

# *BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN*

2022

BOARDS

AND

COMMITTEES

MEMBERSHIP



## **MISSION STATEMENT:**

It is the mission of Berrien County government to provide:

- Leadership
- Cooperation with all units of government
- Sound Fiscal Management, and
- Planning

Thereby promoting public safety, health, well-being, and prosperity in order to improve the quality of life for present and future generations.

*Revision Date: March 1, 2022*

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Jim Curran, Chair  
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**Finance Committee**

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Jon Hinkelman, Vice  
Teri Sue Freehling  
Ezra A. Scott

**Personnel & Human Services Committee**

Robert P. Harrison, Chair  
Michael J. Majerek, Vice  
Rayonte Bell

***Chairperson***

**R. Mckinley Elliott**

***County Administrator***

**Brian Disette**

***Executive Assistant to the Administrator***

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*There are many boards and committees throughout Berrien County whose purpose is to better the lives of the citizens of Berrien County. Each of these boards and committees has certain responsibilities and tasks depending on their given authority.*

*This manual is provided to better inform citizens of this County who may be interested in volunteering their valuable time on these boards and committees in service to their community.*

*Any individual interested in sitting on a County board or committee should submit an application to the County Board of Commissioners. An application is included in this manual. Additional applications are available at the County Administration Building, 701 Main St., St. Joseph, MI in the Administration Department or on the County website at [www.berriencounty.org](http://www.berriencounty.org). Once applications are completed, they should be returned to the County Administration office for processing. (See Appointment Policy attached)*

*Each board and committee may have by-laws that determine who and how placements are made on that particular board. The summaries included in this manual are just that, summaries. For more information on the filling of vacancies on boards and committees, you may contact the individual board or the County Administration office at (269) 983-7111, ext. 8095.*

*Per Diems are paid by the County for service on the following boards or committees: Board of Commissioners; Jury Board; Election Canvassers Board; Re-Monumentation Board (mileage only for out of County board members); Building Authority; Planning Commission; Public Works; Solid Waste Planning; Trust Investment Advisory Committee; Sewage Appeals Board; Plat Board; Parks & Recreation; Health Board; Economic Development Corp.; Department of Human Services, Land Bank Authority, Brownfield Re-Development Authority and the Land Preservation Board. As of January 2021, the per diem fee for meetings is \$55 and the mileage reimbursement is at the IRS rate.*

*Certain boards may provide per diems to some citizens who serve on their boards: Southwest Michigan Planning Commission; and Mental Health Authority.*

*\* All meeting schedules and locations are subject to change.*

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## Boards Appointed by the Board of Commissioners

### **BERRIEN COUNTY ADVISORY TRANSPORTATION TEAM**

Finance Committee - Two year terms

Berrien County Community Development Department

701 Main St., St. Joseph, MI 49085

Phone (269) 983-7111, ext. 8350

Website: [www.berriencounty.org](http://www.berriencounty.org)

Contact: Evan Smith ([esmith1@berriencounty.org](mailto:esmith1@berriencounty.org))

Meet monthly, date and time to be determined. Meetings to be held at various locations.

- This board does not receive a per diem from the County. The Commissioners are paid out of the commissioner line item.

The Berrien County Transportation Advisory Committee was established in 2019 via Resolution #F1905235 to provide County-wide representation in an advisory role to the Berrien County Board of Commissioners, dedicated to the issue of public transportation in Berrien County. The original approval was for a two year time span (2020-2021). Representation is determined by resolution and includes: City of Niles; City of Buchanan; City of Benton Harbor; Berrien County Advisory Transportation Team; Unserved portion of St. Joseph/Benton Harbor Urbanized Area; Southwest Rural Service Zone; and Northwest Rural Service Zone.

Teri Freehling, Board of Commissioners	01/01/2022
Jim Curran, Board of Commissioners	01/01/2022
Bob Harrison, Board of Commissioners	01/01/2022
Richard Huff (or Designee), City of Niles	01/01/2022
Bill Marx, City of Buchanan	01/01/2022
Paul Gillespie, TCATA (City of Benton Harbor)	01/01/2022
Juan Ganum, City of Bridgman	01/01/2022
Michelle Heit, New Buffalo Township	01/01/2022
R. Tyler Dotson, City of Watervliet	01/01/2022

2022 Schedule

Meet Monthly - Date and Time to be Determined.

## **BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

Finance - Three year terms

Berrien County Economic Development Department

701 Main St., St. Joseph, MI 49085

Phone (269) 983-7111, ext. 8786

Website: [www.berriencounty.org](http://www.berriencounty.org)

Contact: Jennifer Arent ([jarent@berriencounty.org](mailto:jarent@berriencounty.org))

Meet the 2nd Thursday of each month at 1:30 p.m. at the Administration Center - Otto Grau Room

- This board receives a per diem from the County. The Commissioners are paid out of the commissioner line item.

The Berrien County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority was created by the Board of Commissioners pursuant to Public Act 381 of 1996. Its purpose is to revitalize "brownfields", which are abandoned, underdeveloped or under-utilized properties that are not being developed due to environmental contamination. The Authority has broad powers to incur and expend funds to pay or reimburse a public or private person for costs of property redevelopment, to own and sell property, and to enter into contracts and leases. Membership consists of neither less than five nor more than nine individuals appointed by the Board of Commissioners. It has been the tradition to have either two or three commissioners on the Authority.

Teri Freehling	05/25/24
Lee VanGinhoven	05/25/24
Larry Klett	05/25/23
Don Meeks	05/25/23
Michael Majerek	05/25/23

2022 Schedule

## **BUILDING AUTHORITY**

Finance - Three year terms

Berrien County Administration

701 Main Street, St. Joseph MI 49085

Phone: (269) 983-7111 Ext. 8095

Contact: Annette Christie ([akrieger@berriencounty.org](mailto:akrieger@berriencounty.org))

- This board receives a per diem from the County. The Commissioners are paid out of the commissioner line item.

