

Barry County Board of Commissioners
January 24, 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 Parker.
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, Jon Smelker, David Jackson, Dan Parker and Heather Wing. Also present: Deputy Clerk Kim Gravelle.

5. APPROVAL OF WRITTEN AGENDA: (including consent items & items for discussion)

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Smelker to approve the written agenda as amended, adding approval of the January 10, 2017 meeting minutes to the items for consideration, and a presentation by Sheriff Leaf under Presentations. All ayes. Motion carried.

6. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minutes per person):
- Jim Brown spoke regarding the Parks & Recreation Board meeting.

7. VARIOUS CORRESPONDENCE: None.

8. CONSENT ITEMS (voted upon at one time by roll call vote):

- a. Approval of amended December 27, 2016 Board of Commissioners meeting minutes.
- b. Approval of amended January 3, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes.
- c. Approval of January 17, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes.
- d. Approval to re-appoint Charles Pullen to serve on the Barry County Veterans Committee for a four (4) year term that began on 1/1/17 and expires on 12/31/20.
(roll call vote)

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

9. PRESENTATIONS: Sheriff Leaf & Undersheriff Houchlei were present to speak regarding the 2016 Sheriff of the Year award was given to Dar Leaf.

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 \$17,564.78 **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Jackson, seconded by Smelker for approval of claims in the amount of \$17,564.78. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker & Wing. Nays: None. Motion carried.

b. Approval of Resolution #17-02, Resolution of Intent to Apply for State and Federal Operating and Capital Assistance for the 2018 Fiscal Year and appoint William Voigt as the Transportation Coordinator, authorized to provide such information as deemed necessary by the State Transportation Commission or Department for its administration of Act 51, and sign and execute all agreements and documents. **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Jackson, seconded by Conner for approval of Resolution #17-02, Resolution of Intent to Apply for State and Federal Operating and Capital Assistance for the 2018 Fiscal Year and appoint William Voigt as the Transportation Coordinator, authorized to provide such information as deemed necessary by the State Transportation Commission or Department for its administration of Act 51, and sign and execute all agreements and documents. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker & Wing. Nays: None. Motion carried.

c. To approve increasing the membership of the Veterans' Committee from 3 to 5 members in accordance with Public Act 192 of 1953 effective immediately. **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Jackson, seconded by Parker to approve increasing the membership of the Veterans' Committee from 3 to 5 members in accordance with Public Act 192 of 1953 effective immediately. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker & Wing. Nays: None. Motion carried.

d. Approval of Barry County Circuit Court Building Improvements project as recommended by Beckering Construction in their correspondence dated January 11, 2017 in the amount of \$322,404 plus a contingency amount of \$20,000.00. **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Jackson, seconded by Gibson for approval of Barry County Circuit Court Building Improvements project as recommended by Beckering Construction in their correspondence dated January 11, 2017 in the amount of \$322,404 plus a contingency amount of \$20,000.00. Discussion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, & Smelker. Nays: Conner & Wing. Motion carried.

- e. Approval of the January 10, 2017 Board of Commissioners meeting minutes. **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Wing, seconded by Jackson to approve the January 10, 2017 Board of Commissioner meeting minutes. Discussion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker & Wing. Nays: None. Motion carried.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None. Commissioner Parker inquired about additional Veterans Committee positions.
13. NEW BUSINESS: None.
14. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: None.
15. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Michael Brown addressed Commissioner Parker's question regarding the Veterans Committee. Jim White, attorney from Mika Meyers, has notified the county regarding his retirement effective January 1, 2017, and Mark Nettleton will be taking his place. Michael Brown also met with the individuals from the American Cancer Society regarding the annual walk on the courthouse lawn, however due to timing they will hold the event elsewhere. Also the Chamber is holding an educational event called "Building Relationships" on February 16 & 17, 2017 in Hastings. They plan on 40 participants & you must register for the event.
16. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Commissioner Geiger reported representing the commissioners at the annual chamber dinner event. He also attended the ACSET meeting consisting of commissioners from Kent, Allegan, Ottawa, Barry, Muskegon, & Ionia which oversee the Michigan Works program.
17. VICE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Commissioner Jackson reported on attending the Hope Township Board meeting where they are revisiting the disabled vehicle ordinance. He attended the Barry Township meeting & they are in the process of purchasing new office buildings. He attended the Economic Development Alliance Board meeting and indicated that the Barry Roubaix will be held on March 25, 2017. He also informed the commissioners that there are 153 new addresses in Barry County this year. He attend the Joint Planning Alliance meeting and the Animal Shelter Advisory Board meeting. On January 17 he attended the Lunch for Leaders, and on January 20 attended the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission meeting. Barry County will be assuming full acceptance into that board later this year which is an Economic Development Region 8 Area. He plans to attend the Southwest Barry County Sewer & Water Authority meeting and the Health Board meeting.
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):
- Patricia Johns of Irving Township spoke regarding the initiation of a library service between Thornapple-Kellogg School District & Yankee Springs Township.
 - Rod Romeyn thanked Dar Leaf for his service.
 - Jim Brown thanked the commissioners for attending the Lunch for Leaders & spoke about adding a sound system & white dry erase board to the Community Room.

20. OTHER BUSINESS: None.

21. ADJOURNMENT at 9:30 am by Chair Geiger without objection.

Ben Geiger, Chair
Barry County Board of Commissioners

Pamela A. Palmer
Barry County Clerk

Approved: 2/14/2017 PPalmer
Date & Initial when approved