

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BERRIEN COUNTY: Your County Finance Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act No. 51 of the Public Acts of 1951, as amended, Berrien County is providing a local transportation program; and

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2019 the County Board of Commissioners approved Resolution F1902168 allowing for the creation of an “ad hoc” committee known as the Berrien County Advisory Transportation Team (BCATT), tasked with reviewing public transportation options and assessing the “Connect Berrien” Transit Service Integration Plan completed in September 2018; and

WHEREAS, the BCATT is recommending that the County Board of Commissioners create a Berrien County Transportation Pilot Program to be operated by Berrien Bus, as described in the memorandum, for fiscal years 2020 and 2021; and


WHEREAS, the BCATT is also recommending that the County Board of Commissioners appropriate \$100,000 per year in fiscal years 2020 and 2021 to help defray the cost of the pilot program, which will be supplemented with Berrien Bus’s available fund balance; and

WHEREAS, the BCATT is also recommending the County Board of Commissioners establishes an advisory committee known as the Berrien County Transportation Advisory Committee, as described in said memorandum, to help oversee this pilot program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners authorizes the following:

- 1) The creation and implementation of the Berrien County Transportation Pilot Program, as described in said memorandum, for fiscal years 2020 and 2021; and
- 2) A Berrien County appropriation of \$100,000 per year in fiscal years 2020 and 2021 to assist in defraying the costs of the program, which will be supplemented with the available Berrien Bus fund balance; and,
- 3) The creation of the Berrien County Transportation Advisory Committee, as described in said memorandum, to help oversee this pilot program. Corporate Counsel will determine the appropriate legal process to establish this Advisory Committee

**Respectfully submitted,
BERRIEN COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE**


Mamie L. Yarbrough, Chairperson

Robert P. Harrison, Vice Chairperson



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RESOLUTION APPROVED AS TO FORM	
Administrative _____ <i>m</i>	Date <u>5/8/19</u>
Comments Attached _____	<u>RM-5-8-19</u>