Meetings convened as needed but no less than one a year. This board receives a per diem from the County. The Building Authority is the body which issues and oversees capital improvements for county facilities, through the issuance of bonds. The authority is comprised of the County Administrator, Financial Services Director, and three members appointed by the Board of Commissioners.

**\*\*HOLD FOR NOW 2021**

Brian Dissette

Doug James

Vacant

Nick Jewell, Vice

Kenneth Wendzel, Chairman

County Administrator

Financial Services Director

12/31/23

12/31/22

12/31/21

2022 Schedule



**County Public Safety COMMUNICATION CENTER OPERATIONS COMMITTEE/911  
TECHNICAL**

Administration - Two year terms

9-1-1 Department

2100 E. Empire Ave. Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Phone: (269) 983-7111, Ext. 4958

Contact: Caitlin Sampsell (csampsell@berriencounty.org)

Meetings held the same day as the 9-1-1 Technical Committee Meetings at the County Conference Center, bi-monthly on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.

- This board does not receive a per diem. The Commissioners receive a per diem paid out of the commissioner line item.

The purpose of this committee is to oversee the continued operation of the Berrien County Public-Safety Communication Center hereinafter referred to as the B.C.P.S.C.C. or "County Dispatch," in the execution of its mission. The committee assists the County Board of Commissioners by making suggestions regarding the operational priorities of the County's multi-agency 9-1-1 Public Service Answering Point and fulfillment of Emergency Management / Homeland Security communication initiatives. Committee candidates shall be executive level representatives from lawfully recognized public-safety entities served by the County Dispatch and members of the Berrien County Board of Commissioners. The following membership identifies the entities represented: (3) Board of Commissioners; (1) DCPSCC Director; (2) BC Police Services Council; (3) BC Fire Chiefs Association; (1) Medical Control Authority; (2) EMS; (1) Emergency Management (non-voting); (1) Michigan State Police; (1) Berrien County Sheriff or designee; and (1) BC Information Systems.

Jim Curran	Commissioner	12/31/23
David Vollrath	Commissioner	12/31/22
Julie Wuerfel	Commissioner	12/31/22
Caitlin Sampsell	B.C.P.S.C.C. Director	12/31/24
Lt. Jeremiah Carlisle	Michigan State Police	12/31/24
Paul Bailey	Sheriff	12/31/22
Dan Unruh	Police Services Council	12/31/22
Todd Taylor	Police Services Council	12/31/24
Michael Davidson	Fire Chiefs Association	12/31/24
Vacant	Fire Chiefs Association	12/31/22
Gary Bravold	Fire Chiefs Association	12/31/22
Vacant	Medical Control Authority	12/31/22
Jack Fisher	EMS	12/31/23
Vacant	EMS	12/31/24
Chris Swihart	Information Systems	12/31/24

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## COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD

Administration - Three year terms

Berrien County Administration (Administration)

701 Main St., St. Joseph, MI 49085

Phone: (269) 983-7111, ext. 8347

Contact: Frank Sampsell

Meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday bi-monthly at noon in the Large Conference Room at the Courthouse with additional added as needed. Typically last 30 minutes to an hour.

- This board does not receive a per diem. The Commissioners receive a per diem paid out of the commissioner line item.

The purpose of the Community Corrections Advisory Board is to develop and implement the Berrien County Community Corrections Comprehensive Plan. Membership as dictated by Public Act 511 includes representation from the following areas: County Sheriff; City Police Chief; Judge of the Circuit Court; Judge of the District Court; Judge of the Probate Court; County Commissioner; at least one but not more than three members from mental health, public health, substance abuse, employment and training or a community alternative program; County Prosecuting Attorney; criminal defense attorney; business community; communications media; Circuit or District Court probation officer; general public. (Added Term Expiration Dates in 2018 per bylaws)

Rayonte Bell	County Commissioner	12/31/2022
Vacant	Citizen	12/31/2024
Paul Bailey	County Sheriff	12/31/2023
Gary Ruhl	Workforce Development	12/31/2023
Brian Berger	Probate Court Judge	12/31/2023
Arthur Cotter	District Court Judge	12/31/2023
Jennifer Smith	Circuit Court Judge	12/31/2022
Robert Tahaney	Mental Health	12/31/2024
Steve Pierangeli	Prosecuting Attorney	12/31/2023
Paul Jancha, Jr.	Criminal Defense Attorney	12/31/2022
Vacant	Business Community	12/31/2024
Julie Swidwa	Communications/Media	12/31/2024
Kevin Hains	Probation Officer	12/31/2022
Amber Glendenning	MDOC	12/31/2022
Dan Unruh	Police Chief	12/31/2022

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**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES BOARD**

Personnel - Three year terms

P.O. Box 1407, Benton Harbor, MI 49023

Phone: (269) 934-2000 Fax: (269) 934-2115

Contact: Carrie Szwabowski (SzwabowskiC@michigan.gov - 269-934-2113)

Meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at 401 8<sup>th</sup> St., Benton Harbor at 9:00 a.m. (Exception is November and December when the meeting might fall on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday due to holidays).

➤ This board receives a per diem paid from the County.

This Board is made up of three individuals who do not hold a political office. Two of the members are County appointed and one is State appointed. The purpose of the board is to serve in the advisory capacity to the Family Independence Agency, who administers and provides assistance payments and social services programs for the residents of Berrien County.

Debbie Reume	10/31/22
Jan Versaw	10/31/23
Tyanna Weller ( <i>State appointed</i> )	10/31/24

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## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

Finance - Six year terms

Berrien County Community Development Department

701 Main St., St. Joseph, MI 49085

Phone: (269) 983-7111, Ext. 8786

Contact: Jennifer Arent (jarent@berriencounty.org)

Meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 1:30 p.m. at the Administration Center - BOC Room

- This board receives a per diem from the County. The Commissioners are paid out of the commissioner line item.

This Board is the issuing authority for Tax Exempt Revenue Bonds for Berrien County. It was established to coordinate economic development efforts, promote business investment and job creation within the County. The corporation is composed of elected and private business officials appointed by the Board of Commissioners. The membership includes the Chairman of the Board, Finance Committee Chairman and one other member of the Finance Committee as well as six other private business persons representing banking, industry, and utilities. It also includes non-voting members from North Berrien Community Development; Greater Bridgman Chamber of Commerce; SMEGA; Cornerstone Alliance; Harbor Country; and Kinexus.

Vacant (Walgram)	12/31/23
Vacant (Kramer)	12/31/27
Vacant (Richter)	12/31/27
Mark Joseph	12/31/26
Vacant (Vaughn)	12/31/24
Donald Ryman	12/31/25
Mamie Yarbrough, Finance Committee Chairman	12/31/23
Teri Sue Freehling, Finance Committee Member	12/31/25
R. McKinley Elliott, Board Chairman	12/31/25

Partners:

Rob Cleveland

Todd Gustafson

Arthur Havlicek

Chana Kniebes

2022 Schedule

## **ELECTION CANVASSERS BOARD**

Finance - Four year terms

Berrien County Clerk's Office

811 Port St., St. Joseph, MI 49085

Phone (269) 983-7111, ext. 8241

Contact: Sharon Tyler (styler@berriencounty.org)

- This board receives a per diem from the county.

Meet the Thursday following every election and are called in for re-counts. Meetings are held at the Courthouse. Additional meetings as needed for heavy election years.

A four member board of canvassers is established in every county in this state. This Board shall conduct all recounts of elections in cities, townships, villages, school districts, or any other districts and be vested with all of the powers and required to perform all the duties in connection with any recount.

\*Clerk process to process board appointments

Jess Minks (D)	10/31/23
Cheryl Warner (R )	10/31/23
Audrey Lester (D) (Alternate)	10/31/23
Larry Burghdoff (R) (Alternate)	10/31/23
Gretta VanBree(D)	10/31/25
Sharon Geisler ( R )	10/31/25
Jerry Sirk (D) (Alternate)	10/31/25
Larry Goldberg ( R )(Alternate)	10/31/25

## HEALTH BOARD

Personnel - Five year terms

Berrien County Health Department

2149 E. Napier Ave., Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Phone: (269) 926-7121

Website: [www.bchdmi.org](http://www.bchdmi.org)

Contact: Kim Rodgers ([kr Rodgers@bchdmi.org](mailto:kr Rodgers@bchdmi.org), ext. 5605)

- This board receives a per diem from the Health Department.

Meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at 8:00 a.m. at the Health Department, 2149 E. Napier Ave., Benton Harbor (with the exception of July at the South County Building, 1205 N. Front St., Niles). \*\*Board prep meetings are held two (2) Fridays before the board meeting.

The Berrien County Board of Health provides policy leadership and oversight for the Health Department. The Board of Health is comprised of seven (7) individuals that are appointed by the Board of Commissioners with one Commissioner serving as a liaison. One member of the board must be a person licensed in Michigan to practice medicine.

Joe Wasserman	04/19/22
Duane C. McBride, Ph.D, Chairman	04/19/26
Ken Edwards, M.D.	04/19/25
Linda Strohl	04/19/24
Vanessa Brown, RN	04/19/24
Peg Kohring	04/19/24
Raymond Matejczyk	04/19/23
Robert P. Harrison	Board Liaison

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## **BERRIEN COUNTY JURY BOARD**

Administration - Six year terms

Berrien County Trial Court

811 Port Street, St. Joseph, MI 49085

Phone: (269) 983-7111, ext. 8347

Contact: Frank Sampsel (fsampsel@berriencounty.org)

- This board receives a per diem from the County.

Meetings are held yearly at the Courthouse. The Berrien County Jury Board is comprised of three members (2-Republican and 1-Democrat) who are appointed by the County Board of Commissioners based on the recommendation of the circuit judges of the judicial circuit. Not more than 2 can be of the same political party. The Jury Board is responsible for the processing of all juror questionnaires including most exemptions. The members of the Jury Board are:

Linda Cheek ( D )	04/30/25
Virginia Antonson ( R )	04/30/27
Debra Kamer ( R )	04/30/23
Melissa Clapper (D) (Alternate)	04/30/25

## LAND BANK AUTHORITY

Finance - Four year terms

Berrien County Community Development Department

701 Main St., St. Joseph, MI 49085

Phone: (269) 983-7111, ext. 8257

Contact: Katie Montoya (cmontoya@berriencounty.org)

Meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at 1:00 p.m. at the Administration Center - BOC Room

- This board does not receive a per diem. The commissioners are paid out of the commissioner line item.

The Land Bank Authority through the Land Bank Fast Track Act, 2003, strives to strengthen and revitalize the economy of Berrien County by assembling or disposing of public property, including tax reverted property, in a coordinated manner to foster the development of the property and to promote economic growth. The Authority is made up of the Berrien County Treasurer, three persons appointed by the Board of Commissioners, and three Commissioners-at-large. The at-large appointees may be members of the Berrien County Board of Commissioners.

Ezra Scott, Commissioner	05/22/24
Don Meeks, Commissioner	05/22/24
Mamie Yarbrough, Commissioner	05/22/23
Stephen Smith	05/22/23
Katherine Weykamp	05/22/25
Dale Kreitner	05/22/25
Shelly Weich	Treasurer

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## LAND PRESERVATION BOARD

Finance - Three year terms

Berrien County Community Development Department

701 Main St., St. Joseph, MI

Phone: (269) 983-7111, ext. 8257

Contact: Katie Montoya (cmontoya@berriencounty.org)

- This board receives a per diem from the County. The commissioner is paid out of the commissioner line item.

**\*\*Meetings are convened as needed**

The purpose of the Land Preservation Board serves as an advisory body to the Berrien County Board of Commissioners with regard to Land Preservation issues. They will advise on the priorities for the purchase of farmland development rights; the price and method of compensation relative to the purchase of such development rights; and apply for state, federal, or other sources of grant funds to assist the purchase of development rights. The townships included are: Bainbridge, Chikaming, Lincoln, Sodus, Royalton, and Berrien.

