

BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Board Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2022

CHAIRMAN TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairperson R. McKinley Elliott called the regular Board of Commissioners' (BOC) meeting to order at 10:31 A.M. in the BOC's room at the Berrien County Administration Center, 701 Main Street, St. Joseph, Michigan.

INVOCATION:

Commissioner David Vollrath gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

Commissioner Ezra Scott led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

ROLL CALL:

The Chair instructed the Clerk to take a roll call with the following results:

12 PRESENT: Rayonte Bell, Jim Curran, Teri Sue Freehling, Robert Harrison, Jon Hinkelman, Michael Majerek, Don Meeks, Ezra Scott, David Vollrath, Julie Wuerfel (Arrived at 10:33 A.M.), Mamie Yarbrough and R. McKinley Elliott.

0 ABSENT.

COMMUNICATION(S):

County Clerk Sharon Tyler received and distributed to the Board of Commissioners (BOC) the following communication:

- Village of Galien, a letter thanking the BOC for replacing their police car, dated February 14, 2022.
- Muskegon County Board of Commissioners, a resolution honoring Black History Month, received on February 28, 2022.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 24, 2022 MEETING:

Commissioner Freehling moved and supported by Commissioner Scott, to approve the BOC regular meeting minutes of February 24, 2022. Motion carried and no nays.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING RESOLUTIONS – Public comments at this portion of the meeting must be related to resolutions listed on today's agenda only. 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.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Commissioner Freehling moved and supported by Commissioner Scott, to include Added Resolution #F2203213 to the Consent Calendar, and to approve today's Consent Calendar as presented:

<u>Resolutions #</u>	<u>Description</u>
F2203021	Weekly Bills
B2203068	Weekly Requisitions
F2203115	Road Payables
F2203213	Approve Employment Contract

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call the roll with the following results:

12 YEAS: Curran, Freehling, Harrison, Hinkelman, Majerek, Meeks, Scott, Vollrath, Wuerfel, Yarbrough, Bell and Elliott.

Motion carried, no nays.

ADDED RESOLUTION(S):

The following resolution was moved to the Consent Calendar.

<u>Resolutions #</u>	<u>Description</u>
F2203213	Approve Employment Contract

APPROVE AMENDED 2022 BOC MEETING CALENDAR:

Chairperson Elliott presented the Amended 2022 Board of Commissioners Meeting Calendar. The BOC discussed the night meetings.

Commissioner Freehling moved and seconded by Commissioner Vollrath, to approve the Amended 2022 Board of Commissioners Meeting Calendar, subject to modifying the calendar later.

Discussion was held.

Motion carried, no nays.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S) – Personnel & Human Services, Finance and Administration Committees:

The Personnel & Human Services, Finance and Administration Committees presented their Committee Reports. Discussion was held. Parent Committee minutes are available at www.berriencounty.org.

COMMISSIONER REPORT(S):

The Commissioners presented their outside committee reports.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Administrator Brian Dissette gave his Administrator’s Report. Administrator Dissette announced the following meeting dates:

- Berrien County Broadband Internet Task Force (BCBIT) will meet today at 12:30 P.M.
- March 10, 2022 – COW meeting: Abonmarche will continue with the Facilities Master Plan discussion. This will be a longer COW meeting and we will hold shorter Committee meetings.
- BCBIT will meet on March 17, 2022 with local municipalities.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS - 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):

Angela Bell, Eau Claire, spoke about her driveway and a dysfunctional culvert in regards to emergency vehicles getting to her home.

Tony Benhart, Sodus Township, spoke about the bids for road work and the roads.

Adolf Pelzer, Hagar Township, spoke about the BOC members need to speak louder and the Commissioners’ room needs to be larger.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Commissioner Scott asked about having an update on the jail project and when it will be completed. Administrator Dissette stated the jail project is completed. Commissioner Scott mentioned the computer mainframe project.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS:

Announcements were made under Administrator Report.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 A.M.

R. McKinley Elliott, Chairperson

Sharon J. Tyler, County Clerk

Minutes are to be approved at the next BOC meeting.