

BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 22, 2019

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Elliott called the regular meeting to order at 10:44 A.M. in the Board of Commissioners' Room at the Berrien County Administration Center in St. Joseph, Michigan.

INVOCATION:

Commissioner Mamie Yarbrough gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

Commissioner Chris Heugel led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

ROLL CALL:

Chairperson Elliott instructed the Clerk to take roll call with the following results:

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

1 ABSENT: Teri Freehling

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Majerek moved, seconded by Commissioner Vollrath, to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 15, 2019. Motion carried, no nays.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Chief Deputy Clerk Mensinger received and distributed to the Board the following:

- Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners received on August 12, 2019 – Resolution urging our legislators to commence the process of revising the Medicare Prescription Drug Bill of 2003.
- Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners received on August 14, 2019 – Resolution opposing any reduction of federal funding for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.
- Heather Cole, Director of Be Healthy Berrien received on August 20, 2019 – Email and letter regarding pedestrian/cyclist safety related to the recent fatality on Napier Avenue.
- Jill Adams, Berrien County Environmental Property Manager received on August 20, 2019 – Invitation to attend the “Recycling Contamination and Education: Where Are We Now?” on September 18, 2019.

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING RESOLUTIONS:

Tony Benhart, Sodus Township – commented on Resolution B1908089 - Weekly Requisitions.

Darrin Schaer, Pipestone Township – commented on Resolution F1908289 - Contract to Purchase Four New Buses and Resolution F1908290 - Renew Contract Maximus.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Commissioner Heugel moved, seconded by Commissioner Vollrath, to approve today’s Consent Calendar as presented.

<u>RESOLUTION #</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
F1908042	Weekly Bills
B1908089	Weekly Requisitions
F1908124	Road Payables
P1908279	Policy ADM-5200 Speed Study by Road Department
A1908288	MDOT Contract – Asphalt Projects Napier Ave.
F1908289	Contract to Purchase Four New Buses
F1908290	Renew Contract Maximus

Chairperson Elliott instructed the Clerk to take roll call with the following results:

11 YEAS: Chickering, Curran, Harrison, Heugel, Hinkelman, Majerek, Meeks, Scott, Vollrath, Yarbrough and Elliott. Motion carried, no nays.

ADDED RESOLUTIONS: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Administration, Finance, and Personnel and Human Services Committees presented their committee reports. Committee minutes are available at www.berriencounty.org.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Commissioner gave their outside committee reports.

Commissioner Heugel departed the meeting at 11:17 A.M.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jerry Sirk, Benton Charter Township – commented that the St. Joseph Masonic Lodge 437 presented Walter Ignatovich with a 70 year service pin and a veteran’s pin for his military service in the World War II and Korean War.

Dick Bertog, Benton Charter Township – commented on the polluted land behind his property and the DEQ’s inspection of said property.

Adolf Pelzer, Hagar Township – commented on how very informative today’s meeting was and about handout.

Darrin Schaer, Pipestone Township – commented on the Open Meetings Act and wording of the resolutions.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS:

- The Department of Public Works Board meeting scheduled for next week has been cancelled.
- The Land Bank meeting scheduled for today has been moved to Thursday, August 29, 2019 at 2:00 P.M.
- The Pension Board will meet today at 12:00 P.M.
- No meetings will be held on Thursday, August 29th (5th Thursday).
- The Board of Commissioners meeting on Thursday, September 5th will be a night meeting at the St. Joseph/Lincoln Senior Center at 6:00 p.m. No committee meetings are scheduled.
- We are currently accepting applications for board vacancies on the Mental Health Authority and the Parks & Recreation Commission. We also have a vacancy for an M.D. or D.O. on the Board of Health.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:48 A.M.

R. McKinley Elliott, Chairperson

Diane Mensinger, Chief Deputy Clerk

Minutes are to be approved at the full board meeting on September 5, 2019.