

**BERRIEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**  
**VIA IN ZOOM**  
**Minutes of January 20, 2021**

**Roll Call**

**Present:** Jim Curran, Chairperson, via Zoom in Niles Township  
David Vollrath, via Zoom in Coloma Township  
Don Meeks Sr., via Zoom Benton Charter Township  
Julie Wuerfel, via Zoom Royalton Township

**Others**

**Present:** Brian Dissette, County Administrator, via Zoom  
Annette Christie, Executive Assistant to the Administrator, via Zoom  
Public via Zoom on Berrien County You Tube Channel

**Call to Order**

Chairperson Curran called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Meeks, supported by Vollrath to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2021 meeting. Roll Call Vote - (4) yays.

**Caitlin Sampsell - 911 Director**

Caitlin provided an overview of some upcoming action for the Board of Commissioners. Coming to them in the form of a resolution will be a renewal of the Motorola Service Agreement and the Tele-Rad Service Agreement. She updated the committee on the area site repeater located at the hospital in Watervliet. Administrator Dissette said that he and Caitlin have been working with the Fire Chiefs regarding communication problems in the southern part of the County. Chairman Curran said that he and the other Commissioners are being kept informed on the status. On a lighter note, Caitlin informed the committee that one of the employees in her department was approved for the Futures for Front Liners program and will be able to earn an Associate's Degree with that funding, made available by the State of Michigan.

**Committee Business**

Resolution A2101146 - Public Defender Office Space: The committee gave consensus to move the resolution forward to the full board.

Resolution B2101149 - Request to Governor Whitmer: Discussion was held about the wording of the resolution. Additional work will be done on this resolution and input will be sought from the Sheriff and the Health Director before it moves forward.

Chairman Curran noted that he has approved Berrien Community Foundation funding for the Sheriff's Office to obtain a truck cap for the Haz Mat Team vehicle (\$3,079.87) and for a

drone (\$11,397). He thanked AEP, Starks Funeral Home, and Honor Credit Union for their generosity toward these items.

**Public Comment**

None

Chairman Curran adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Annette Christie

Executive Assistant to the Administrator