

BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 27, 2019

CHAIRMAN TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

Vice Chairperson Teri Freehling called the regular meeting to order at 10:35 A.M. in the Board of Commissioners' room at the Berrien County Administration Center, 701 Main Street, St. Joseph, Michigan.

INVOCATION:

Undersheriff Chuck Heit gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

Undersheriff Chuck Heit gave the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

ROLL CALL:

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

10 PRESENT: William Chickering, Jim Curran, Teri Freehling, Robert Harrison, Christopher Heugel, Michael Majerek, Don Meeks, Ezra Scott, David Vollrath and R. McKinley Elliott (Arrived at 10:44 A.M. and left at 10:49 A.M).

2 ABSENT: Jon Hinkelman and Mamie Yarbrough.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 20, 2019 MEETING:

Commissioner Harrison moved, seconded by Commissioner Scott, to approve the regular minutes of June 20, 2019. Motion carried, no nays.

COMMUNICATION(S):

County Clerk Sharon Tyler received and distributed to the Board the following:

- A resolution from the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners in support of a state psychiatric facility on the grounds of the Caro Center in Tuscola County, received on June 21, 2019.
- A resolution from the Wexford County Board of Commissioners supporting the Caro Center in Tuscola County, received on June 21, 2019.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING RESOLUTIONS - Public comments at this portion of the meeting must be related to resolutions listed on today's agenda only. 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):

Darrin Schaer, Pipestone Township, spoke about Resolution #F1906260 - Approve Schwark Drain Note Renewal. Vice Chairperson Freehling addressed Darrin Schaer's concerns.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Commissioner Chickering moved, seconded by Commissioner Vollrath, to approve today's Consent Calendar as presented:

<u>Resolutions #</u>	<u>Description</u>
F1906035	Approve Weekly Bills
B1906082	Approve Requisitions
F1906119	Approve Road Payables
P1906256	Approve Contract for Compensation Classification Study
P1906258	Approve Contract with Berrien County Historical Association

A1906259	Approve Application for Snowmobile Law Enforcement Grant
F1906260	Approve Schwark Drain Note Renewal
A1906261	Approve Annual Act 51 Report
A1906262	Approve MDOT Contract for John Beers Road Project

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call the roll resulting as follows:

9 YEAS: Chickering, Curran, Harrison, Heugel, Majerek, Meeks, Scott, Vollrath and Freehling.

Motion carried, no nays.

ADDED RESOLUTIONS: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Finance, Personnel and Human Services, and Administration Committees presented their Committee Reports. Committee minutes are available at www.berriencounty.org.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Commissioners presented their outside committee reports.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS - 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):

Jerry Sirk, Benton Charter Township, stated that Chikaming Township places contact information for 911 emergency assistance on mile markers.

Adolf Pelzer, Hagar Township, announced the Ironman 70.3 Steelhead contest will be held at Jean Klock Park on Sunday, June 30, 2019 at 6:00 A.M.

John Matuszak, St. Joseph, stated that an old fashion 4th July will be held at the Berrien County Historic Courthouse Square County Park.

Dick Bertog, Benton Harbor, brought pictures today for the Board to review regarding the mess he has on his property.

Commissioner Harrison left the meeting at 11:13 A.M.

Darrin Schaer, Pipestone Township, spoke about kayaking on the rivers and asked if the rivers will be tested for E.coli.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS:

Administrator William Wolf announced the following:

- Joint Pension Committee and Trust Investment Advisory Committee has been cancelled for today.
- Land Bank Authority has been cancelled for today.
- Strategic Planning meeting has been cancelled for today and rescheduled for July 18th at noon.

Administrator Wolf reminded the Board, if they are not planning on attending the events at the County parks that requires tickets, please let Annette Christie know.

Vice Chairperson Freehling announced the following:

- July 4, 2019 – County Facilities are closed. No board meetings will be held.

- July 11, 2019 – Night meeting at the Niles District Library, 620 East Main St., Niles, Michigan at 6:00 P.M.

Commissioner Curran announced the events happening on July 4th at the Berrien County Historic Courthouse Square County Park.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Vollrath moved, seconded by Commissioner Scott, to adjourn the meeting at 11:18 A.M. Motion carried, no nays.

Teri Freehling, Vice Chairperson

Sharon J. Tyler, County Clerk

Minutes are to be approved at the full board meeting on July 11, 2019.