

BERRIEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
Minutes of October 10, 2019

Present: Jim Curran, Chair
Don Meeks Sr.

Absent: Michael Majerek, Vice Chair – Attending PHSC
Chris Heugel

Scheduled: Sheriff Bailey, BCSD
Chief Deputy Boyce, BCSD
Tom Watson, Friend of the Court
Bill Wolf, County Administration
Mac Elliott, BOC Chair

Others: Darren Schaer, Public

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 9:31 am.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Meeks, supported by Curran, to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2019 meetings. Motion Carried.

Sheriff's Department Update

Sheriff Bailey discussed the Governor's vetoes, stating the Sheriff's Association, through negotiations, is working to get appropriations for secondary road patrol. If it doesn't go through, there will be 113 less deputies in the State. He discussed the jail reimbursement, which is \$40 per inmate, per day from the State to house inmates locally instead of prisons. He reviewed the September statistics. Chief Deputy Boyce reviewed the patrol stats for September. Sheriff Bailey reported there is one road opening and they are looking at an applicant that has already completed academy on his own.

Friend of the Court Update

Watson discussed the 100 year anniversary of the Friend of the Court and reviewed the history of FOC including milestones throughout the years. He thanked the Herald Palladium for the feature story. They are currently working on updating the case management system. He reviewed the repurposing of the main office space that was completed this year. He discussed the cubicle walls in the accounting division that are approximately 15 years old and are fraying and separating. He has included the cost of replacing them in the 2020 capital projects list. Total cost is anticipated to be \$30,000 with the State reimbursing 2/3 of the project, making the County portion around \$10,000.

Q & A with Bill Wolf and BOC Chair Elliott

Wolf stated there was nothing to report.

Resolutions

The following Resolutions were approved and signed:

A1910310 – Authorize the Family Division to submit a grant application to the MDHHS for a Title IV-E Child and Parent Legal Representation Grant.

A1910316 – Authorize Encroachment Agreement between Ficketts and Road Department for Right-of-Way.

Public Comment

Darren Schaer, Pipestone Township – Questioned the location of a meeting referred to in Sheriff Bailey's report.

Meeting adjourned at 10:23 am.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jennifer Arent