

Berrien County Board of Commissioners

Finance Committee Minutes

Thursday, March 3, 2022

Kenneth L. Wendzel Conference Room

Finance Committee Attendance:

Commissioner Mamie L. Yarbrough–Chairperson	Present
Commissioner Jon Hinkelman – Vice-Chair	Present
Commissioner Ezra Scott	Present
Commissioner Teri Freehling	Present

Others Present: Administrator Brian Dissette, Chairman R. McKinley Elliott, Secretary Stephanie Carlson, Community Development Director Dan Fette, and Road Department Superintendent Greg Trail.

Meeting was called to order at 9:17am

Public Comments: Mike Haskins, Pipestone Twp. – Road Commission had issues a couple years ago with getting materials delivered on time when going with the lowest bidder. If they don't deliver on time, then don't use them.

Appointments

Dan Fette briefed the committee on **Resolution F2203213** – Employment Agreement with Dennis Schuh for the transportation program. Dan briefly went over the duties Dennis would be doing and said if the Resolution gets approved today, he would like him to start on Monday. Dan also mentioned he talked to Paul Gillespie and said he has agreed to come on board as a contracted supervisor at Berrien Bus to assist with the daily operations, a resolution authorizing that will be coming. Lastly, he mentioned the Resolution to add a Transportation Operations Manager position to the complement (P2203214). Administrator Dissette praised Dan for the hard work and time he has put in to getting this all done and asked the board to approve his recommendation. There was a brief discussion.

Greg Trail – Presented to the committee the following recommendations:

Bid 2022-022 – Aggregates. He asked for approval to split the bid and go with Verplank Trucking for Trap Rock. Kenneth Smith for #11 Limestone, Slag, Septic Slag and #17A Limestone (as he was the only bidder for these items) and Yellow Rose Transport for the other items as outlined in his memo. Commissioner Hinkelman motioned to approve the Aggregate purchase recommendation as presented by Greg, supported by Commissioner Freehling. Motion carried.

Bid 2022-025 – Dense Graded Aggregates. He asked for approval to go with Northern Construction for the 22A Aggregates, and Michiana Aggregate, Inc. for the 23A Aggregates. Commissioner Scott motioned to approve the Dense Graded Aggregate purchase

recommendation as presented by Greg, supported by Commissioner Freehling. Motion carried.

Committee Business

Commissioner Freehling motioned to approve the minutes from Thursday, February 24, 2022, supported by Commissioner Scott. Motion carried.

Resolutions signed by Committee:

The following Resolutions were moved forward to the full Board:

F2203021 – Approval of Weekly Bills

F2203115 – Road Payables

F2203213 – Employment Agreement with Dennis Schuh

Meeting Adjourned: 10:11

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Carlson
Financial Services