

BERRIEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
Minutes of April 11, 2019

Present: Jim Curran, Chair
Michael Majerek, Vice Chair
Don Meeks Sr.

Absent: Chris Heugel

Scheduled: Sheriff Bailey, BCSD
Bill Wolf, County Administration
Mac Elliott, BOC Chair

Others: Undersheriff Heit, BCSD
Tony Benhart, Public

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 9:27 am.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Majerek, supported by Meeks, to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2019 meetings. Motion Carried.

Sheriff's Update

Sheriff Bailey reported that Reserve Deputy Tim Richards was recognized as Volunteer of the Year. He reviewed the Victims Services Unit as well as the Reserve Unit, which just finished academy with 6 people passing. There have been 1 part time and 2 full time hires and Deputy Dyer will be the next canine officer. He reviewed the monthly statistics. Undersheriff Heit explained the makeup of the SWET unit. From January 1st through March 31st, the SWET has confiscated 35.94 lbs of crystal meth. Sheriff Bailey reviewed the Emergency Management/Homeland Security assessments and training. The new receiving area at the jail will be in use soon with the next phase beginning soon and all work is expected to be completed by September.

Q & A with Bill Wolf and BOC Chair Elliott

Wolf had no updates to discuss.

Resolutions

None.

Miscellaneous

Curran noted the trails and bike paths money is a separate pot of money put up by the State and Federal government and cannot be used for roads. Trails are maintained by the municipalities and agreements are drawn up before grant money is accepted. Discussions ensued.

Public Comment

Tony Benhart, Sodus Township – stated the use of the word “fiber” in regards to the internet is skewed because it’s on the power lines and the infrastructure is already there. It would be a huge cost savings to entice Indiana Michigan Power to allow it and it would make speeds increase. It would be an incentive for businesses to relocate to Berrien County. Discussions ensued.

Meeting adjourned at 10:07 am.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jennifer Arent