

BERRIEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
Minutes of January 8, 2026

Roll Call Present: Jim Curran, Chairman
David Vollrath, Vice Chair
Sharon Tyler
Alex Ott

Absent:

Scheduled:

Others:

Call to Order

Chairman Curran called the meeting to order at 9:21 am.

Appointment of Vice Chair

Curran reappointed Vollrath as Vice Chair.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Vollrath, supported by Tyler, to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2025 meeting. Motion Carried.

Resolutions

The following resolutions were signed by the Committee:

A2601112 – Accept Michigan Pet Alliance award for training.

A2601113 – Accept grant for Palisades regulation with Holtec.

A2601115 – Accept donation from Best Friends Animal Society for adoption sponsorship 12/24/25.

A2601121 – Approve agreement with Family Empowerment Services for the Systemic Trauma and Relational Therapy (STAR) Program.

A2601122 – Approve agreement with Family Empowerment Services for the Juvenile Pre Arrest Diversion Program.

A2601123 – Approve agreement with Family Empowerment Services for the Parenting with Love and Limits Program.

Sheriff's Funds Distribution Request

None.

Property Use Request

None.

Miscellaneous

Curran noted the stamp on resolutions states "Resolution approved as to form", which means it has not been reviewed for content. He will have further discussions with Administration regarding vetting. Tyler concurred. Discussions ensued.

Curran stated the Strategic Plan needs to proceed even with the upcoming departure of Dissette. He noted they need to take a closer look at personnel, property and the jail. Discussions ensued regarding current County owned property and the need to make a decision on the Napier Avenue campus property.

2026 Reporting Calendar

The Committee concurred with the current reporting schedule.

Public Comments

Melissa Clapper, St. Joseph Charter Township – She suggested adding names to the resolution for them to check off that they reviewed it for content.

Meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

J Arent

Jennifer Arent