

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2023  
9:00 A.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman, Robert Griner, called the special called meeting of the Berrien County Board of Commissioners to order on Thursday, June 15, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. Members of the Board of Commissioners present were Commissioners Pixie Harrod, Ronnie Gaskin, John Nugent and Jimmy Parker.

**Invocation:** Chairman, Robert Griner

**Pledge:** Commissioner Jimmy Parker

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. **FY 2023-2024 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE** - Administration requested the board approve the FY 2023-2024 holiday schedule.

- Tuesday , July 4, 2023 Independence Day
- Monday, Sept. 4, 2023 Labor Day
- Friday, Nov. 10, 2023 Veterans Day
- Thursday, Nov. 23, 2023 Thanksgiving Holidays
- Friday, Nov. 24, 2023
- Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2023 Christmas Eve (24<sup>th</sup> falls on Sunday so the holiday will be represented on Tuesday December 26, 2023)
- Monday, Dec. 25, 2023 Christmas Day
- Monday, Jan. 1, 2024 New Year’s Day
- Monday, May 27 2024 Memorial Day
- 1 Floating holiday – Can be used anytime throughout the fiscal year

Commissioner Pixie Harrod made a motion to approve the holiday schedule as presented, seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Parker. The motion carried unanimously.

B. **FY 2023-2024 BUDGET ADOPTION & RESOLUTION** - Administration requested the board approve the FY 2023-2024 Budget Resolution and adoption the budget. Budget fund amounts are:

General Fund	\$12,990,895.00
Recreation	380,451.00
Jail Fund	40,100.00
Solid Waste	82,500.00
Fire Fund	831,739.00
SPLOST V	1,701,000.00
TSPLOST	877,500.00
TSPLOST – 100% Funds	500,000.00

Special Drug Fund	1,500.00
E-911	722,403.00
Airport	176,160.00
DATE Fund	285,689.00
Mental Health Court Fund	35,693.00
Debt Service Fund	395,729.00
CDBG Fund	500,000.00
RLF Fund	1,525.00
ARPA	<u>1,800,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$21,322,884.00</b>

Commissioner Pixie Harrod made a motion to approve the FY 2023-2024 Budget and Resolution along with the Retirement Program 401a with a 3% county contribution on the employee base salary and 50% match up to an additional 1% of the employee contributing 2%, seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Parker. The motion carried unanimously.

C. **AMENDMENT #1 – AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE** – Administration is requesting the board approve Amendment #1 to the American Rescue Plan Act State Fiscal Recover Fund Broadband Infrastructure Terms and Conditions. Commissioner Ronnie Gaskins made a motion to approve Amendment #1 to the American Rescue Plan Act State Fiscal Recovery Fund Broadband Infrastructure Terms and Conditions and authorize Brenda Ferrell, County Administrator, to execute the Amendment electronically, seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Parker. The motion carried unanimously.

D. **ARPA TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF VEHICLES** – Administration is requesting the board approve transferring \$357,515.40 from ARPA to General Fund to reimburse for the sheriff vehicles and equipment that was purchased. Commissioner Pixie Harrod made a motion to approve the transfer from ARPA Fund to General Fund in the amount of \$357,515.40, seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Parker. The motion carried unanimously.

E. **USDA LOAN SHERIFF VEHICLES – PAYOFF** – Administration is requesting the board approve paying off the USDA Loan for the Sheriff Vehicles. The payoff for June 30, 2023 is \$40,761.95 principal and \$87.62 interest for a total of \$40,849.57. Commissioner Jimmy Parker made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Pixie Harrod. The motion carried unanimously.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ITEM:**

County Administrator received a Memorandum of Understanding from the District Attorney’s Office asking the board to approve it. The only sentence in the Memorandum of Understanding pertaining to Berrien County stated we host the home office of the Alapaha Judicial Circuit District Attorney and the D/A’s Victim Assistance Program and support their efforts to provide services to victims of crime. Commissioner Ronnie Gaskins made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding and authorize Brenda Ferrell, County Administrator, to execute the agreement, seconded by Commissioner John Nugent. The motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURN**

With no other business to come before the Board, Commissioner Pixie Harrod made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Parker. Meeting was adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

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Chairman, Robert Griner

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Commissioner, Ronnie Gaskins

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Commissioner, Pixie Harrod

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Commissioner, Jimmy Parker

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Commissioner, John Nugent

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk