

**BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**  
**February 14, 2019**

**CHAIRMAN TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:**

Chairperson R. McKinley Elliott called the regular meeting to order at 8:35 A.M. in the Board of Commissioners' room at the Berrien County Administration Center in St. Joseph, Michigan.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

11 PRESENT: William Chickering, Jim Curran, Teri Freehling, Robert Harrison, Jon Hinkelman, Michael Majerek, Don Meeks, Ezra Scott, Dave Vollrath, Mamie Yarbrough and R. McKinley Elliott.

1 ABSENT: Christopher Heugel.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 7, 2019 MEETING:**

Commissioner Scott moved, seconded by Commissioner Meeks, to approve the regular minutes of February 7, 2019. Motion carried, no nays.

**REQUISITION REVIEW:**

Annette Christie presented the requisitions to the Board for their review. She reminded the Board; today is the last day to register for the Michigan Counties Legislative Conference.

**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):**

Tony Benhart, Sodus Township, spoke about the Road Department and their cell phone policy.

Melissa Clapper, St. Joseph Charter Township, thanked the League of Women Voters (LWV) for hosting a Transportation forum and spoke about their programs.

**SCHEDULED DISCUSSION:**

Administrator William Wolf introduced Julie Pioch, MSU Extension District 13 Coordinator. Julie Pioch, District 13 Coordinator, distributed and presented the Berrien County MSU Extension Office's 2018 Annual Report and the At A Glance Extension 2018 – Michigan State University pamphlet. She discussed the following:

- History/Background
- Mission
- Description of District 13
- Partnerships
- Programs
- Reach
- Funding

Julie Pioch introduced the following staff:

- Kelly Stelter, 4-H Program Coordinator
- Beth Ferry – AABI Educator
- Mike Reinke AABI Educator

The staff gave a brief description of their activities that are being performed.

Discussion was held.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 A.M.

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R. McKinley Elliott, Chairperson

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Sharon J. Tyler, County Clerk

***Minutes are to be approved at the full board meeting on February 21, 2019.***