

BERRIEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
Minutes of June 16, 2022

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

Absent:

Scheduled: Brian Dissette, County Administrator
Mac Elliott, BOC Chairman
Sheriff Bailey, BCSD
Tod Rainey, Motor Pool

Others:

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 9:18 am.

Sheriff's Department Update – Sheriff Bailey

Sheriff Bailey announced Lt. Jeff Duffield is retiring. He discussed a car show taking place this weekend on Maiden Lane at the soccer fields. Boyce and Adams are planning for Red Bud in July and October. Dan McGinnis is working with the State police in Benton Harbor on coverage for their 2 days off each week. He reviewed the May report and community activities. He has 6 new hires and will introduce them at a Commissioners meeting prior to them going to the academy. He reported on his attendance at a conference that was held regarding the mental health and general well-being of officers. The cost of fuel is not impacting responses to calls.

Motor Pool Update – Rainey

Rainey reported they are short staffed and he has 1 mechanic opening. The fuel budget has been increased. He has been purchasing extra parts as they become available and keeping them in stock. The sheriff's vehicles that have been ordered will most likely be ready in November or December, so there will need to be a budget amendment to accept them prior to FY23.

Q & A – Dissette & Elliott

Dissette noted we can use contingency funds if the vehicles are ready this year.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Wuerfel, supported by Martin, to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2022 meeting. Motion Carried.

Resolutions

The following Resolutions were moved forward to the full Board:

A2206125 – Amendment to MPSCS to integrate the Watervliet tower site.

A2206289 – Submit Snowmobile Law Enforcement Grant application.

A2206293 – Accept first amendment to the FY22 Drug Court Grant Program Contract.

The following Honorary Resolution was signed by the Committee:

B2206025 – Sgt. Ronald Bush

The following Proclamation was signed by the Committee:

B2206123 – Support the Lest We Forget Patriotic Celebration 2022 event.

County Property Use Request

Krasl Art Center – Use of the Courthouse parking lot on July 9 & 10. Martin dissented. Request approved.

Miscellaneous

Curran will schedule a workshop for the Road Department policy.

The Juvenile presentation was rescheduled due to Wightman staff being unavailable to attend. Discussions ensued regarding touring other juvenile facilities.

Public Comment

Mike Haskins, Pipestone Township – He saw the new dump truck and grader heading eastbound on Napier at an increased speed compared to the previous truck. He noted it was a good purchase.

Tony Benhart, Sodus Township – Did you ever get an answer as to how many projects DLR has completed? Wuerfel noted that answer is to be given at the COW presentation.

Meeting adjourned at 10:21 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jennifer Arent
Recording Secretary