

**BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**May 16, 2019**

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

Chairperson R. McKinley Elliott called the regular meeting to order at 10:35 A.M. in the Board of Commissioners' room at the Berrien County Administration Center, 701 Main Street, St. Joseph, Michigan.

**INVOCATION:**

Chairperson R. McKinley Elliott gave the invocation.

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

Clerk Sharon Tyler 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:

10 PRESENT: William Chickering, Jim Curran, Teri Freehling, Christopher Heugel, Michael Majerek, Don Meeks, Ezra Scott, David Vollrath, Mamie Yarbrough and R. McKinley Elliott.

2 ABSENT: Robert Harrison and Jon Hinkelman.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MAY 9, 2019 MEETING**

**APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MAY 9, 2019 STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION:**

Commissioner Heugel moved, seconded by Commissioner Vollrath, to approve the following minutes:

- Regular meeting held on May 9, 2019.
- Special meeting - Strategic Planning Session held May 9, 2019.

Motion carried, no nays.

**COMMUNICATION(S):** None.

**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 # F1905233 - Memo of Understanding Chemical Bank.

Tony Benhart, Sodus Township, spoke about Resolution #B1905077 - Approve Requisitions.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Commissioner Vollrath moved, seconded by Commissioner Majerek, to approve today's Consent Calendar as presented:

<u>Resolutions #</u>	<u>Description</u>
P1905005	Per Diems
F1905030	Approve Weekly Bills
B1905077	Approve Requisitions
F1905116	Road Payables
P1905173	Fetal Infant Mortality Review Maternal Interview Contract
A1905226	Approve LEPC Bylaws Amendments
P1905230	Great Start Collaborative Donation
A1905232	2019 HMEP Grant

F1905233  
P1905234

Memo of Understanding Chemical Bank  
Complement Change 911

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

10 YEAS: Chickering, Curran, Freehling, Heugel, Majerek, Meeks, Scott, Vollrath, Yarbrough and Elliott.

Motion carried, no nays.

**ADDED RESOLUTIONS:** None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

The Finance, Administration, and Personnel and Human Services 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):**

Darrin Schaer, Pipestone Township, spoke about the cat situation in Berrien County.

Jerry Sirk, Benton Charter Township, spoke about broadband.

Michael Haskins, Pipestone Township, spoke about the roads.

Adolph Pelzer, Hagar Township, spoke about the cats and Rocky Gap County Park.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS:**

Chairperson Elliott announced the following:

- May 27, 2019 – County Facilities will be closed for Memorial Day.
- May 30, 2019 – No Board meetings (5th Thursday).
- June 6, 2019 – Night meeting at MSU Extension, 1737 Hillandale Road, Benton Harbor, Michigan.

Adolph Pelzer announced that Lake Michigan College is hosting a Senior Expo today.

Commissioner Scott announced the Land Bank Authority will be meeting on Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at 2:00 P.M.

Administrator Wolf announced the Economic Development Corporation meeting has been cancelled for today and he will be attending a conference next week.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:29 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 May 23, 2019.***