

**BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**August 1, 2019**

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

Chairperson R. McKinley Elliott called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. at the Buchanan Area Senior Center, 810 Rynearson, Buchanan, Michigan.

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

Buchanan City Mayor Pat Moore, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

**INVOCATION:**

Pastor David Mitchell, Faith Victory Fellowship Church, gave the invocation.

**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, Dave Vollrath, Mamie Yarbrough and R. McKinley Elliott.

1 ABSENT: Teri Freehling.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JULY 25, 2019 MEETING:**

Commissioner Meeks moved, seconded by Commissioner Majerek, to approve the regular minutes of July 25, 2019. Motion carried, no nays.

**COMMUNICATION(S):**

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

- A resolution from the Gladwin County Board of Commissioners, they are strongly opposed to the Trial Court Funding Commission Interim Report dated April 8, 2019, they believe it is imperative to maintain local control and accountability because that is how our constituents are best served, received on July 24, 2019.
- A resolution from the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners, they are strongly opposed to the Trial Court Funding Commission Interim Report dated April 8, 2019, they believe that it is imperative to maintain local control and accountability because that is how our constituents are best served, received on July 29, 2019.

**REQUISITION REVIEW:**

Annette Christie presented the requisitions to the Board for review and discussion.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**

Mayor Moore welcomed the Board to the City of Buchanan. Mayor Moore spoke about the Summer Thrill on the Hill event with concerts, McCoy Creek Duck Race and other events being held this week in the City of Buchanan.

Chairperson Elliott recognized special guests in the audience and thanked them for being in attendance today.

Chairperson Elliott thanked the Buchanan Area Senior Center for hosting tonight's meeting.

**PRESENTATION - Buchanan Area Senior Center:**

Executive Director of the Buchanan Area Senior Center Adam Burke, introduced President Monroe Lemay and other members of the Buchanan Area Senior Center. Adam Burke and Monroe Lemay gave the history and an update on the Buchanan Area Senior Center.

Annette Christie gave an update on the Berrien County Senior Centers. She discussed the Senior Center's Terms of Appropriation and the notebook that is compiled with detailed information regarding our Senior Centers.

**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 approve today's Consent Calendar as presented:

<u>Resolutions #</u>	<u>Description</u>
F1908039	Weekly Bills
B1908086	Weekly Requisitions
P1908272	Authorize Complement Changes Trial Court
A1908277	Authorize Grant for Extra Enforcement Patrols
P1908278	Approve Vendor Selection for Flex Spending

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 Harrison moved, seconded by Commissioner Yarbrough, to approve the recommendation by the Workforce Development Board Members to appoint Steve Jackson to fill the vacancy on the Workforce Development Board of Ann Cardon who left the area, and to fill the term ending December 31, 2021.

Motion carried, no nays.

**COMMISSIONER REPORT(S):**

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):**

Jerry Sirk, Benton Charter Township, spoke about the Emergency Operation Center.

Ken Peterson, Buchanan Township, spoke about road funding and high speed internet for the County.

Pastor David Mitchell, Buchanan Township, invited the Board to attend Patriot's Day at the Buchanan Common on September 11, 2019.

Darren Schaer, Pipestone Township, spoke about the E. coli problem and warning flags on the river. He discussed water rescue reimbursements by the County.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Chairperson Elliott spoke about Standing Committee meetings that are usually on the Agenda.

Chairperson Elliott and Administrator William Wolf responded to the road funding question in Public Comments.

Commissioner Scott responded to the question regarding high speed internet and grant funding.

Chairperson Elliott asked Sheriff Paul Bailey if we charged for water rescues. Sheriff Bailey stated no.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS:**

Chairperson Elliott announced the following:

- No meetings will be held on Thursday, August 29, 2019 (5<sup>th</sup> Thursday).
- Next night meeting will be held on September 5, 2019 at the St. Joseph/Lincoln Senior Center, 3271 Lincoln Avenue, St. Joseph, Michigan at 6:00 P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 P.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 August 8, 2019.***