

Barry County Board of Commissioners
October 23, 2018; 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)
Commissioner Conner asked to have items (b), (c), (d), and (e) removed from the Consent Items to Items for Consideration. The agenda is approved without objection, as amended.
6. REPORTS FROM STATE AND COUNTY OFFICERS: None.
7. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT: (3 minutes per person)
 - Elden Shellenbarger thanked Commissioner Gibson for looking out for the taxpayers of Barry County when asking that an ad hoc committee be formed to look into the Barry-Eaton District Health Department budget.
 - George Hubka commented on last week's meeting and also expressed concern that the commissioners would vote to spend \$50,000 to try to pass a millage for the new jail. He further commented that if part of Tower Pinkster's contract is to promote the millage, he believes that to be a violation of the campaign finance act, and asked that a motion be made to rescind that portion of their contract.
 - Sharon Zebrowski announced a public meeting for public input for the Parks & Recreation and Charlton Park Recreation 5 year plan on Tuesday, October 30, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the 911 building.
8. VARIOUS CORRESPONDENCE: None.
9. CONSENT ITEMS (voted upon at one time by roll call vote):
 - a. Approval of October 9, 2018 Board of Commissioners meeting minutes.
 - b. Approval of October 16, 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes. **(Moved to Items for Consideration)**
 - c. Approval to appoint Joe Sancimino to serve in a Citizen at Large position on the Parks and Recreation Board for the remainder of a three-year term that began on 1/1/17 and expires on 12/31/19. **(Moved to Items for Consideration).**

- d. Approval to appoint Joe Sancimino to serve on the Barry County Agricultural Promotion Board in a position representing Agricultural Interest for the remainder of a three-year term that began on 1/1/17 and expires on 12/31/19. **(Moved to Items for Consideration).**
- e. Approval to re-appoint Jack Miner to serve on the Barry County Planning Commission for a three (3) year term that began on 5/1/18 and expires on 4/30/21. **(Moved to Items for Consideration).**
- f. Approval to re-appoint Steve Essling to serve in a position representing the recycling industry and to appoint Jerry Czarnecki to serve in position representing the City of Hastings on the Barry County Solid Waste Oversight Committee for three-year terms that begin on 11-1-18 and expire on 10-31-21.
- g. Approval to appoint Sarah Nelson to serve on the Barry County Parks and Recreation Board in the position representing the Barry Conservation District for a three-year term that began on 1/1/18 and expires on 12/31/20.
- h. Approval of the Barry County 2018 Apportionment report.
- i. Approval of the FY 2019 Grant Contracts for Adult Drug Court, Sobriety Court, Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation Program, OCC, and Juvenile Drug Court and to authorize the Chairperson to sign the grant contracts, and to sign the OCC contract following review by legal counsel.
- j. Approval of the Michigan Department of Agriculture Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program application (more commonly known as PA 116) 18-12 for Boyd and Lydia Endsley in Section 18 of Castleton Township.
(roll call vote)

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

10. PRESENTATIONS: None

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS: Barry County Proposed 2019 Budget (With Projections for 2020 and 2021)

Commissioner Geiger opened the public hearing at 9:08 a.m. regarding the 2019 budget and opened the hearing to public comment.

- Gary White expressed concerns for the 2019 Barry County Budget. Between the year 2016 – 2021 the Barry County residents will be paying \$1,652,000 + more in taxes and yet the residents are being asked to approve millages for the jail and commission on aging. He encouraged the county to borrow money based on their own bond rating & use their budget and increased revenues to fund their projects.
- George Hubka would like to hear that next year's budget came in equal to last year's budget.

Commissioner Geiger closed the public hearing at 9:12 a.m.

