

Barry County Board of Commissioners
March 27, 2017; 9:00 a.m.; Commission Chambers
MINUTES

1. Chair Geiger 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 Geiger.
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, Ben Geiger, Howard Gibson, David Jackson, Dan Parker, Jon Smelker and Heather Wing. Also present: Clerk Pam Palmer.
5. APPROVAL OF WRITTEN AGENDA: (including consent items & items for discussion)

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Jackson to approve the written agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.
6. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT: (3 minutes per person)
 - Sharon Zebrowski commented on the refrigerator at the General Store at Charlton Park and the containers used for purchases.
7. VARIOUS CORRESPONDENCE: Commissioner Geiger received two messages regarding support for a new Gun Lake Dam.
8. CONSENT ITEMS: (voted upon at one time by roll call vote):
 - a. Approval of March 14, 2017 Board of Commissioners meeting minutes.
 - b. Approval of March 21, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes.
 - c. Approval to appoint Craig Stolsonburg to serve in the position of Citizen at Large, and David Jackson to serve in the position of County Commissioner, on the Barry County Tax Allocation Board for one (1) year terms that begin on 4-1-17 and expire on 3-31-18.
 - d. Approval to appoint Patricia Robinson and Candace Stowe to serve on the Barry County Animal Shelter Advisory Board in Citizen at Large positions for one-year terms that began on 1/1/17 and expire on 12/31/17.
 - e. Approval to re-appoint Norm Francis, Nora Hurst and Robert Nelson to serve on the Barry County Community Mental Health Authority Board for three (3) year terms that begin on 4-1-17 and expire on 3-31-20.

- f. Approval to re-appoint Clyde Morgan and Robert Vanderboegh to serve on the Barry County Planning Commission for three (3) year terms beginning on 5/1/17 and expiring on 4/30/20.
- g. Approval to appoint Douglas Eugene Lindsey to serve on the Barry County Veteran's Affairs Committee for a four (4) year term that began on 1/1/17 and expires on 12/31/20.
- h. Approval to appoint Shannon Alexander Szukala to serve on the Barry County Veteran's Affairs Committee for a two (2) year term that began on 1/1/17 and expires on 12/31/18.
- i. Approval to re-appoint Shirley Barnum and Richard Patterson to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals for three (3) year terms that begin on 4-1-17 and expire on 3-31-20.
- j. Approval to purchase the Wave Plus System, panic button system from SecureTech Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$28,750 with funds to be paid from the Diverted Felons Fund.
(roll call vote)

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

- 9. PRESENTATIONS: Sarah Nelson – Barry Conservation District 2016 Annual Report
- 10. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None
- 11. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION (roll call vote indicated)
 - a. Approval of transfers and disbursements:
Approval of claims in the amount of \$72,988.83 **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Smelker, seconded by Gibson to approve claims in the amount of \$72,988.83. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker & Wing. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- 12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.
- 13. NEW BUSINESS: None.
- 14. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: None.
- 15. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: None.
- 16. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Chairperson Geiger met with Blake Mulder, Chair of the Eaton County Board of Commissioners regarding funding for the Barry-Eaton Health Department & came to an unofficial agreement to bring down our formula factor to (approximately) .372. The Solid Waste Oversight Board issued an RFP for a recycling coordinator, and this board will determine if we want to move forward in issuing a contract.
- 17. VICE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Commissioner Jackson attended the West Michigan Regional Planning Council held in Big Rapids where Ice Mountain Water Company gave a presentation. They are in the process of doing their Economic Development Study to see what opportunities lay in Barry County and other communities for Federal funding for those projects. He also attend the Animal Shelter Advisory Board meeting & Barry-Eaton Health District Department Board meeting.

18. COMMISSIONER REPORTS (FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA) – Each commissioner reported on their various township meetings, boards & committees.
19. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES PER PERSON) – None.
20. OTHER BUSINESS: I move 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.

Moved by Wing, seconded by Jackson, 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, Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker & Wing. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Adjourned to go into closed session at 9:40 am.

Resume meeting @ 11:10 am with all commissioners present.

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Parker to approve the minutes of the closed session. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker & Wing. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Jackson, seconded by Wing for approval of the “Amended Agreement Between the County of Barry, Barry County Unified Trial Court, Barry County Clerk, Barry County Treasurer, Barry County Sheriff, Barry County Register of Deeds, Barry County Drain Commissioner, Barry County Prosecuting Attorney and the Barry County Courthouse Employees’ Association, for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2020. Discussion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker & Wing. Nays: Conner. Motion carried.

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Jackson, for approval of the attached listing of Classification Grades by job title; salary Schedules for 2017 through 2020; and Off-Scale classification Schedules for positions that have had their classification changed; for employees classified as General Fund Non-reps/Department Heads, effective May 1, 2017. Discussion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker & Wing. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Wing, seconded by Smelker, for approval of Budget Amendment A-17. Discussion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker & Wing. Nays: Conner. Motion carried.

21. ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Parker, seconded by Smelker to adjourn at 11:30 am. Motion carried.

Pamela A. Palmer, Barry County Clerk

Approved: 4/11/17 PPalmer
Date approved & initials