The Board will be made up of nine (9) members to include: (1) member of the Berrien County Board of Commissioners; (1) member of the Berrien County Planning Commission; (3) members representing farming; (1) member representing the interest of realtors and developers; (1) member representing the conservancy community; (2) members that are elected officials from municipalities participating in the farmland preservation program.

Donald Baiers, Local Elected Official	06/30/23
Rod Krieger, Planning Commission	06/30/23
Ed Kretchman, Farmer	06/30/23
Jon Hinkelman, Commissioner	06/30/23
Richard Schinkel, Natural Conservancy	06/30/22
Chris Marzke, Realtor/Developer	06/30/22
Lois Foster, Farmer	06/30/24
Brian Dargus, Farmer	06/30/22
Dave Chandler, Local Elected Official	06/30/24

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## MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY BOARD

Personnel - Three year terms

Riverwood Center, 1485 S. M-139, Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Website: [www.riverwoodcenter.org](http://www.riverwoodcenter.org)

Phone: (269) 925-0585

Contact: Donna Mutz ([djm@riverwoodcenter.org](mailto:djm@riverwoodcenter.org), ext. 1601)

- This board receives a per diem from the Mental Health Authority.

Meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. (with deviations).

Mission: Deliver personalized mental health services to create a positive environment for their consumers to improve their quality of life.

Berrien Mental Health Authority (Riverwood Center) provides information, care, and services ranging from occasional counseling sessions to full intervention for severe disabilities or mental illness; providing the choices, the means, the interventions, and supports for optimal mental health and recovery. The composition of the mental health authority shall be representative of providers of mental health services, recipients, or primary consumers of mental health services, agencies, and occupations having a working involvement with mental health services and the general public. At least 1/3 of the membership shall be primary consumers or family members, and of that 1/3, at least 2 must be primary consumers. No more than 4 may be commissioners.

Edward Meny	03/31/22
Shannon Trecartin	03/31/23
Reema Sarkar	03/31/23
Don Meeks, Commissioner	03/21/24
E. Arthur Robinson	03/31/22
Marion Maier	03/31/22
Randy S. Hyrns	03/31/24
Marian Tripplett	03/31/24
Nancy Johnson	03/31/24
Michael Majerek, Commissioner	03/31/22
Dan Schofield	03/31/23
David Rogers	03/31/23

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## **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

Personnel - Three year terms

Berrien County Parks Department

701 Main St., St. Joseph MI 49085

Phone: (269) 983-7111 Ext. 8435

Website: [www.berriencounty.org](http://www.berriencounty.org)

Contact: Sue Patzer ([spatzer@berriencounty.org](mailto:spatzer@berriencounty.org))

- This board receives a per diem from the County. The commissioners are paid out of the commissioner line item.

Meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 4-5 times a year at 5:30 p.m. (location/time varies)

It is the mission of the Berrien County Parks and Recreation Commission to plan, acquire, develop and maintain, a responsive, efficient and creative natural resource based park and recreation system available to all citizens, composed of a variety of services, park areas and special facilities that contribute to the wellbeing of the individual, the family and the attractiveness, social and economic health of the Berrien County community. The Parks Board consists of ten members including the Chairman of the County Road Commission, the County Drain Commissioner, the Chairman of the County Planning Commission, and seven members appointed by the Board of Commissioners. At least one of the Board members may be a County Commissioner but not more than three.

Richard Schinkel	01/01/24
Julie Wuerfel	01/01/24
Carl R. Keefer	01/01/23
Anthony Korican	01/01/25
James Bednar	01/01/25
Chuck Baran	01/01/23
Mamie Yarbrough	01/01/23
Eric Lester	Planning Commission
Christopher Quattrin	Drain Commissioner

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## PLANNING COMMISSION

Finance - Three year terms

Berrien County Community Development Department

701 Main St., St. Joseph, MI 49085

Phone: (269) 983-7111 Ext. 8617

Contact: Katie Montoya (cmontoya@berriencounty.org)

- This board receives a per diem from the county. The commissioners are paid out of the commissioner line item.

Meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday monthly at 2:30 p.m. at the Administration Center in the BOC Room.

The Planning Commission shall consist of up to 11 members individually representing important segments of economic, governmental, educational, and social life development of the county. A majority shall not hold any other office. Up to three members of the Board of Commissioners are allowed. The Planning Commission has no actual zoning or land use planning authority, rather its role is advisory.

The Planning Commission has four basic functions:

1. To draft the County's Master Plan every five years.
2. To review and comment on local community Master Plans (in order to ensure land use consistency between neighboring communities).
3. To review amendments to local zoning ordinances.
4. To review rezoning actions of local communities.

Teri Freehling, Ex Officio	12/31/24
Alex Little	12/31/24
Gary Wood	12/31/24
Matthew Moser	12/31/23
Arthur Havlicek	12/31/23
Rodney Krieger, Jr.	12/31/24
Lois Foster	12/31/22
Eric Lester	12/31/22
Gregory Lammert	12/31/23
Brian Savage	12/31/22
Lee Van Ginhoven	12/31/23
Christopher Quattrin	Drain Commissioner

2022 Schedule

## **PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (LAC)**

Finance - Three year terms

Berrien County Community Development Department

701 Main St., St. Joseph, MI 49085

Phone: (269) 983-7111 Ext. 8350

Contact: Evan Smith (esmith1@berriencounty.org)

- This board does not receive a per diem.

Meetings are four times a year in January, April, July and October at 10:00 a.m. at the Administration Center, Conference Room 4B.

The role of the Advisory Council is to review transportation services provided by Berrien County and advise staff on the provision of those services. State statute determines that the Advisory Council is made up of a senior member (65 years of age or older), a senior agency representative, a physically handicapped member, (2) agency representing the disabled, a human service agency representative, and a citizen.

Francelyn Maynard, Senior Agency (AAA)	01/01/25
Vacant, Disability Agency (Gateway)	01/01/22
Cindy Gray, Disability Agency (Disability Network)	01/01/25
Hanna Lei-Sam, Dept. of Human Services	01/01/25
Benjamin Shoemaker, Disability Advocate	01/01/24
Jackie Shuey, General Public	01/01/24
Mark Johnson, Senior Citizen	01/01/24

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## **PUBLIC WORKS**

Finance - Three year terms

Berrien County Community Development Department

701 Main St., St. Joseph, MI 49085

Phone: (269) 983-7111 Ext. 8788

Contact: Jennifer Arent (jarent@berriencounty.org)

- This board receives a per diem from the county. The commissioners are paid out of the commissioner line item.

Meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at the Administration Center - Room 4C.

The primary purpose of the Board of Public Works is to provide assistance in financing the municipal water, sewer and storm systems within the County. Membership consists of the Drain Commissioner in addition to 4, 6, or 8 other members. Members of the County Board may be appointed.

Joshua Caithaml	12/31/24
Peter Colovos	12/31/23
Daniel Stanage	12/31/24
Don Meeks, Board Liaison, Ex Officio	12/31/22
Bill Smith	12/31/24
Rachel Bernard	12/31/24
Matt Kolcz	12/31/23

2022 Schedule

## **SOLDIERS AND SAILORS RELIEF FUND COMMITTEE**

Personnel - Three year terms

Berrien County Veterans Affairs

701 Main St., St. Joseph, MI 49085

Contact: Lee Lull (llull@berriencounty.org, ext. 8118)

Meetings are held as needed.

- The committee does not receive a per diem.

The purpose of the Soldiers and Sailors Relief Fund Committee is to maintain and administer the Soldiers and Sailors Relief Fund and to consider applications for emergency grants.

Lee Lull

Roddy Glenn

Dan Stice\*\*

Administrator

01/07/2025

12/31/2022

## **SOLID WASTE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Finance - Two year terms

Berrien County Community Development Department

701 Main St., St. Joseph, MI 49085

Phone: (269) 983-7111, Ext. 8257

Contact: Katie Montoya (cmontoya@berriencounty.org)

- This board receives a per diem from the county. The commissioner is paid out of the commissioner line item.

**\*\*Meetings are convened as necessary.**

**All terms expire 10/31/21- On Hold**

The general purpose of the Solid Waste Planning Committee shall be to assist in the preparation of the County Solid Waste Management Plan by providing advice and consultation. There will be 14 members on the committee to consist of: 4 from solid waste management industry; 2 from environmental interest groups; 1 from County government; 1 from township government; 1 from city government; 1 from regional solid waste planning agency; 1 from industrial waste generators; and 3 from the general public.

Daniel Batts, Solid Waste Mgmt Industry

Vacant, City Government

Vacant, Township Government

Ezra Scott, Commissioner

Paul Pantaleo, Regional S.W. MI Plan Agency (SWMPC)

Vacant, Solid Waste Mgmt Industry

Jim Spencer, Solid Waste Mgmt Industry - Landfill (??)

Henry Valkema, Solid Waste Mgmt Industry - Hauler

Vacant, Industrial Waste Generator

Vacant, General Public (Matthew Moser not interested in being re-appointed)

David Masiokas, General Public

Joan Brown, General Public

Bette Pierman, Environmental Interest Group

Emily Heenan, Environmental Interest Group



## **SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN PLANNING COMMISSION**

Personnel - Two year terms (elected/even years - non-elected/odd years)

185 E. Main St., Suite 701, Benton Harbor, MI 49022-4440

Phone: (269) 925-1137 Fax: (269) 925-0288

Website: [www.swmpc.org](http://www.swmpc.org)

Contact: John Egelhaaf, Executive Director, Ext. 1512 ([egelhaafj@swmpc.org](mailto:egelhaafj@swmpc.org))

Maria Vettraino ([vettrainom@swmpc.org](mailto:vettrainom@swmpc.org))

- This Board pays a per diem to those that do not receive one from their municipality. Our commissioners are paid out of the commissioner line item.

Meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday bi-monthly beginning in February at 9:30 a.m. Location varies - 2022 Meetings will be at the Cass County Road Commission.

The Southwest Michigan Planning Commission (SWMPC) is a regional planning organization established to cooperatively address issues and develop plans or policies that affect Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren Counties. The SWMC primarily, is a federally-designated transportation planning agency, regional economic development planning district and MDOT-sponsored rideshare coordination office. The SWMC also provides technical or management assistance to local units of government in areas of grant writing, grant administration, recreation planning, Census information, and traffic studies. The Commission is made up of county commissioners (Berrien gets 4 membership seats), city and township representatives, and appointed citizens representing the three counties. Those 12 appointed by Berrien County are as follows:

Yemi Akinwale, Citizen	12/31/23
Dick Stauffer, Elected	12/31/22
Jim Stover, Elected	12/31/22
Richard Remus, Citizen	12/31/23
Gary Wood, Planning Commission	12/31/23
Don Meeks, Elected County Commissioner	12/31/22
Teri Freehling, Elected County Commissioner	12/31/22
Jim Curran, Elected County Commissioner	12/31/22
Kristen Gunderson, Citizen	12/31/23
Vacancy (Payne)	12/31/22
Paul Pantaleo, Citizen	12/31/23
Dan Fette, Citizen	12/31/23

2022 Schedule:

February 15

April 19

June 21

August 16

October 18

December 20

**TRUST INVESTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (Meets with Finance Committee)**

Finance - Three year terms

Berrien County Administration

701 Main St., St. Joseph, MI 49085

Phone: (269) 983-7111, ext. 8095

Contact: Annette Christie (akrieger@berriencounty.org)

- This committee receives a per diem and mileage from Berrien County. The Commissioners that sit on the committee submit it through their per diem sheet.

Meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at noon in the Berrien County BOC Room at the Administration Center.

