

**BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**May 9, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairperson Elliott called the regular meeting to order at 10:34 A.M. in the Board of Commissioners' Room at the Berrien County Administration Center in St. Joseph, Michigan.

**INVOCATION:**

Commissioner Curran gave the invocation.

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

Commissioner Meeks led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

**ROLL CALL:**

Chairperson Elliott instructed the Clerk to take roll call with the following results:

10 PRESENT: William Chickering, Jim Curran, Bob Harrison, Chris Heugel, Jon Hinkelman, Michael Majerek, Don Meeks, Ezra Scott, David Vollrath and R. McKinley Elliott.

2 ABSENT: Teri Freehling and Mamie Yarbrough.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Commissioner Vollrath moved, seconded by Commissioner Curran, to approve the regular meeting minutes and the Strategic Planning minutes from April 25, 2019.

Motion carried, no nays.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Chief Deputy Clerk Mensinger reported that there were no communications for the Board this week.

**PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING RESOLUTIONS:**

Darrin Schaer, Pipestone Township – commented on Resolution F1905225 - Contract with Senior Center Auditors.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Commissioner Vollrath moved, seconded by Commissioner Harrison, to approve today's Consent Calendar as presented.

<u>RESOLUTION #</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
F1905028	Weekly Bills
F1905029	Weekly Bills
B1905075	Approve Requisitions
B1905076	Approve Requisitions
F1905115	Approve Road Payables
F1905225	Contract with Senior Center Auditors
A1905227	Approve Grant Application for Sheriff Vests

A1905224 Approve Police Contract with Buchanan Township  
A1905231 Approve Speed Study in Niles Charter Township

Chairperson Elliott instructed the Clerk to take roll call with the following results:

10 YEAS: Chickering, Curran, Harrison, Heugel, Hinkelman, Majerek, Meeks, Scott, Vollrath and Elliott. Motion carried, no nays.

**ADDED RESOLUTIONS:** None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS:**

Commissioner gave their outside committee reports.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Melissa Clapper, St. Joseph Charter Township – Thanked the Board for the Committee of the Whole presentation and discussion on transportation.

Darrin Schaer, Pipestone Township – Commented on the closed session process for litigation updates.

Adolf Pelzer, Hagar Township – Commented on the funding and activities held at the St. Joseph/Lincoln Senior Center.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

MCL 15.268 (e) – Quarterly General Litigation Update by Corporate Counsel James McGovern – “To consult with its attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation”.

Commissioner Vollrath moved, seconded by Commissioner Chickering, to recess the regular meeting to go into Closed Session per MCL 15.268 (e) – Quarterly General Litigation Update.

Chairperson Elliott instructed the Clerk to take roll call with the following results:

10 YEAS: Curran, Harrison, Heugel, Hinkelman, Majerek, Meeks, Scott, Vollrath, Chickering and Elliott. Motion carried, no nays.

Regular meeting recessed at 11:01 A.M.

Regular meeting resumed at 11:47 A.M.

Commissioner Scott moved, seconded by Commissioner Majerek, to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2019 Closed Session. Motion carried, no nays.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS:**

- May 9, 2019 – Strategic Planning – BOC Room at noon.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:49 A.M.

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R. McKinley Elliott, Chairperson

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Diane Mensinger, Chief Deputy Clerk

*Minutes are to be approved at the full board meeting on May 16, 2019.*