

BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the January 8, 2025, Personnel and Human Services Committee Meeting.

Meeting held in conference Room 4B of the County Administration Center. Attendance was as follows:

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	ALSO PRESENT
Bob Harrison	X		
Julie Wuerfel	X		
Chokwe Pitchford		X	
			Kristin Reynolds, Guy Miller, Brian Dissette,

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

- Meeting called to order at 9:20 a.m.
- Attendance is reflected above.
- Motion by Commissioner Harrison, supported by Commissioner Wuerfel to approve the minutes of December 18, 2025, as presented. 2 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
- Motion by Commissioner Harrison, supported by Commissioner Wuerfel to approve the advanced step hire of Laurie Orth for the Public Health Nurse II position at grade 10 step 4. 2 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
- Resolution #P2601107 to allow the Parks Department to apply for up to \$50,000 in funding from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources History Grant Program.
- Guy Miller discussed Health Department Updates:
 - Resolutions passed through the board of health
 - P2601108 accepting BP1 carryover funding
 - P2601114 for digital signage for the health department
 - P2601116 renew SWMBH contract with the state
 - P2601117 renew contract with King Media for services related to education and outreach
 - Staffing updates: Jonathan Beyer awarded the Corewell Health Lakeland Physician of Excellence for January!
 - Program Highlights: BCHD is gearing up for the 2026 polar plunge has 6 people jumping thus far looking for more people to plunge. January is Radon action Month, Q2 prevention campaign on underage vape us is getting started
 - Looking Ahead: Offering Flu & COVID-19 immunizations; South County renovations underway; Held a press conference for Rx kids launching in Benton Charter Township.
- Brian Dissette discussed:
 - A brief discussion of the senior centers occurred including requests for additional information from Linda Eli and Annette Christie.

Adjourned : a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Reynolds, MBA, SHRM-CP

Human Resources Director