The Trust Investment Advisory Committee established in 2012. Its membership includes three citizens that have the technical knowledge and experience to advise the Berrien County Finance Committee (Berrien County Amended Retirement Board) on the performance of investments, consultants, and managers of the Berrien County Employee Retirement Plan in order to maximize growth. The committee may be made up of at least four, not more than six including the Finance Committee Chairperson. Pension Investment Firm: Russell Investments. Actuary: Gabriel Roeder. The Road Department and Riverwood

Robert Cultice

06/07/22

James Roberts

06/07/23

Joseph Wasserman

06/07/24

2022 Schedule

## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD (Michigan Works!) (Kinexus)

Personnel - Three year terms

499 W. Main St., Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Phone: (269) 927-1064

Website: [www.miworks.org](http://www.miworks.org)

Contact: Paula Polaskey, Executive Assistant ([paulao@kinexus.org](mailto:paulao@kinexus.org)) ext. 1102

Meet 1<sup>st</sup> Friday bi-monthly (location varies) (Feb-Apr-June-Aug-Oct-Dec) at 8:00 a.m.

- This board does not pay a per diem. Our commissioners are paid out of the commissioner line item for every meeting they attend including sub-committees they are appointed to by Michigan Works.

The Workforce Development Board is a partnership between private and public sectors and County Commissioners. It establishes policies for federal and state grants administered by Michigan Works and also provides leadership in a collaborative effort to promote a world class workforce to meet the needs of area employers and to promote the creation of quality jobs for workers and communities in Southwestern Michigan. Private sector representatives shall be selected from among individuals nominated by general-purpose business organizations (i.e., Chamber of Commerce), after the organizations consult with and receive recommendations, from other business organizations in the Michigan Works area. The Chief Elected Official Board is made up of chief elected officials from Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren Counties. Each county is to designate two members. The board is made up of 19 members, 10 representatives from the private sector and 9 members to include (1) economic development rep.; (1) Michigan Rehabilitation Services rep.; (1) Family Independence rep.; (1) community-based organization rep.; (1) labor rep.; (1) Employment Service agency rep.; and (2) education reps. Those appointed by Berrien County are as follows:

Vail Harding, Private Sector	12/31/24
Kathy Valdes, Public Sector	12/31/24
Brady Cohen, Private Sector	12/31/23
Trevor Kubatzke, Educational Advisory Group	12/31/22
Mamie L. Yarbrough (C.E.O.B.)	12/31/22
Don Meeks (C.E.O.B.)	12/31/22
Rick Dyer, Private Sector	12/31/23
Paul Konopacki, Private Sector	12/31/22
John Janick, Public Sector	12/31/24
Robert Kara, Public Sector	12/31/22
David Colp, Private Sector	12/31/23
Steve Jackson, Public Sector	12/31/24

## **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD (Michigan Works!) (Kinexus) Page 2**

Three year terms

499 W. Main St., Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Phone: (269) 927-1064, X1102

Website: [www.miworks.org](http://www.miworks.org)

Contact: Paula Polaskey, Executive Assistant ([paulao@kinexus.org](mailto:paulao@kinexus.org)) ext. 1102

### **2022 Schedule**

**Committee Meetings are held at the Benton Harbor Service Center, Training Center, Anchor Room, 499 W. Main St.**

Impact Committee 9:00 a.m. - Isle Royale Conference Room

Investment Committee 8:00 a.m. - Isle Royale Conference Room

**MICHIGAN WORKS IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE - YARBROUGH**

## 9-1-1 ADVISORY BOARD

Administration - Three year terms

Berrien County Administration

701 Main St., St. Joe, MI 49085

Phone: (269) 983-7111, ext. 8258

Contact: Caitlin Sampsell (csampsell@berriencounty.org)

Regular Meeting: Wednesday (not set schedule - 9:30 a.m. at 2100 Complex)

To promote the continued operation of the 911 Emergency System, to promote public awareness, to assist County Public Service Access Points (PSAP's) in providing service to their recipients and to assist the Berrien County Board of Commissioners by giving advice and making suggestions with respect to the operation of the 911 Emergency System. Membership consists of representation from (up to 3) Board of Commissioners, (1) Sheriff's Department, (1) Benton Harbor City, (1) St. Joe City, (1) Benton Charter Township, (1) Niles City, (1) Niles State Police, (1) Niles-Buchanan Emergency Service Council, (2) Berrien County Firefighter's Association, (1) Michigan State Police, (2) Berrien County Medical Control Authority, (1) Berrien County Township Association, (1) Berrien County Police Services Council, (1) Berrien County Information Systems Department, and (4) residents of Berrien County. Membership shall not exceed 23 members and no representative shall serve in more than one category.

Audrey Lester, Citizen	12/31/24
Dan Unruh, Police Serv. Council	12/31/22
Vacant / (Stormont), Citizen	12/31/22
Jim Millin/Kevin Kosten, Niles City	12/31/22
Dave Vollrath, Commissioner	12/31/22
Paul Bailey/Chuck Heit, Sheriff's Dept.	12/31/22
Michael Davidson, Fire Chiefs Association	12/31/24
Chris Swihart, Information Systems Director	12/31/24
First Lt. Ryan Schoonveld, Michigan State Police	12/31/24
Lt. Jeremy Carlisle, Michigan State Police (Alternate)	12/31/24
Jack Fisher/Kim Jefferies, Medical Control Authority	12/31/23
Jim Curran, Commissioner	12/31/23
Bruce Stover/Rich Knuth, Firefighters	12/31/23
Marvin Pschigoda, Citizen	12/31/23
Ted Post, Citizen	12/31/23
Caitlin Sampsell, County PSAP	12/31/24
Todd Taylor, Police Services Council	12/31/24
Dave Chandler, Michigan Twp. Assoc.	12/31/22
Vacant, Medical Control Authority	12/31/23

2022 Meeting Schedule

# Boards that are not appointed by the Board of Commissioners

## But that we have representation on

### **911 Quality Assurance Committee (sub-committee 911)**

9:30 a.m. at the 2100 Empire Building

Berrien County 911

2100 E. Empire

Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Dave Vollrath

Jim Curran

2022 Schedule

### **AREA AGENCY ON AGING, INC. (Region IV)**

Two year terms

2900 Lakeview Avenue, St. Joseph, MI

Phone: (269) 983-0177 Fax: (269) 983-4028

Website: [www.areaagencyonaging.org](http://www.areaagencyonaging.org)

Contact: Tracy Manning ([tracymanning@areaagencyonaging.org](mailto:tracymanning@areaagencyonaging.org))

Meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 9:30 a.m. with the exception of July and December.

