

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BERRIEN COUNTY: Your Personnel and Human Services Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Berrien County Board of Commissioners adopted the 2020-2024 Berrien County Parks and Recreation Plan via resolution #P1912359 on December 19, 2019; and

WHEREAS, as a part of the plan is designated “Berrien County Linear Trail, Water-Trails, Trails & Greenways”, it is clear that the availability of trails and greenways is of high importance; and

WHEREAS, the plan states, “Whenever possible, the Berrien County Parks Commission will assist all units of government and non-profits with planning and developing trails and greenways in Berrien County”; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of Berrien County Trails, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, has a mission to support the construction and maintenance of trails (pedestrian, bicycle and waterway) within Berrien County and connecting to adjacent counties and encourage trail use; and

WHEREAS, both the Parks and Recreation Director and a County Commissioner serve on the Friends of Berrien County Trails Board; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of Berrien County Trails would like to engage professional services for the purpose of developing a Berrien County Bike, Hike and Paddle Trails Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of Berrien County Trails has approached Berrien County officials seeking a \$5,000 contribution to that master plan that would complement not only the Berrien County Linear Park Master Plan adopted in 2018, but the 5-Year Berrien County Parks and Recreation Plan as well; and

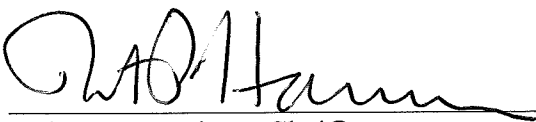
WHEREAS, the Berrien County Parks and Recreation Commission, at their March 16, 2022 meeting, in the absence of an objection, provided support of the contribution; and

WHEREAS, the request was discussed at the Personnel & Human Services Committee and the committee was in favor of contributing to the plan, which may be funded by ARPA Funds; and

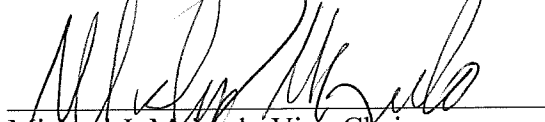
WHEREAS, County Corporate Counsel has reviewed and approved an agreement with the Friends of Berrien County Trails, whereby, Berrien County would receive the written and electronic plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Administrator to execute the agreement with the Friends of Berrien County Trails and provides approval to provide \$5,000 to that group for the purposes of obtaining the Berrien County Bike, Hike, and Paddle Trails Master Plan.

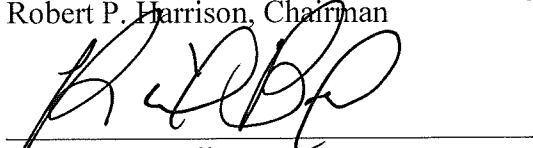
**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
BERRIEN COUNTY PERSONNEL AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**



Robert P. Harrison, Chairman



Michael J. Majerek, Vice-Chairman



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RESOLUTION APPROVED AS TO FORM	
Administrative <u>TH</u>	Date <u>4-4-22</u>
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Corporate Counsel <u>TH</u>	Date <u>4/1/22</u>
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