add (1) FTE for the Sheriff Department
A1907267	Approve Application for SWMBA Grant

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

11 YEAS: Chickering, Curran, Harrison, Heugel, Hinkelman, Majerek, Meeks, Scott, Vollrath, Yarbrough and Elliott.

Motion carried, no nays.

ADDED RESOLUTIONS: None.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Commissioner Scott moved, seconded by Commissioner Vollrath, to approve the Board Appointments sheet dated July 18, 2019, recommended by the Land Bank Interview Committee and Finance Committee for the following individuals:

- Appoint Katherine Weykamp on the Land Bank Authority, to fill a term ending May 22, 2021.
- Appoint Francely Maynard replacing Pamela Kahanek on the Public Transportation Local Advisory Council, to fill a term ending January 1, 2022.
- Re-appoint the following individuals on the Public Transportation Local Advisory Council with a term ending January 1, 2022:
 - Tim Smith representing Gateway
 - Cindy Gray representing Disability Network
 - Hanna Lei-Sam representing the Department of Human Services

Motion carried, no nays.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Administration, Finance, and Personnel and Human Services, and Committees presented their Committee Reports. Committee minutes are available at 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):

Tony Benhart, Sodus Township, spoke about monies being spent on Napier and Crystal Avenues, and the requisitions list on engineering. Commissioner Scott responded to Tony Benhart's comments on Napier and Crystal Avenues.

Adolf Pelzer, Hagar Township, spoke about his jury experience and the Mike Yore Memorial Auto Show on Friday, July 19, 2019 from 4:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. in St. Joseph.

Darrin Schaer, Pipestone Township, spoke about the June 27, 2019 minutes.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS:

Chairperson Elliott announced the following:

- August 1, 2019 BOC Meeting is a night meeting at the Buchanan Area Senior Center at 6:00 p.m. The Committee of the Whole meeting and Committee meetings will not be held.

Administrator William Wolf thanked Commissioner Yarbrough for the fine invocation.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 A.M.

R. McKinley Elliott, Chairperson

Sharon J. Tyler, County Clerk

Minutes are to be approved at the full board meeting on July 25, 2019.