Their annual meeting is held in November/December

Location of meetings: 2900 Lakeview Ave., St. Joe, MI

- This board does not receive a per diem, some do receive mileage if requested. The County pays its Commissioner a per diem to attend.

The purpose of the Area Agency on Aging is to be the regional planning and coordinating agency for aging services in Region IV (Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren Counties). This agency has the authority to receive and distribute federal funds for programs, developing contracts with local and private agencies that serve seniors. Each County shall appoint members with Berrien having 4, Cass has 2, and Van Buren has 3. Each County has one alternate.

David Vollrath

12/31/22

Vacancy, Berrien County Alternate

12/31/22

2022 Schedule:

## **CEO MEETING**

Held in various venues - hosted by Cornerstone Alliance

Meetings: Held 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month.

R. McKinley Elliott (or whomever the Chairperson is)

## **CORNERSTONE ALLIANCE BOARD**

Held in various venues

R. McKinley Elliott (or whomever the Chairperson is)

## **DISASTER PLANNING COMMITTEE (sub-committee LEPC)**

Berrien County Sheriff Department, Emergency Management Division

2100 Complex

2100 E. Empire, Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Phone (269) 983-7111, ext. 7216

- This board does not receive a per diem. Our commissioners are paid a per diem out of the commissioners' line item.

The Berrien County Disaster Planning Committee was formed in February of 2003 to bring together the many disciplines that respond to emergency or disaster situations and share ideas on how to work together. The main purpose of the committee is to educate people on the Berrien County Emergency Plan and what is needed to make the plan work. The Disaster Committee has six sub-committees that focus on certain aspects of emergency response: mitigation/resources, administrative, exercise/training, communications/911/Dispatch, public information and animals/agriculture. Membership currently stands at 70 members.

David Vollrath

Commissioner

Jim Curran

Commissioner

Bob Harrison

Commissioner

## **HEALTH BOARD PREP MEETING**

Board prep meetings are held two Fridays prior to the board meeting at 8:00 am

2149 E. Napier Ave.

Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Robert P. Harrison

2022 Schedule

## **HEALTH DEPT. WELL & SEPTIC REVIEW BOARD**

2149 E. Napier Ave.

Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Ezra Scott

## **BERRIEN COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES COUNCIL**

Meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month.

Contact Person: Ric Compton at Mental Health Authority

[Ric.compton@riverwoodcenter.org](mailto:Ric.compton@riverwoodcenter.org)

The Council purpose is to promote the highest quality and most effective services for the people of Berrien County by fostering inter-agency collaboration for the development and implementation of needed human services. Membership consists of one person from each of the following areas: Board of Commissioners; Department of Human Services; Public Health; Berrien RESA; Trial Court; Community Mental Health; Area Agency on Aging; Sheriff's Department; Michigan Works; Prosecutor. Additional membership includes representation from these areas: other public or private agency, organization, or association providing human services to citizens of Berrien County; consumer representative; funding source/payor representative; business/industry representative; representative of other organizations involved in enhancing the quality of life for Berrien County residents.

Robert P. Harrison

12/31/22

2022 Schedule

## **HOUSING RESOURCE NETWORK**

Meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 9:00 a.m., Location varies

HRN Contact Email: [berriehrn@gmail.com](mailto:berriehrn@gmail.com)

HRN Coordinator: Bob Argue ([eitc.argue@gmail.com](mailto:eitc.argue@gmail.com))

HRN Chair: Constance Adams ([cadamss@emergencyselterservices.org](mailto:cadamss@emergencyselterservices.org))

Berrien Contact: Katie Montoya ([cmontoya@berriencounty.org](mailto:cmontoya@berriencounty.org))

Teri Freehling

12/31/22



## **LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)**

Berrien County Sheriff Department, Emergency Management Department  
2100 Complex  
2100 E. Empire  
Benton Harbor, MI 49022  
(269) 983-7111, ext. 7216

- This board does not receive a per diem. The commissioners are paid a per diem from the county out of the commissioners' line item.

Meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 9:00 a.m. at the County Conference Center, 2149 E. Napier Ave., Benton Harbor (except December).

The main task of the LEPC is to develop emergency response plans for extremely hazardous substances that threaten the community. Members of the LEPC may consist of elected officials, law enforcement, emergency management, fire, first aid/health, environmental organizations, hospital, transportation, broadcast/print media, community/human services groups, facility operators, organized labor, education, and agriculture. The LEPC appoints a chairperson, an information coordinator, and an emergency coordinator.

David Vollrath

Commissioner

Jim Curran

Commissioner

Bob Harrison

Commissioner

The LEPC also has several teams (sub-committees):

Communications Team - Business Team - Special Needs Team - Public Information/Education Team - Mitigation Team - Exercise Team

### **2022 Schedule**

January

July

February

August

March

September

April

October

May

November

June

### **MAC Committees:**

MAC General Government/Finance

David Vollrath

12/31/2022

MAC Judiciary & Public Safety

David Vollrath

12/31/2022

MAC Health & Human Services

Julie Wuerfel

12/31/2022

MAC Agriculture & Tourism

Julie Wuerfel

12/31/2022

Rayonte Bell

12/31/2022

## **MSUE DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Two Year Term

Meet Quarterly at 1:00 p.m.- location varies

Contact: Julie Pioch, MSUE District 13 Coordinator (piochj@anr.msu.edu)(269-370-7878)

Website: [www.msue.msu.edu](http://www.msue.msu.edu)

219 E. Paw Paw St., Ste 201, Paw Paw, MI 49079

The role of the MSU Extension District Advisory Council is to help identify needs of residents for Extension expertise; to assist others in the community and district in making use of MSU Extension education and services; and to advocate for MSU Extension programs.

Teri Freehling

12/31/2022

## **NILES AREA TRANSPORTATION**

Meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m.

