

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2025
9:00 A.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman, Jimmy Parker, called the regular session meeting of the Berrien County Board of Commissioners to order on Thursday, October 30, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. Members of the Board of Commissioners present were Commissioners Kylon Fort, John Nugent, Pixie Harrod. Ronnie Gaskins was present by phone.

Invocation: Commissioner John Nugent

Pledge: Commissioner Kylon Fort

NEW BUSINESS:

A. TAX LEVY RESOLUTION – Administration requested the board approve the FY 2025 Tax Levy Resolution. The Resolution shows a total tax millage of 19.80 mills, less the roll back for the local option sales tax of 3.62 for a New M&O millage for the incorporated and Unincorporated areas of 16.18 mills. A New M&O for Schools of 14.804 and the State of Georgia millage of 0 mils. We are having to reapprove this resolution due to the Board of Education needing to reapprove theirs. The County has to execute the resolution after Board of Education. Commissioner Pixie Harrod made a motion to approve the Tax Levy Resolution as presented, seconded by Commissioner Kylon Fort. The motion carried unanimously.

B. INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX RESOLUTION – Administration requested approval of the FY 2025-2026 Insurance Premium Tax Resolution. Insurance Premium Tax is to be used on Fire Protection, Solid Waste Management, Code Enforcement and Animal Control in the unincorporated areas of Berrien County. Commissioner Kylon Fort made a motion to approve the Insurance Premium Tax Resolution as presented, seconded by Commissioner Pixie Harrod. The motion carried unanimously.

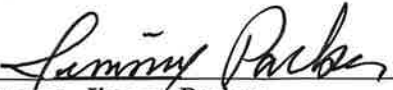
Chairman Jimmy Parker stated that there have been some questions about the county paying for Rotary Club dues. Currently there are three departments that have paid dues. The Sheriff Department, Clerk of Court and Recreation. The board decided this would be discussed at the budget meetings.

Commissioner Kylon Fort asked the board about seeing if the Chamber can help financially with the renovations at the Saddle Club.

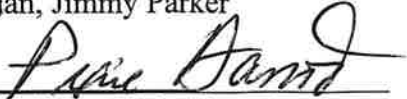
County Administrator Brenda Ferrell stated she was notified that the RMS home delivered meal rates were going up from \$1.75 per meal to \$15.00 per meal. If we do not agree to the cost they will stop delivering on November 1, 2025. Several ideas were discussed. Commissioner Ronnie Gaskins made the motion to give County Administrator permission to see what she can work out to keep the seniors getting their meals and give Chairman authorization to approve, seconded by Commissioner Pixie Harrod. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

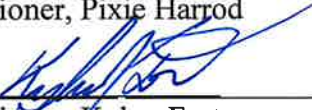
With no other business to come before the Board, Commissioner John Nugent made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Commissioner Pixie Harrod. The meeting was adjourned at 9:49 a.m..




Chairman, Jimmy Parker



Commissioner, Pixie Harrod



Commissioner, Kylon Fort



Commissioner, John Nugent



Commissioner, Ronnie Gaskins

ATTEST: 

County Clerk