

BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2022

CHAIRMAN TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairperson R. McKinley Elliott called the regular COW meeting to order at 8:36 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: Rayonte Bell, Jim Curran, Teri Sue Freehling, Robert Harrison, Jon Hinkelman, Michael Majerek (Arrived at 8:43 A.M.), Ezra Scott, David Vollrath, Julie Wuerfel, Mamie Yarbrough and R. McKinley Elliott.

1 ABSENT: Don Meeks.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MARCH 3, 2022 MEETING:

Commissioner Freehling moved and seconded by Commissioner Vollrath, to approve the Committee of the Whole minutes held on March 3, 2022. Motion carried, no nays.

REQUISITION REVIEW - Annette Christie:

Executive Administrative Assistant Annette Christie presented the requisitions to the Board for their review and discussion.

PRESENTATION – Facility Overview – Abonmarche:

Administrator Brian Dissette introduced Jim Hettinger, Urban Development Services, who is here today for the presentation. Administrator Dissette discussed today's meeting.

Tony McGhee, Abonmarche, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Facilities Master Plan and discussed the following:

- Public Safety & Court System
- Animal Control – New
- 2100 Empire
- Training Facility
- Legal Aid Building
- Narcotics Unit
- Road Department
 - Baroda Facility
 - Watervliet Facility
 - Eau Claire Facility
 - Napier Facility
 - Bakertown Facility
 - Three Oaks Facility
- Administration Building
- 100 Church Street
- MSU Extension
- Berrien Bus
- Health Department
- Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources
 - Silver Beach County Park
 - Love Creek County Park

- Madeline Bertrand County Park
- History Center at Courthouse Square
- Identified Capital Spending Needs
 - Public Safety Court System
 - Road Department
 - Administration & Operations
 - Health Department
 - Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources
 - Capital Needs by Operating Area
- Suggested Projects for Consideration
- Next Steps

Derk Walkatten, Abonmarche, was in attendance for the discussion. Discussion was held throughout the meeting.

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): None.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 A.M.

R. McKinley Elliott, Chairperson

Sharon J. Tyler, County Clerk

Minutes are to be approved at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.