

BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
October 27, 2022

CHAIRMAN TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairperson R. McKinley Elliott called the regular Committee of the Whole (COW) meeting to order at 8:37 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, Teri Sue Freehling, Robert Harrison, Jon Hinkelman, James Martin, Michael Majerek, Ezra Scott, David Vollrath, Julie Wuerfel, Mamie Yarbrough and R. McKinley Elliott.

0 ABSENT.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 20, 2022 MEETING:

Commissioner Majerek moved and seconded by Commissioner Scott, to approve the Committee of the Whole minutes held on October 20, 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. Commissioner Freehling stated she will abstain on Resolution #B2210099 on Requisition #60873 for REV Excavating in abundance of caution.

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): None.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

CLOSED SESSION – Quarterly Litigation Update – Corporate Counsel Thaddeus Hackworth per MCL 15.268 (e) – “To consult with its attorney regarding trial and settlement strategy in connection with pending litigation:”

Chairperson Elliott discussed that the COW will be going into Closed Session for a Quarterly Litigation Update.

Commissioner Martin moved and supported by Commissioner Vollrath, to recess the public meeting and go into Closed Session at 8:40 A.M., to consult with its attorney regarding trial and settlement strategy in connection with pending litigation.

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

12 YEAS: Curran, Freehling, Harrison, Hinkelman, Majerek, Martin, Scott, Vollrath, Wuerfel, Yarbrough, Bell and Elliott.

Motion carried, no nays.

The Board recessed at 8:41 A.M. to go into Closed Session.

Chairperson Elliott reconvened to Open Session at 9:09 A.M.

Motion:

Commissioner Freehling moved and seconded by Commissioner Scott, to approve the Closed Session minutes of September 15, 2022. Motion carried, no nays.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 A.M.

R. McKinley Elliott, Chairperson

Sharon J. Tyler, County Clerk

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