

Berrien County Board of Commissioners

Finance Committee Minutes

Thursday, September 15, 2022

Kenneth L. Wendzel Conference Room

Finance Committee Attendance:

Commissioner Mamie L. Yarbrough–Chairperson	Present
Commissioner Jon Hinkelman – Vice-Chair	Present
Commissioner Ezra Scott	Present
Commissioner Teri Freehling	Present

Others Present: Administrator Brian Dissette, Chairman R. McKinley Elliott, Secretary Stephanie Carlson, Financial Services Director Doug James, Nate Baldermann – Rehmann Robson and Executive Assistant to Administrator Annette Christie.

Public Comments: None

Q&A Administrator

The committee discussed the PHSC Resolution P2209344 regarding the Salary Study with Administrator Dissette and Chairman Elliott in great lengths. There were several questions regarding the process and physical impact on the County. Brian asked the committee to get their questions to him so he could address them next week. The committee agreed the resolution should be pulled for further discussion.

Appointments

Nate Baldermann briefly went over the audit for 2021 and the changes to the audit letter and what items affected the audit. He also went over the single audit report and said \$7.3M was spent from federal awards and that there were no findings on the three programs audited. There was considerable discussion on the Drain finding and the lateness and additional cost of the audit because of Drains. Nate and Doug answered questions from the committee.

Annette Christie went over the vacancies for the Brownfield and Economic Development Boards, and asked the committee for their recommendations. The committee recommended Chris Marzke for the Brownfield board and John Janick and Brian Maynard for the Economic Development Board.

Committee Business

Commissioner Scott motioned to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2022 meeting, supported by Commissioner Freehling. Motion carried.

The Request for Waiver was approved by the committee

Resolutions: The commissioners reviewed and signed the following resolution:

F2209047 – Approval of Weekly Bills and Road Payables