



BERRIEN COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
RESOLUTION  
B21060701  
June 3, 2021

**WHEREAS**, since March of 2020, the Berrien County Board of Commissioners (“BOC”) changed the way they conduct their business to comply with various orders by state agencies in response to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, since April 2, 2020, the BOC have been holding their meetings in a virtual format with the Commissioners attending via Zoom and hosting public participation via streaming to the Berrien County channel on You Tube; and

**WHEREAS**, in May of 2020, the BOC approved their COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan, as required by state mandate, and subsequently amended it in June and November 2020 accordingly; and

**WHEREAS**, in March of 2021, the BOC declared a state of emergency which, in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, allowed public bodies to continue hosting meetings virtually amid a barrage of restrictions that continued to plague public bodies as they tried to conduct their business; and

**WHEREAS**, that state of emergency is set to expire on June 30, 2021 and coincidentally, the Governor of Michigan will lift all restrictions related to COVID-19 effective July 1, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the BOC desires to return to in-person meetings beginning July 1, 2021.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners announces that apart from any further restrictions by the state or federal government, the following will take place effective July 1, 2021:

1. The Board of Commissioners will hold their regular meetings in person at the Berrien County Administration Center, located at 701 Main St., St. Joseph, MI.
2. The mask wearing and social distancing requirements of all employees and visitors to County facilities are terminated.
3. The Berrien County COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan is suspended, however, it will continue to be amended accordingly to comply with any further directives as required.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the full BOC meetings that are held in the Board of Commissioners’ Room in the Berrien County Administration Center will continue to be streamed on the Berrien County channel on You Tube until further notice, when practical.

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