

**BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**  
**October 10, 2019**

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

Chairperson Elliott called the regular meeting to order at 8:36 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:

7 PRESENT: Jim Curran, Robert Harrison, Michael Majerek, Don Meeks, Ezra Scott, Dave Vollrath and R. McKinley Elliott.

5 ABSENT: William Chickering, Teri Freehling, Christopher Heugel, Jon Hinkelman, and Mamie Yarbrough.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 26, 2019 MEETING:**

The approval of the minutes will be deferred until next week, when the Board has a quorum of members who attended the September 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**REQUISITION REVIEW:**

Executive Administrative Assistant 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:**

2020 Budget:

Administrator William Wolf introduced Financial Services Director Doug James and Assistant Director/Budget Coordinator Ben Reynnells. They gave a report (working document) for the 2020 Budget as of October 9, 2019, that does not represent the final adopted budget. Doug James gave the latest rollup of the 2020 Budget with all the cuts and adjustments. He stated they are still at a \$1,394,000 gap, and have not factored in any of the State budget cuts. At the close of business on Monday, departments will need to give a specific impact amount of what's happening in Lansing for the activity/organization line to adjust the 2020 Budget. Discussion was held.

Cook Nuclear Plant/Berrien County Emergency Operations Center:

Commissioner Curran discussed the Cook Nuclear Plant. He discussed the tour of the Cook Nuclear Plant with Sheriff Paul Bailey. He spoke about their security measures and the process of getting into the Plant and out of the Plant. The Plant has four different levels.

Commissioner Curran discussed how the Berrien County Emergency Operation Center and the Public Safety Communications Center works with the Cook Nuclear Plant. He stated they hold two drills a year for the Plant and special issues that may occur.

State Leadership Day:

Commissioner Scott, Commissioner Meeks and Drain Commissioner Christopher Quattrin spoke about their trip to the State Leadership Day at the White House on Thursday, October 3, 2019.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 A.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 October 17, 2019.***