

BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the February 11, 2021 Personnel and Human Services Committee Meeting.
Meeting held Virtually via ZOOM. Attendance was as follows:

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	ALSO PRESENT
Bob Harrison	X		Brian Dissette, Annette Christie
Rayonte Bell	X		Nicki Britten (via ZOOM from BCHD)
Michael Majerek	X		
			Shelley Jasper

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

- Meeting called to order at 8:05 a.m.
- Attendance was taken:
 - Commissioner Harrison: Present via ZOOM Lincoln Township
 - Commissioner Majerek: Present via ZOOM Niles
 - Commissioner Bell: Present via ZOOM St Joseph

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Health Officer Nicki Britten provided a COVID19 vaccination update and responded to multiple questions. Nicki said the goals of the vaccination effort are:

- To prevent the health system from becoming overwhelmed by COVID19 patient care
- Protect the most vulnerable from death and severe morbidity
- Maintain certain essential infrastructure

Nicki also said that the MDHHS guiding principles for vaccination rollout are being followed and she spent a considerable amount of time discussing the Social Vulnerability Index (SVI) and the importance of ensuring accessibility of clinic locations/ signup procedures / transportation, etc... so vulnerable populations are appropriately accommodated.

Nicki presented Resolution P2103177, an agreement with Lake Michigan College to use the Mendel Center for a large scale vaccination clinic site. This is a no cost agreement. PHSC consensus was to move this Resolution to the Full Board for action this morning.

Motion by Commissioner Majerek, supported by Commissioner Bell to approve the advanced step hire request for Penny McLeod, Sanitarian, grade 7, step 3, annualized salary of \$40,574. 3 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried. Ms. McLeod was previously employed for three years as a Health Department Sanitarian prior to her moving from the area.

Nicki advised the Committee that Medical Director Dr. Johansen will be retiring effective May 31, 2021. Administrator Dissette advised that he, Nicki, PHSC Chair Harrison and the HR Director will form a work group to develop a replacement strategy.

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- Motion by Commissioner Majerek, supported by Commissioner Bell to approve the minutes dated 02/11/2021. Commissioner Majerek – yea; Commissioner Bell – yea, Commissioner Harrison, yea. 3 yeas 0 nays, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Adjourned 8:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Jasper
Human Resources Director