

BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the March 24, 2022 Personnel and Human Services Committee Meeting.

Meeting held in conference Room 4B of the County Administration Center. Attendance was as follows:

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	ALSO PRESENT
Bob Harrison	X		Annette Christie, Ric Compton, Beth Aurand,
Michael Majerek	X		Robert Ray, Paul Janča Jr, Kaitlin Locke
Rayonte Bell	X		Brian Dissette
			Shelley Jasper

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

- Meeting called to order at 9:11 a.m.
- Attendance is reflected above.
- Motion by Commissioner Majerek, supported by Commissioner Bell to approve the minutes of March 17, 2022 as presented. 3 yeas, 0 nays Motion carried.
- Motion by Commissioner Bell, supported by Commissioner Majerek to approve the following advanced step hire requests:
 - Kati Hoekstra, APD I, grade 11, step 4, \$66,738
 - Renell Watkins, Health Department Finance Clerk, grade 5, step 4, \$35,918
3 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
- Resolution P2204220, a Resolution to accept an amendment to the Health Department’s CPBC with the State resulting in \$107,757 additional dollars was reviewed and signed by all members.

BERRIEN MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY (RIVERWOOD)

Ric Compton, CEO, and Beth Aurand, Director of Behavioral Health Services presented an outline of services offered by Riverwood. They explained the various programs provided by Riverwood that serve the following populations:

- Children with Serious Emotional Disturbances
- People with Substance Use Disorders
- Adults with Mental Illness
- People with Developmental/Intellectual Disabilities

Ric added that in CY2021, over 5,000 unduplicated consumers were served. There were over 210,000 encounters with these consumers.

PUBLIC DEFENDER’S OFFICE

Paul Janča Jr, Chief Public Defender and Kaitlin Locke, Chief Assistant Public Defender, discussed the Emerging Adults Task Force. They explained that this task force will consist of four additional positions (2 APD’s, 1 SW, 1 investigator), will be totally funded by a MIDC grant, and serves clients under the age of 25 who are charged with serious offenses that could/would land them in adult court. Paul provided numerous statistics that showed the population is under represented in Court matters.

ADMINISTRATOR/CHAIRMAN

Robert Ray, Interim Building & Grounds Superintendent advised the Committee of a sewer break at the jail facility.

Annette Christie reviewed pending requisitions and Resolutions. The Committee concurred with Annette’s request to have these matters move forward and then obtain final approval at the next regularly scheduled (April 7) Board of Commissioner meeting.

Administrator Dissette reviewed staffing difficulties at the Juvenile Center.

Adjourned 10:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Jasper, Human Resources Director