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Berrien County Board of Commissioners
701 Main Street
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RE: Buchanan Area Senior Center – Senior Center Millage Funding

Dear Members of the Berrien County Board of Commissioners:

The Buchanan City Commission is writing regarding the distribution of Berrien County senior center millage funding and the position presented by the Buchanan Area Senior Center.

The Buchanan Area Senior Center is one of seven senior centers serving Berrien County residents age 60 and older. The current millage funding structure provides an equal distribution of funding among the seven centers.

The City Commission understands that a proposal has been presented to Berrien County to modify the current distribution formula. The Buchanan Area Senior Center has requested that the existing equal seven-way distribution remain in place and has provided information to the City Commission regarding the potential effect of a revised funding formula on the Buchanan Area Senior Center and other senior centers serving smaller communities.

At its meeting, the Buchanan City Commission considered this matter and formally approved supporting the Buchanan Area Senior Center's position regarding the continued equal distribution of senior center millage funding.

Accordingly, the Buchanan City Commission respectfully communicates its support for maintaining the current equal seven-way distribution of Berrien County senior center millage funding.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued service to the residents of Berrien County.

Respectfully,

Buchanan City Commission

Mark Weedon, Mayor

Patrick Swem, Mayor Pro Tem

Larry Money, Commissioner

Dan Vigansky, Commissioner

Raquell George, Commissioner