

BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2020

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' (BOC) room at the Berrien County Administration Center, 701 Main Street, St. Joseph, Michigan.

ROLL CALL:

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

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

1 ABSENT: William Chickering.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 13, 2020 MEETING:

Commissioner Meeks moved, seconded by Commissioner Majerek, to approve the Committee of the Whole minutes of February 13, 2020. Motion carried, no nays.

REQUISITION REVIEW:

Stephanie Carlson presented the requisitions to the Board for their review.

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):

Tyler Augst, Michigan State University Extension Regional Government & Community Vitality Educator, introduced himself as the County's local contact from the land use team.

SCHEDULED DISCUSSION:

Community Development Director Dan Fette stated at the Cornerstone Alliance's 2020 Business Recognition Breakfast Annual Meeting & Awards Ceremony, the Berrien County Community Development Department received the "Marie Franz Partner Award." Also, they received a proclamation from Congressman Fred Upton, Senator Kim LaSata, State Representative Pauline Wendzel and State Representative Brad Paquette.

Administrator William Wolf stated they invited the local Senior Centers today to listen to Lynda Elie of Rendel Elie & Associates PLC, present the Senior Center Audit Report. Administrator Wolf had representatives from the Senior Centers introduce themselves.

Administrator William Wolf introduced Lynda Elie, Rendel Elie & Associates PLC, who gave an overview of the Berrien County Senior Center Audits for the year, which ended on September 30, 2019. She distributed to the Board a Berrien County Senior Center Audit Summary. The Senior Center Audits are on the same fiscal year and each center received a clean audit report. Jerry Radenbaugh, St. Joseph Lincoln Senior Center, spoke about the new software, "My Senior Center," that tracks attendance numbers for Senior Centers. Discussion was held. The Board thanked Lynda Elie and the Senior Centers.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chairperson Elliott discussed a one-time FOIA request from the Drain Commissioner and to appoint John Dewane as the Interim Counsel for this request.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

R. McKinley Elliott, Chairperson

Sharon J. Tyler, County Clerk

Minutes are to be approved at the next Committee of the Whole meeting on February 27, 2020.