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

- a. Adoption of Resolution #18-13 to adopt the 2019 Barry County Budget, General Appropriations Act and Millage. **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Smelker, seconded by Gibson for adoption of Resolution #18-13 to adopt the 2019 Barry County Budget, General Appropriations Act and Millage. Discussion. Michael Brown corrected a typographical error in the resolution. Moved by Smelker, seconded by Gibson for adoption of Resolution #18-13 to adopt the 2019 Barry County Budget, General Appropriations Act and Millage as amended. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker and Wing. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- b. Approval of transfers and disbursements:
Approval of claims in the amount of \$84,557.48 **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Smelker, seconded by Conner for approval of claims in the amount of \$84,557.48. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker and Wing. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- c. Adoption of Resolution #18-14, a Resolution to Establish an Ad Hoc Committee of Public Health Finance, and to confirm the Chairperson's appointment of Commissioners Parker, Smelker and Wing to the Committee. **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Smelker, seconded by Conner for adoption of Resolution #18-14, a Resolution to Establish an Ad Hoc Committee of Public Health Finance, and to confirm the Chairperson's appointment of Commissioners Parker, Smelker and Wing to the Committee. Discussion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker and Wing. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(b) From Consent Items:

Approval of October 16, 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes. Discussion.

Moved by Smelker, seconded by Conner, for approval of October 16, 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes. Discussion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker and Wing. Nays: Conner. Motion carried.

(c) From Consent Items:

Approval to appoint Joe Sancimino to serve in a Citizen at Large position on the Parks and Recreation Board for the remainder of a three-year term that began on 1/1/17 and expires on 12/31/19.

Motion by Smelker, seconded by Parker for approval to appoint Joe Sancimino to serve in a City at Large position on the Parks and Recreation Board for the remainder of a three-year term that began on 1/1/17 and expires on 12/31/19. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker and Wing. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(d) From Consent Items:

Approval to appoint Joe Sancimino to serve on the Barry County Agricultural Promotion Board in a position representing Agricultural Interest for the remainder of a three-year term that began on 1/1/17 and expires on 12/31/19. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker and Wing. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(e) From Consent Items:

Approval to re-appoint Jack Miner to serve on the Barry County Planning Commission for a three (3) year term that began on 5/1/18 and expires on 4/30/21.

Moved by Smelker, seconded by Gibson to re-appoint Jack Miner to serve on the Barry County Planning Commission for a three (3) year term that began on 5/1/18 and expires on 4/30/21. Roll call vote. Ayes: Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker and Wing. Nays: Conner. Motion carried.

Recess at 9:29 a.m. Resume meeting at 9:36 a.m. with all commissioners present.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Approval of the attached Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) Application for Additional Service Credit Purchase requested by Robert Horrmann to allow him to purchase 1 year, 0 months of Generic Service with MERS. **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Parker, seconded by Wing for approval of the attached Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) Application for Additional Service Credit Purchase requested by Robert Horrmann to allow him to purchase 1 year, 0 months of Generic Service with MERS. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker and Wing. Nays: None. Motion carried.

14. NEW BUSINESS: None.

15. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: None.

16. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Commissioner Geiger stated that there was no Planning Commission meeting last night, but the Barry-Eaton District Health Department will meet this Thursday in Eaton County.

17. VICE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Commissioner Jackson met with the Crooked Lake residents and also Steve Hamilton, Hydrologist from Kellogg Biological State regarding the lake levels of Crooked Lake. In addition, he plans to attend the Barry-Eaton District Health Department meeting on Thursday in Eaton County.

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)

- Deb Englehardt expressed her disappointment with the board of commissioners for not coming to the gathering held last Friday regarding the water level problems at Crooked Lake.
- Gary White chastised the commissioners for wasting his time, money and tax dollars in disregarding his previous public comments regarding the adoption of the 2019 Barry County budget.
- Larry Bass encouraged the commissioners to have Tower Pinkster consider utilization of our existing buildings before spending money on new structures.

20. OTHER BUSINESS: Commissioner Geiger reported that the county has been undergoing an email integration and he, as well as many of the other commissioners did not receive the invitation to the meeting regarding Crooked Lake. He also noted that the commissioner meeting on November 13, 2018 has been relocated to the Tyden Building. Commissioner Geiger reminded the commissioners of the “ride along” with the sheriff or one of the deputies that he challenged them to do.
21. ADJOURNMENT: at 10:50 a.m.

Ben Geiger, Chair
Barry County Board of Commissioners

Pamela A. Palmer, Barry County Clerk

Approved: _____
Date & Initials