

BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Board Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2022

CHAIRMAN TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairperson R. McKinley Elliott called the regular Board of Commissioners' (BOC) meeting to order at 10:35 A.M. in the BOC's room at the Berrien County Administration Center, 701 Main Street, St. Joseph, Michigan.

INVOCATION:

Commissioner James Curran gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

Commissioner Rayonte Bell 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, Mamie Yarbrough and R. McKinley Elliott.

0 ABSENT.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 14, 2022 MEETING:

Commissioner Vollrath moved and supported by Commissioner Scott, to approve the BOC regular meeting minutes of April 14, 2022. Motion carried and no nays.

COMMUNICATION(S): None

PRESENTATION: Taxable Value Discussion- Equalization Director Warren Parrish

- 2022 Berrien County Equalization Department Annual Report / Equalization Report
- Department Highlights
 - Annual Study Overview
 - Calculation of millage reductions
 - Equalization Appraisers
- Overview of the 2022 Equalization Report
 - What is it used for?
- Quick Stats from the Report
 - CEV 2020 to 2021 Change
 - CEV 2021 to 2022 Change
 - Taxable 2020 to 2021 Change
 - Taxable 2021 to 2022 Change
- Berrien County Equalized and Taxable Values by Year
- Local Unit Change in SEV and Taxable Value

Discussion was held.

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). The public should refer to the resolution # that they are commenting on as a part of their comments: None.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Commissioner Scott moved and seconded by Commissioner Freehling, to approve today’s Consent Calendar as presented:

<u>Resolutions #</u>	<u>Description</u>
P2204004	Monthly Per Diems
F2204027	Weekly Bills
B2204074	Weekly Requisitions
P2204237	United Way NFP Funding Agreement- Nurse Family Partnership program
P2204238	United Way Raising up Healthy Babies Program Agreement
P2204239	United Way Triple P Program Funding Agreement
F2204242	Taxable Value Submission to State for Equalization
P2204247	Complement Change Road Department
A2204248	Critical Bridge List Submission for Road Funding

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): None

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

The Finance, Administration and Personnel & Human Services 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.

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):

Jerry Sirk, Benton Harbor, spoke about last year’s Annual Mason Sock Drive.
 Tony Benhart, Sodus Township, spoke about the road project and that BC BIT money should be used in rural areas first.
 Karen Garlanger, St. Joseph Charter Township, introduced herself as a 2022County Commissioner candidate to the Board.
 Matt (Unknown), spoke about homeless people.
 Michael Hoyh, City of Benton Harbor, spoke about unsolved crime in Benton Harbor and the misinformation that is being circulated.

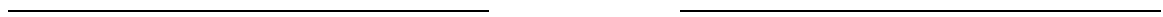
OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS:

Chairperson Elliott reminded everyone that there is a night meeting on Thursday, May 5, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at MSU Extension Office.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:39 A.M.



R. McKinley Elliott, Chairperson

Sheila Reitz, Elections Administrator

Minutes are to be approved at the next BOC meeting.