

BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
September 26, 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:

9 PRESENT: William Chickering, Jim Curran, Robert Harrison, Christopher Heugel, Michael Majerek, Don Meeks, Ezra Scott, Dave Vollrath and R. McKinley Elliott.

3 ABSENT: Teri Freehling, Jon Hinkelman and Mamie Yarbrough.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 19, 2019 MEETING:

Commissioner Vollrath moved, seconded by Commissioner Heugel, to approve the regular minutes of September 19, 2019. Motion carried, no nays.

REQUISITION REVIEW:

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

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): None.

SCHEDULED DISCUSSION:

Berrien County United Way Campaign

Executive Administrative Assistant Annette Christie gave a PowerPoint presentation on "Berrien County Helping Others ... The United Way" and discussed the following:

- Berrien County's Mission Statement
- United Way's Mission Statement
- A Common Mission
- It's All in the Numbers – 2018
- United Way Partners (Specific Programs)
 - Judge Donna Howard presented the Girls on the Run program.
 - Prosecutor Michael Sepic presented the Children's Advocacy Center of Southwest Michigan program.
 - Deputy Health Officer Courtney Davis presented the Berrien County Health Department programs.
 - Annette Christie discussed the following programs:
 - Dolly Parton's Imagination Library
 - Berrien County Emergency Management (BCEM) was recognized by the United Way at the annual celebration for their work when helping the community during the February 2018 flooding disaster. BCEM teamed up with the United Way of SWMI to develop a Disaster Recovery Consortium.
 - Christmas in June
 - Other Events
 - Spring Into Reading
 - Rake a Difference
- Berrien County United Way Campaign
 - Begins today
 - Will utilize the Intranet to provide information to employees.
 - Offer the information to new employees who might not be here during the campaign.
 - Make direct contact with every employee that has donated and offer opportunity to donate again and/or increase their donation.

- Always open to other ways or ideas to share the need that United Way fills and provide opportunities for employees to be a part of that – Department heads invited today. This year we will begin offering e-pledge for payroll deductions.

Vice President of Strategy Rachel Wade spoke about the United Way of Southwest Michigan and individual's stories.

Commissioner Harrison spoke about United Way of Southwest Michigan.

Berrien County Animal Control "Fur" raiser

Annette Christie gave a Power Point presentation on "Berrien County Animal Control "Fur" raiser – September 26th to October 25th and discussed the following:

- Animal Control's Annual Trunk or Treat:
 - October 26th from 9:00 A.M. to Noon
 - Berrien County Administration Trunk
 - Great fall family fun and a safe way to trunk or treat along the outdoor nature path.
 - Treats for Kids
 - Treats for Animals
- Puppy Preventer and Feline Fix Fundraiser

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 A.M.

R. McKinley Elliott, Chairperson

Sharon J. Tyler, County Clerk

Minutes are to be approved at the full board meeting on October 12, 2019.