

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BERRIEN COUNTY: Your County Finance Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Berrien County last engaged in a strategic planning exercise in 2017; and

WHEREAS, from that exercise, a list of goals and objectives that correlate with the Berrien County mission statement was developed and planned out for four years; and

WHEREAS, to continue the planning process, the Berrien County Board of Commissioners would like to engage in that process once again; and

WHEREAS, the County Administrator has recommended the services of Jim Hettinger d/b/a as JHUDS, LLC to assist in the strategic planning process; and


WHEREAS, JHUDS, LLC will provide strategic planning services in the amount of \$25,000 for the period of June 10, 2021 – December 31, 2021; and

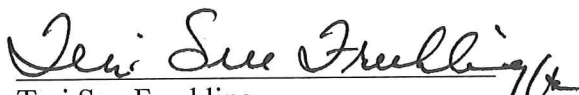
WHEREAS, upon its completion, Berrien County shall have a Countywide Strategic Economic Development Plan that has a resiliency of 5 to 10 years; thoroughly reviews data pertinent to Berrien County economic, social, and cultural well-being; provides a Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats Analysis (SWOT); and provides challenging but attainable goals from the present context projected out five to ten years.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners approves the hiring of an independent contractor for strategic planning services and authorizes the Chairman or his designee to execute the professional services agreement with JHUDS, LLC.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
BERRIEN COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE**


Mamie L. Yarbrough, Chairperson


Jon Hinkelman, Vice-Chairperson


Teri Sue Freehling


Ezra A. Scott

RESOLUTION APPROVED AS TO FORM	
Administrator 	Date <u>5-21-21</u>
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Corporate Counsel _____	Date _____
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