

Barry County Board of Commissioners  
October 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, 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 Parker to approve the written agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.
6. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT: (3 minutes per person)
  - Dar Leaf invited the public for a demonstration of their new FARO laser equipment on November 13 at 1:30 in the Tyden Building Community Room.
  - Meghan Koorndyk gave an update on behalf of Representative Julie Calley regarding automobile insurance, House Bill 5013, & various other activities.
7. VARIOUS CORRESPONDENCE: None.
8. CONSENT ITEMS (voted upon at one time by roll call vote):
  - a. Approval of September 27, 2017 Board of Commissioners meeting minutes.
  - b. Approval of October 10, 2017 Board of Commissioners meeting minutes.
  - c. Approval of October 17, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes.
  - d. Approval of the Barry County 2017 Apportionment report.
  - e. Approval of Grant number EMC-2017-EP-00001 State of Michigan FY 2017 Emergency Management Performance Grant, Grant Agreement and authorize the Chairman and Administrator to sign.
  - f. Approval of the Michigan Department of Agriculture Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program application (more commonly known as PA 116) #17-4 for Ronald and Amanda Hoeksma in Section 2 of Irving Township.

- g. Approval of the Michigan Department of Agriculture Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program application (more commonly known as PA 116) #17-5 for Kristopher and Stacy Javor in Section 28 of Carlton Township.
- h. Approval of the Michigan Department of Agriculture Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program application (more commonly known as PA 116) #s17-6, 17-7, 17-8, and 17-9 for Burdock Hill Land LLC in Sections 16, 20, and 21 of Carlton Township.
- i. Approval of the Michigan Department of Agriculture Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program application (more commonly known as PA 116) #s17-10, 17-11, and 17-12 for John and Elizabeth Lenz in Sections 22 and 27 of Hastings Township.
- j. Approval of the revised Barry County Information Technology Policy.
- k. Approval of the Proposal for Medical Examiner Services submitted by WMU Homer Stryker MD School of Medicine Department of Pathology to provide Medical Examiner Services for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2023, including the appointment of Dr. Joyce DeJong, DO as the Barry County Medical Examiner.
- l. Approval of the attached Proposal to Extend Auditing Services Contract from Rehmann Robson dated September 19, 2017 for completion of the 2017 audit.  
**(roll call vote)**

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

9. PRESENTATIONS: None

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS: Barry County 2018 Proposed Budget (with 2019 and 2020 Projections) The Public Hearing commenced at 9:08 a.m. No comments were made for or against the 2018 Proposed Budget. The Public Hearing was closed at 9:09 a.m.

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

- a. Approval of transfers and disbursements:  
Approval of claims in the amount of \$69,386.87 **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Smelker, seconded by Gibson for approval of claims in the amount of \$69,386.87. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker, and Wing. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- b. Approval of Resolution#17-18 to adopt the 2018 Barry County Budget, General Appropriations Act and Millage. **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Smelker, seconded by Conner for approval of Resolution #17-18 to adopt the 2018 Barry County Budget, General Appropriations Act and Millage. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker, and Wing. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- c. Approval of the FY 2018 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, with signing of the OCC grant agreement contingent upon attorney review and approval. **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Smelker, seconded by Wing for approval of the FY 2018 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, with signing of the OCC grant agreement contingent upon attorney review and approval. Discussion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker, and Wing. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- d. Approval to continue financial support in the amount of \$15,000 for ongoing Workforce Development/CTE efforts by the BCEDA Workforce Development Coordinator in 2018 with funds to be paid from 2017 General Fund Contingency. **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Smelker, seconded by Parker for approval to continue financial support in the amount of \$15,000 for ongoing Workforce Development/CTE efforts by the BCEDA Workforce Development Coordinator in 2018 with funds to be paid from 2017 General Fund Contingency. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker, and Wing. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Recess at 9:12 a.m. and resumed meeting at 9:30 a.m. with all commissioners present.

12. NEW BUSINESS: TOST Discussion/Survey Response Review

Commissioner Geiger gave a brief review of the results of the TOST Review Response Summary and the Report on the First 10 Years of TOST, followed by each commissioner giving their understanding and opinion regarding the TOST regulations. The public was also given an opportunity to express their opinion, which included the following named individuals:

Jim Enrietti, John Resseguie, Mike Chamberlain, Bob Vanderboegh, Joyce Snow, and Larry Bass.

Commissioner Geiger also stated that several townships have passed resolutions to rescind TOST, and those should be considered as comments.

Moved by Conner, supported by Parker to call upon the Board of Health to make TOST an optional program, to revise the appeals process and ensure timely approvals. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker, and Wing. Nays: None. Motion carried.

13. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT: (3 minutes per person)

- Bob Vanderboegh recommended that the regulation of sale of property be removed, and also remove the section that gives the Health Department the power to place a lien on the property.
- Sharon Zebrowski advised that on October 28, 2017 from 3 – 6 p.m. is Charlton Park's All Hallows Eve celebration which will include trick or treating, hayrides & a hay maze.

14. OTHER BUSINESS: None.

15. ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Gibson, seconded by Smelker to adjourn at 10:58 pm. Motion carried.

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Ben Geiger, Chair  
Barry County Board of Commissioners

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Pamela A. Palmer, County Clerk

Approved: 11/14/2017 PPalmer  
Date & Initial