

**BERRIEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
VIA ZOOM
Minutes of March 24, 2021**

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

Absent:

Scheduled: Brian Dissette, County Administrator via Zoom
Annette Christie, County Administration via Zoom
Kevin Stack, Road Department via Zoom
Marcy Hamilton, Southwest Michigan Planning Commission via Zoom
Arthur Havlicek, Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber via Zoom

Others: Jennifer Arent, Recording Secretary via Zoom

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 10:00am. Roll Call as follows: 4 PRESENT: Curran, Meeks, Vollrath, Wuerfel.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Vollrath, supported by Meeks, to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2021 meeting. Roll Call Vote as follows: 4 YEAS: Curran, Meeks, Vollrath, Wuerfel. Motion Carried.

Administrator Update – Brian Dissette

Dissette introduced Marcy Hamilton with the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission for her review of Resolution A2103195, the grant application for engineering design of the first section of the Linear Park. Hamilton gave background information on the proposed Linear Park and reviewed the map of the sections along Red Arrow Highway. Discussions ensued regarding specifications on preliminary maps. Hamilton stated the specs would be based on MDOT and MDNR requirements. It will tie into the Galien River County Park from across the street. Dissette forwarded the final plan to the full board via email.

Dissette introduced Arthur Havlicek with the Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber for his legislative update. Havlicek discussed the recovery funding, including the small business relief portion of HB 4047. He reviewed the programs covered under the funding. Discussions ensued regarding line items the governor vetoed as well as the release of funds. The Committee agreed to a resolution to support the release of funding for small businesses. Dissette will forward the info regarding SB 114. Staff will draft a resolution and bring it to the Administration Committee at the March 31, 2021 meeting.

Dissette reviewed the changes to Resolution B2103179, which has been forwarded to the Administration Committee. Wuerfel reviewed the redlined items and stated the language came from the CDC website. Christie and Wuerfel will clean it up and have it ready for the full Board tomorrow.

Dissette stated that Caitlin Sampsell, 911 Director, will attend the March 31, 2021 meeting to discuss simulcasting requirements and John Axe, Bond Counsel, will attend to discuss bond options.

Public Comment

None.

Chairman Curran adjourned the meeting at 10:48am.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jennifer Arent
Recording Secretary