

**BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**March 14, 2019**

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

Chairperson R. McKinley Elliott called the regular meeting to order at 10:31 A.M. in the Board of Commissioners' room at the Berrien County Administration Center in St. Joseph, Michigan.

**INVOCATION:**

Commissioner Majerek gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:**

County Surveyor John Kamer led us in 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:

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

1 ABSENT: Ezra Scott.

**AGENDA AMENDMENT:**

Commissioner Freehling moved, seconded by Commissioner Vollrath, to add to the Agenda a Presentation by the Sheriff's Office after the Agenda Amendment.

**PRESENTATION:**

Sheriff Paul Bailey and Undersheriff Chuck Heit presented Certificates of Appreciation to the following:

- Captain Randall Miller for eighteen (18) years of service on the Dive Team.
- Lieutenant Scott Kuhl for eighteen (18) years of service on the Dive Team.

Sheriff Bailey introduced his staff who were in attendance today. Sheriff Bailey distributed to the Board the Berrien County Sheriff's Office 2018 Annual Report.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 7, 2019 REGULAR MEETING**

**APPROVE MINUTES OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION HELD FEBRUARY 21, 2019**

**APPROVE MINUTES OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION HELD MARCH 7, 2019:**

Commissioner Curran moved, seconded by Commissioner Majerek, to approve the following minutes:

- Regular meeting held on March 7, 2019.
- Special meeting - Strategic Planning Session held February 21, 2019.
- Special meeting - Strategic Planning Session held March 7, 2019.

Motion carried, no nays.

**COMMUNICATION(S):**

County Clerk Sharon Tyler received on March 12, 2019 and distributed to the Board a Resolution from Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners, urging our Legislators to immediately commence the process of revising the Medicare Prescription Drug Bill of 2003 to allow negotiating lower drug prices and the importation of identical, cheaper drugs from Canada and elsewhere.

**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 # A1903170 - Approve application for the Transportation Alternative Program Grant.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Commissioner Majerek moved, seconded by Commissioner Heugel, to include Resolution #A1903185 from the Added Resolutions and to approve today's Consent Calendar as presented:

<u>Resolutions #</u>	<u>Description</u>
F1903021	Weekly Bills
B1903068	Approve Requisitions
A1903170	Approve application for the Transportation Alternative Program Grant
A1903182	Renew motorcycle lease for Sheriff's Department
F1903183	Renew Farm Lease
F1903184	Update Investment Policy
A1903185	Approve Amended State Contract Trail/Road Project

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

11 YEAS: Chickering, Curran, Freehling, Harrison, Heugel, Hinkelman, Majerek, Meeks, Vollrath, Yarbrough and Elliott.

Motion carried, no nays.

**ADDED RESOLUTION(S):**

Resolution #A1903185 - Approve Amended State Contract Trail/Road Project was pulled from the Added Resolutions and was included on the Consent Calendar.

B1903190 Honorary Resolution

Commissioner Yarbrough moved, seconded by Commissioner Meeks, to approve Honorary Resolution #B1903190 - Honoring Reverend Kenneth Morris Gavin. Motion carried, no nays.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

The Finance, Personnel and Human Services, and Administration Committees presented their Committee Reports. Committee minutes are available at [www.berriencounty.org](http://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):**

Michael Hoyh, Watervliet, gave an update on the Pavone Street (Benton Harbor) organization and would like to have the County's support on a proposed project.

Gary Edwards, Benton Harbor, spoke about ideas for the County parks.

Adolf Pelzer, Hagar Township, commented he was happy to see that the Rocky Gap County Park gate was unlocked and the Commissioners' room today has fire lanes.

Darrin Schaer, Pipestone Township, spoke about the County's process of employing grant writers.

Tony Dloughy, Lincoln Charter Township, spoke about the Marquette Greenway and liability to the property owners and the County.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Administrator Wolf spoke about the Interview Committee meeting today for the Information Systems Director position.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS:**

Administrator Wolf announced the Special Workshop meeting for the Strategic Planning Session will begin today at noon in the Commissioners' room at the Administration Center.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:14 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 March 21, 2019.***