

**BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**  
**April 14, 2022**

**CHAIRMAN TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:**

Chairperson R. McKinley Elliott called the regular COW meeting to order at 8:36 A.M. in the Board of Commissioners' (BOC) room at the Berrien County Administration Center, 701 Main Street, St. Joseph, Michigan.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

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

0 ABSENT.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE APRIL 7, 2022 MEETING:**

Commissioner Scott moved and seconded by Commissioner Freehling, to approve the Committee of the Whole minutes held on April 7, 2022. Motion carried, no nays.

**REQUISITION REVIEW - Annette Christie:**

Executive Administrative Assistant Annette Christie presented the requisitions to the Board for their review and discussion.

**PRESENTATION - West Michigan Guardianship Presentation:**

Chairperson R. McKinley Elliott introduced Christy Payne from West Michigan Guardianship.

Christy Payne gave a PowerPoint presentation and discussed the West Michigan Guardianship:

- Who is West Michigan Guardianship
- Guardianship 24/7 and Three counties
- The Avenue
  - Mission
  - Vision
  - Values
  - Philosophy
- Who Receives WMG Services
- Guardian
- Conservator
- Representative Payee
- Current Number of Clients
  - Unduplicated Number of Clients
- Transactions on Behalf of Clients
- Networks associated with WMG
- Service Goals
- Service Delivery Standards
- WMG Fee Schedule
  - October 2021 Data For Berrien County
  - Berrien County Clients Comparison

Discussion was held. WMG was referred back to the Administration Committee to give recommendation to the full Board at the next meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – Per the Berrien County Board of Commissioners’ Bylaws 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):**

Michael Haskins, Pipestone Township- Spoke about bridge construction and presented a handout to the Board.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 A.M.

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R. McKinley Elliott, Chairperson

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Sheila Reitz, Elections Administrator

***Minutes are to be approved at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.***