

BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 8, 2019

CALL TO ORDER:

In the absence of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, the Chief Deputy Clerk called the regular meeting to order at 10:37 A.M. in the Board of Commissioners' Room at the Berrien County Administration Center in St. Joseph, Michigan.

INVOCATION:

Commissioner Meeks introduced Pastor Minnie Autry from Union Memorial AME Church who gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

Administrator Wolf led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

ROLL CALL:

Chief Deputy Clerk Mensinger did a roll call with the following results:

9 PRESENT: William Chickering, Jim Curran, Chris Heugel, Jon Hinkelman, Michael Majerek, Don Meeks, Ezra Scott, David Vollrath and Mamie Yarbrough.

3 ABSENT: R. McKinley Elliott, Teri Freehling and Bob Harrison.

Chief Deputy Clerk Mensinger called for a motion to appoint a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for today's meeting only.

Commissioner Chickering moved, seconded by Commissioner Vollrath, to appoint Commissioner Yarbrough as Chairperson and Commissioner Scott as Vice-Chairperson for today's meeting. Motion carried, no nays.

Commissioner Yarbrough took over conducting the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Scott moved, seconded by Commissioner Majerek, to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 1, 2019. Motion carried, no nays.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Chief Deputy Clerk Mensinger received and distributed the following communications:

- A resolution from the Livingston County Board of Commissioners, they are opposing legislation to prevent County Commissioner candidates from disclosing their party affiliation on ballots provided to Michigan voters, received on August 1, 2019.
- A resolution from the Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners, supporting the Caro Center in Tuscola County, Michigan, received on July 31, 2019.

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING RESOLUTIONS: None.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Commissioner Heugel moved, seconded by Commissioner Curran, to approve today's Consent Calendar as presented.

<u>RESOLUTION #</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
F1908040	Weekly Bills
B1908087	Weekly Requisitions
F1908123	Road Payables
A1908282	Adopt State Pavement Warranty Program Road
A1908283	Implement the Local Pavement Warranty Program

Chairperson Yarbrough instructed the Chief Deputy Clerk to take roll call with the following results:

8 YEAS: Curran, Heugel, Hinkelman, Majerek, Meeks, Scott, Vollrath and Yarbrough. Motion carried, no nays. (Commissioner Chickering had stepped out of the room prior to the vote.)

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.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Commissioners gave their outside committee reports.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Dick Bertog, Benton Harbor - Spoke about the property located by his house that needs to be cleaned up.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Salary Study – Commissioner Chickering stated that work on the Salary Study has been started.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS:

- MAC Conference will begin on August 18th in Traverse City.
- There will not be a Board of Commissioners Meeting on August 29th due to it being the fifth Thursday of the month.
- Commissioner Scott reminded everyone to attend the Berrien County Youth Fair next week.
- Administrator Wolf announced that the communications are back on at the South County Building.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Mamie Yarbrough, Chairperson

Diane Mensinger, Chief Deputy Clerk

Minutes are to be approved at the full board meeting on August 15, 2019.