

BERRIEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
Minutes of May 9, 2019

Present: Jim Curran, Chair
Chris Heugel
Don Meeks Sr.

Absent: Michael Majerek, Vice Chair

Scheduled: Jason Latham, Road Department Director
Bill Wolf, County Administration
Mac Elliott, BOC Chair

Others: Melissa Clapper, Public
Darren Schaer, Public
Tony Dlouhy, Public

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 9:28 am.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Meeks, supported by Heugel, to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2019 meetings.
Motion Carried.

Road Department Update

Latham reviewed options for service requests and discussed priorities and responsibilities of the Road Department, MDOT and Cities. He reviewed the types of service requests submitted per month. He discussed gravel road issues, treatments expected to be completed in 2019, and culvert asset management. Discussions ensued.

Q & A with Bill Wolf and BOC Chair Elliott

Wolf had no updates. Elliott asked if the Committee wished to move back the transportation resolution one week to allow for an additional discussions during next week's COW. The Committee concurred to move the resolution back. Discussions ensued regarding funding of public transportation.

Resolutions

The following Resolutions were approved and signed:

A1905224 – Authorize police protection contract with Buchanan Township for Red Bud Track n Trail July 4 through 7.

A1905231 – Authorize the Road Department to conduct a speed study in Niles Charter Township.

A1905232 – Authorize HMEP agreement with Michigan Department of State Police, Emergency Management Division.

Miscellaneous

None.

Public Comment

Melissa Clapper, St. Joseph Charter Township – Thanked commissioners for transportation work and agrees more Q & A is needed. It seems to be too focused on disability and would like the commissioners to look at people that are unable to own a car. She stated the municipalities need to share information with their constituents, as they can make or break this. The pilot program is a really good step.

Darren Schaer, Pipestone Township – You can't just put a 100 year old person on a bus. It's complicated and time consuming. How would the pilot program work? You have to get to the pick up location.

Tony Dlouhy, Lincoln Charter Township – You're trying to cover everyone's needs and you just can't do it.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

Respectfully Submitted,


Jennifer Arent