

**In BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Virtual Board Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2021**

Staff Present: Executive Assistant to the Administrator Annette Christie
Chief Deputy Clerk Diane Mensinger
Sheriff Paul Bailey
Jill Adams, Parks Director

BOC Present: Chairperson R. McKinley Elliott
(in-person)

CHAIRMAN TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairperson Elliott called the virtual regular meeting to order at 10:32 A.M. in the Board of Commissioners' (BOC) room at the Berrien County Administration Center, 701 Main Street, St. Joseph, Michigan.

INVOCATION:

Commissioner Vollrath gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

Commissioner Curran led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

ROLL CALL:

The Chairperson instructed the Clerk to take a roll call with the following results:

12 PRESENT:

Rayonte Bell (via Zoom in City of St. Joseph, MI), Jim Curran (via Zoom in Niles Charter Township, MI), Teri Freehling (via Zoom in Stevensville, MI), Robert Harrison (via Zoom in Lincoln Charter Township, MI), Jon Hinkelman (via Zoom in Watervliet, MI), Michael Majerek (via Zoom in Niles, MI), Don Meeks (via Zoom, in Benton Charter Township, MI), Ezra Scott (via Zoom in New Buffalo Township, MI), David Vollrath (via Zoom in Coloma Charter Township, MI), Julie Wuerfel (via Zoom in Titusville, Florida), Mamie Yarbrough (via Zoom in City of Benton Harbor, MI) and R. McKinley Elliott.

0 ABSENT.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE April 1, 2021 MEETING:

Commissioner Freehling moved, seconded by Commissioner Meeks, to approve the BOC virtual meeting minutes of April 1, 2021.

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

12 YEAS: Curran, Freehling, Harrison, Hinkelman, Majerek, Meeks, Scott, Vollrath, Wuerfel, Yarbrough, Bell and Elliott. Motion carried, no nays.

COMMUNICATION(S):

Chief Deputy Clerk Diane Mensinger received and distributed the following communication:

- Christopher Pfahler, St. Joseph - email received on 4/7/2021 regarding Cheboygan County Resolution 2021-06 – Resolution Supporting a Collective Effort by Michigan Counties in Opposing Current and Future Orders Unilaterally Issued by Gov. Whitmer and State Agencies in Response to COVID-19.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Personnel and Human Services Committee presented their report. Parent Committee minutes are available at www.berriencounty.org.

Discussion was held regarding Resolution #P2104206 - Renew Agreement with Park Concession Vendor.

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 through the You Tube chat during public comments shall identify themselves by name (including last name) and city, township, or village: None.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Commissioner Scott requested that Resolution #P2104296 be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

Commissioner Curran moved, seconded by Commissioner Majerek, to approve the Consent Calendar without Resolution #P2104206,

<u>Resolutions #</u>	<u>Description</u>
F2104026	Weekly Bills
B2104073	Weekly Requisitions
A2104204	Accept 911 Grant
P2104206	Renew Agreement with Park Concession Vendor

The Chair instructed the Clerk to take the roll with the following results:

12 YEAS: Freehling, Harrison, Hinkelman, Majerek, Meeks, Scott, Vollrath, Wuerfel, Yarbrough, Bell, Curran, and Elliott. Motion carried, no nays.

Commissioner Harrison moved, seconded by Commissioner Vollrath, to approve Resolution #P2104296 - Renew Agreement with Park Concession Vendor.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to take the roll with the following results:

11 YEAS: Harrison, Hinkelman, Majerek, Meeks, Vollrath, Wuerfel, Yarbrough, Bell, Curran, Freehling and Elliott. 1 Nay: Scott. Motion carried.

ADDED RESOLUTION(S): None

COMMISSIONER REPORT(S):

The Commissioners presented their outside Commissioners’ Reports.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS – Those speaking through the You Tube chat during public comments shall identify themselves by name (including last name) and city, township, or village: None.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS:

- Virtual Brownfield Development meeting today at 1:30 P.M.
- Virtual Administrative Committee Meeting, Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 8:00 A.M.
- Virtual Finance Committee Meeting, Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 9:00 A.M.
- Virtual BOC Meeting, Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 10:30 A.M.
- Virtual Economic Development Corp. Meeting, Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 1:30 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:59 A.M.

R. McKinley Elliott, Chairperson

Diane Mensinger, Chief Deputy Clerk

Minutes are to be approved at the next BOC meeting.