

BERRIEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
Minutes of March 10, 2022

Roll Call Present: Jim Curran, Chairperson
David Vollrath, Vice Chair
Julie Wuerfel

Absent: Don Meeks Sr.

Scheduled: Mac Elliott, BOC Chairman
Robert Ray, Building & Grounds
Derk Walkotten, Abonmarche
Tony McGhee, Abonmarche
Jim Hettinger, Urban(e) Development Services

Others:

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 10:15 am.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Vollrath, supported by Wuerfel, to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2022 meeting. Motion Carried.

Resolutions

The following Resolution was moved forward to the full Board:
A2203208 – Set speed limit on Glenlord Road from Washington to Niles.

Property Use Request

Blossomtime Festival requested use of the old Courthouse parking lot and Administration building parking lot on Saturday, May 14th. The Committee accepted the request.

Buildings & Grounds – Ray, Walkotten, McGhee, Hettinger

Hettinger recommends moving forward with the bid package for a new jail and courthouse facility at the Napier location. He noted the need for an experienced grant writer. Southwest Michigan Planning Commission will designate a grant writer for this specific project. Discussions ensued regarding how soon to start strategies for the long term as this could take 15 years to plan. Discussions ensued regarding ARPA funds and distinguishing between funds for this project and designating Broadband funds. Discussions ensued regarding the need for the County facilities to be wired together and allow for public access points. ADA compliance should be updated as well as security enhancements that are needed.

Curran noted the handout showing the diagram of Option 1 for the Courthouse Clerk's office that included the quote from Metro Business Interiors.

Meeting adjourned at 10:23 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

J Arent

Jennifer Arent
Recording Secretary