Meetings held at: Niles City Council Chambers (Fire Station), 1345 E. Main St., Niles

Contact: Brandon Kovnat (kovnatb@swmpc.org) (269-925-1137, ext. 1524)

SW Michigan Planning Commission

376 W. Main St., Suite 130, Benton Harbor 49022-3651

The Niles/Buchanan/Cass Area Transportation Study (NATS) is responsible for the development, maintenance, and updating of the Niles/Buchanan area Transportation Plan.

Committee membership is made up similar to TWIN CATS only from the Niles / Buchanan area.

Michael Majerek

2022 Schedule

## **POKAGON-NEW BUFFALO AREA LOCAL REVENUE SHARING BOARD (PNBALRSB)**

Three year terms

c/o Carol Schmidt

New Buffalo Township Hall

17425 Red Arrow Highway

New Buffalo, MI 49117

Email: [phclrsb@cityofnewbuffalo.org](mailto:phclrsb@cityofnewbuffalo.org)

Another contact; [Carol.222@comcast.net](mailto:Carol.222@comcast.net)

- This board does receive a per diem from the Local Revenue Sharing Board

Meetings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. and the location rotates between New Buffalo Twp Hall and New Buffalo City Hall.

The PNBALRSB will be responsible for determining how to distribute the 2% of profits designated for municipalities that are generated from the Pokagon operated Four Winds Casino /located in New Buffalo Township. The board will is made up of five members, one from Berrien County, one from New Buffalo Township, one from New Buffalo City, one member from the

Pokagon Tribe, and one other member selected among representation from Chikaming Township, Three Oaks Township, Village of Michiana, Village of Grand Beach, Village of Three Oaks, New Buffalo Area Schools, Berrien County ISD (RESA), and Lake Michigan College.

Ezra Scott, Berrien County

07/31/23

R. McKinley Elliott, Alternate to Berrien County

## **SEWAGE APPEALS BOARD**

Health Department

Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at approximately 10:30 a.m. (as needed)

Meetings held at the Berrien County Health Department

2149 E. Napier Ave., Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Contact: Nick Margaritis ([nmargaritis@bchdmi.org](mailto:nmargaritis@bchdmi.org))

Per the Berrien County Sewage Disposal Ordinance:

Where variances cannot be agreed upon between the person responsible for the premise or undeveloped property and the Health Officer does not approve of the conditions existing, the owner may submit an appeal to a board of review formed for such purposes as designed by the Berrien County Board of Health. The board shall be comprised of:

2 members at large (Appointed by the Board of Health)

1 member from the Board of Commissioners

1 member from the Board of Health

Berrien County Corporate Counsel

- This board receives a per diem and mileage paid by the Health Department. Our commissioner is paid out of the commissioner line item.

Ezra Scott

## **SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN ALLIANCE REGION THREE COMMITTEE (SMART)**

(Formally known as Keyperson)

Administration

Contact: Dean Kapenga ([dkapenga@gmail.com](mailto:dkapenga@gmail.com))

Meet bi-monthly

- The board does not pay a per diem, each commissioner is paid by their respective county. Our commissioners are paid out of the commissioner line item.

The purpose of the SMART Committee is one of unity among the fourteen counties in Region III, and sharing of information and learning from each other. The counties that make up Region III are Allegan, Barry, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Eaton, Ionia, Kalamazoo, Kent, Muskegon, Ottawa, St. Joseph, and Van Buren. At least one commissioner is to be appointed to SMART.

David Vollrath

12/31/22

## **SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY**

Personnel

One year terms

185 E. Main St., Suite 200, Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Phone (269) 925-9077

Contact: Deb Oleneack (doleneack@smcaa.com)

Meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. (location varies)

- This board does not pay a per diem to those who serve. Our commissioners are paid out of the commissioner line item.

The Board of Commissioners appoints one Commissioner to serve on this board. They serve with Commissioners from Van Buren and Cass Counties to assist people in economic need. The board is made up of 18 members; 6 from Berrien, 6 from Van Buren, and 6 from Cass.

Julie Wuerfel, Commissioner

12/31/22

2022 Calendar

## **SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDER OVERSIGHT POLICY BOARD**

Personnel

Meetings are held at 4:00 p.m. at the 5250 Lovers Lane address typically bi-monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month (with exceptions).

Website: [www.swmbh.org](http://www.swmbh.org)

Email: [info@swmbh.org](mailto:info@swmbh.org)

5250 Lovers Lane, Suite 200, Portage, MI 49002 (1-800-676-0423)

The SWMBH Substance Use Disorder oversight Policy Board votes on the PA2 budgets and provides oversight to other substance use disorder related items for eight counties in southwest Michigan (Region 4). The Board of Commissioners in each County appoints up to two members that it deems best represents the interest of its County.

Michael Majerek

Don Meeks

2022 Schedule

## **TWIN CATS**

### Personnel

Meetings: the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 9:30 a.m.

Held at: Michigan Works, 499 W. Main St., Benton Harbor at 9:30 a.m.

Contact: Brandon Kovnat ([kovnatb@swmpc.org](mailto:kovnatb@swmpc.org)) (269-925-1137, ext. 1524)

SW Michigan Planning Commission

376 W. Main St., Suite 130, Benton Harbor 49022-3651

TwinCATS is responsible for the development, maintenance, and updating of the Benton Harbor/St. Joseph area Transportation Plan. The purpose of the plan is to guide expenditures of transportation funds. The plan is updated every five years and identifies transportation needs for the following twenty-five years. Committee members include members of local municipality government, County Road Commission, FHWA, County Planning Commission, MDOT, TCATA, Cornerstone Alliance, Southwest Michigan Regional Airport, and a County Commissioner.

Rayonte Bell

2022 Schedule

# **SUB-COMMITTEES (AD-HOC) OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

## **TRANSPORTATION STEERING COMMITTEE**

Teri Freehling

Jim Curran

Bob Harrison

## **COVID COMMITTEE**

R. McKinley Elliott

Jim Curran

Dave Vollrath

Bob Harrison

Mamie Yarbrough

Ezra Scott

Jon Hinkelman

## **BROADBAND COMMITTEE**

Teri Freehling

Ezra Scott

Jim Curran