

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Baroda Township officials reached out to the Berrien County Road Department to request a study of Russell Road from Cleveland Avenue to Holden Road which currently has a 55 mph speed limit; and

WHEREAS, they identified that the traffic on this road has steadily increased over the past years due to development and growth of the township; and

WHEREAS, this development has increased the number of access points to the county road resulting in an increase in traffic congestion and the number of turning traffic along the corridor; and

WHEREAS, it has become increasingly difficult for residents to negotiate left hand turns, or move into and out of the flow of traffic safely due to the increased volume of traffic; and

WHEREAS, an access point study was completed and found that for the first ½ mile of Russell Road, just west of Cleveland Road, there are 33 vehicular access points; and

WHEREAS, based on that study, per MCL 257.627, part 2(j), the speed limit for this portion of the road should be set at 45 mph; and

WHEREAS, Baroda Township officials would like to move forward with this change; and

WHEREAS, the Berrien County Road Department sought counsel from the Michigan State Police and they concurred that by Board resolution, the above named section of the road can be changed to 45 mph.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners, under the provisions of Michigan Public Act 300 of 1949, Section 257.627, hereby set the speed limit on Russell Road from Cleveland Avenue to 0.5 miles west in Baroda Township at 45 mph and directs the Berrien County Road Department to erect signage indicating the established speed limit as described.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the signage will be maintained in conformity with the Michigan Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices and a copy of this resolution will be filed with the Berrien County Clerk's Office and with the Michigan State Police.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
BERRIEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Jim Curran, Chairperson

Don Meeks, Vice Chairperson

David Vollrath

Julie Wuerfel

RESOLUTION APPROVED AS TO FORM	
Administrator _____	Date _____
Comment Attached _____	