

Barry County Board of Commissioners  
December 27, 2016; 9:00 a.m.; Commission Chambers  
AMENDED MINUTES

1. Chair Stolsonburg called the regular session of the Barry County Board of Commissioners to Order at 9:00 a.m. in the Barry County Commission Chambers.
2. Moment of Silence/Invocation by Commissioner Stolsonburg.
3. Those present stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
4. Roll Call was taken. The following members were present: Vivian Conner, James Dull, Ben Geiger, Howard Gibson, Jon Smelker, and Craig Stolsonburg. Absent: David Jackson. Also present: Deputy Clerk Kim Gravelle.
5. APPROVAL OF WRITTEN AGENDA: (including consent items & items for discussion). Item (e) was asked to be removed from the Items for Consideration and included after closed session. Moved by Gibson, seconded by Conner to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.
6. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT: (3 minutes per person)
  - Sharon Zebrowski commented regarding Charlton Park.
7. VARIOUS CORRESPONDENCE: Commissioner Geiger commented on concerns regarding Planning and Zoning. Commissioner Conner reported that she received an email from Ted DeVries, Clerk of Prairieville Township, indicating that Assessor, Kevin Harris, is not receiving mailing addresses for property owners in the documents being provided to him from the Barry County Register of Deeds new system.
8. CONSENT ITEMS (voted upon at one time by roll call vote):
  - a. Approval of December 13, 2016 Board of Commissioners meeting minutes.
  - b. Approval of December 20, 2016 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes.
  - c. Approval of the 2017 agreement between Barry County and Michigan State University for access to MSU Extension programming.
  - d. Approval of Budget Amendment D-16.  
**(roll call vote)**

Moved by Smelker, seconded by Dull to approve the consent items as listed above. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Dull, Geiger, Gibson, Smelker & Stolsonburg. Nays: None. Absent: Jackson. Motion carried.

9. PRESENTATIONS: The Board of Commissioners honored Russell Yarger, Jim Dull and Craig Stolsonburg for their service by presenting them with Resolutions #16-22, #16-23 & 16-24, respectively. Please see attached resolutions.

Moved by Smelker, seconded by Dull for approval of Resolution #16-22 to honor Russell Yarger as Barry County Drain Commissioner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Conner for approval of Resolution # 16-23 to honor Commissioner Jim Dull for his dedication and service. All ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Geiger, seconded by Dull to honor Commissioner Craig Stolsonburg for his dedication and service. All ayes. Motion carried.

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS: Barry County Emergency Telephone Service District Plan and Emergency Service Communication Ordinance.

Commissioner Stolsonburg closed the regular meeting at 9:22 a.m. and opened the public hearing at 9:22 a.m. Phyllis Fuller from Barry Central 911 gave a presentation on 911. The public meeting was closed at 9:26 am and the regular Board of Commissioner meeting was re-opened at 9:26 a.m.

11. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION: (roll call vote indicated)

- a. Approval of transfers and disbursements:

Approval of claims in the amount of \$83,553.37 **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Geiger, seconded by Smelker to approve claims in the amount of \$83,553.37. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Dull, Geiger, Gibson, Smelker & Stolsonburg. Nays: None. Absent: Jackson. Motion carried.

- b. Approval of the Barry County Emergency Telephone Service District Final Plan and Emergency Service Communication Ordinance. **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Geiger, seconded by Gibson for approval of Resolution #16-14, Resolution to Adopt the Barry County Emergency Telephone Service District Tentative Plan and an introduction of a new Emergency Service Communication Ordinance. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Dull, Geiger, Gibson, Smelker & Stolsonburg. Nays: None. Absent: Jackson. Motion carried.

- c. Approval of Resolution #16-18, a Resolution Renewing the Agreement with Barry County United Way for Veteran Affairs Services. **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Geiger, seconded by Conner for approval of Resolution #16-18, a Resolution Renewing the Agreement with Barry County United Way for Veteran Affairs Services. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Dull, Geiger, Gibson, Smelker & Stolsonburg. Nays: None. Absent: Jackson. Motion carried.

- d. Approval of Resolution #16-19 to Authorize the Auditor to Make Final Year-End Transfers. **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Geiger, seconded by Gibson for approval of Resolution #16-19 to Authorize the Auditor to Make Final Year-End Transfers. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Dull, Geiger, Gibson, Smelker & Stolsonburg. Nays: None. Absent: Jackson. Motion carried.

- e. Approval of Resolution #16-20 to Authorize the Auditor to Transfer 2016 General Fund Surplus Funds to Various Internal Service Funds. **(roll call vote)**

Item (e) was moved to the end of the meeting.

- f. Approval of Resolution #16-21, a Resolution to Approve and Authorize Execution of Contracts for the Courthouse Renovation Project. **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Geiger, seconded by Gibson for approval of Resolution #16-21, a Resolution to Approve and authorize Execution of Contracts for the Courthouse Renovation Project. Roll call vote. Ayes: Geiger & Stolsonburg. Nays: Conner, Gibson, Dull & Smelker. Absent: Jackson. Motion failed.

- 12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.
- 13. NEW BUSINESS: None.
- 14. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Commissioner Geiger gave an update on recent issues.
- 15. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Michael Brown gave an update on the Beckering Construction bid.
- 16. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Commissioner Stolsonburg thanked everyone for their support & service.
- 17. VICE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Commissioner Conner reported that she attended the Commission on Aging's Christmas Party where Keith Beebe, Transportation Coordinator for Barry County's Red Cross Services, was presented with the award of Barry County Senior of the year. She also attend the Parks and Recreation Christmas party, followed by their December Board meeting where they set their meeting dates for 2017. Commissioner Conner also attended the Sheriff's Strategic Planning meeting where they discussed the possible creation of a fact sheet for the needs of a new jail.
- 18. COMMISSIONER REPORTS: (for items not on the Agenda) - Each commissioner reported on their various committees, boards, events and meetings.
- 19. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT: (3 minutes per person) – None.
- 20. OTHER BUSINESS: Moved by Geiger, seconded by Dull to go into closed session in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267 of 1976, 15.268, Section 8c, for strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Dull, Geiger, Gibson, Smelker & Stolsonburg. Nays: None. Absent: Jackson. Motion carried.

Adjourned to go into closed session at 9:52 a.m.

Resume meeting @ 11:17 a.m. with Commissioners Conner, Dull, Geiger, Gibson, Smelker & Stolsonburg present. Absent: David Jackson.

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- e. Approval of Resolution #16-20 to Authorize the Auditor to Transfer 2016 General Fund Surplus Funds to Various Internal Service Funds. **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Geiger, seconded by Gibson for approval of Resolution #16-20 to authorize the Auditor to Transfer 2016 General Fund Surplus Funds to Various Internal Service Funds. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Dull, Geiger, Gibson, Smelker & Stolsonburg. Nays: None. Absent: Jackson. Motion carried.

22. ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Conner, seconded by Geiger to adjourn at 11:17 am. Motion carried.

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Craig Stolsonburg, Chair  
Barry County Board of Commissioners

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Pamela A. Palmer  
Barry County Clerk

Approved: 1/24/17 PPalmer  
Date & Initial when approved