

Barry County Board of Commissioners
October 9, 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, Dan Parker, Jon Smelker and Heather Wing. Absent: David Jackson. Also present: Clerk Pam Palmer.
5. APPROVAL OF WRITTEN AGENDA (including consent items & items for discussion)

The agenda was approved without objection.
6. REPORTS FROM STATE AND COUNTY OFFICERS: Jim Dull talked about the different options that have been discussed or tried to lower the water level at Crooked Lake.
7. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT: (3 minutes per person)
 - Bob Shaffer talked about the ad hoc committee he suggested last week and advised against current Barry-Eaton District Health Department employees serving on this committee.
 - Sharon Ritchie commented on the Crooked Lake water levels and asked for help.
8. VARIOUS CORRESPONDENCE: Commissioner Geiger received notification from the City of Hastings that Jerry Czarnecki would be serving on the Solid Waste Committee.
9. CONSENT ITEMS: (voted upon at one time by roll call vote):
 - a. Approval of September 25, 2018 Board of Commissioners meeting minutes.
 - b. Approval of September 25, 2018 Board of Commissioners special meeting minutes.
 - c. Approval of October 2, 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes.
 - d. Approval to authorize application for a US EPA Assessment Grant to fund environmental assessment projects for potential Brownfield redevelopment sites in Barry County.
 - e. Approval to award the auditing services for Barry County to Gabridge & Co. for a maximum not to exceed fee of \$26,060 per year for years ending December 31, 2018, 2019 and 2020, with an optional extension for years ending December 31, 2021 and 2022 for a maximum not to exceed fee of \$26,060 per year.

(roll call vote)

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Parker to approve the Consent Items listed above.

- 10. PRESENTATIONS: David Shinavier, IT Director – Barry County Information Technology Department Report
- 11. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None
- 12. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION: (roll call vote indicated)
 - a. Approval of transfers and disbursements:
Approval of pre-paid invoices in the amount of \$5,864,860.44
 - b. Approval of Claims in the amount of \$67,757.98
 - c. Approval of Commissioner Reimbursements (mileage) in the amount of \$620.48 **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Wing, seconded by Smelker to approve the pre-paid invoices in the amount of \$5,864,860.44, claims in the amount of \$67,757.98, and Commissioner Reimbursements (mileage) in the amount of \$620.48. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Parker, Smelker and Wing. Absent: Jackson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- d. 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 Wing, seconded by Gibson, to approve 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: Geiger, Gibson, and Parker. Nays: Conner, Smelker, and Wing. Absent: Jackson. Motion failed.

- e. Approval to schedule a public hearing during the regular meeting of the Barry County Board of Commissioners on October 23, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. regarding the 2019 Barry County Proposed Budget, and to recommend approval of Resolution #18-13 to adopt the 2019 Barry County Budget, General Appropriations Act and Millage after holding a public hearing. **(roll call vote)** Discussion.

Moved by Wing, seconded by Parker for approval to schedule a public hearing during the regular meeting of the Barry County Board of Commissioners on October 23, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. regarding the 2019 Barry County Proposed Budget, and to recommend approval of Resolution #18-13 to adopt the 2019 Barry County Budget, General Appropriations Act and Millage after holding a public hearing.

Roll call vote. Ayes: Geiger, Gibson, Parker, Smelker, and Wing. Nays: Conner. Absent: Jackson. Motion carried.

Recess at 10:00 a.m. Resume meeting with all commissioners present (absent Jackson) at 10:15 a.m.

Motion by Gibson, seconded by Wing to reconsider approval of the Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) Application requested by Robert Horrmann. Discussion.

Motion by Smelker, seconded by Wing to postpone the pending question for reconsideration to the October 23, 2018 Board of Commissioner meeting. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, parker, Smelker, and Wing. Absent: Jackson. Motion carried.

- 13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.
- 14. NEW BUSINESS: None.

15. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: None.
16. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Commissioner Geiger thanked Drain Commissioner Jim Dull for his presentation regarding the water levels at Crooked Lake and said he would contact Emergency Management about getting additional sandbags for their use.
17. VICE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: None.
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)
 - Bob Vanderboegh asked the commissioners to use caution spending \$60,000 on a facility planner in comparison to what has already been done with the Master Facility Plan.
20. OTHER BUSINESS: CONTINUED DISCUSSION – SPECIAL PROJECTS FACILITATOR
 Commissioner Geiger asked the commissioners to come to a decision as to which facilitator the board wants to select for a new jail and Commission on Aging building. Discussion.

 Recess at 11:25 a.m. Resume meeting with all commissioners present (absent Jackson) at 11:40 a.m.

 Motion by Parker, seconded by Smelker to re-interview DLZ Granger, Tower Pinkster and BKV. Discussion. Moved by Wing, seconded by Conner to amend the previous motion to interviewing DLZ Granger, Tower Pinkster, and BYCE. Discussion.

 Motion amended by Parker, seconded by Smelker to contract with Tower Pinkster for facilitation services. Roll call vote. Ayes. Geiger, Parker, Smelker, and Wing. Nays: Conner and Gibson. Motion carried.
21. ADJOURNMENT: at 12:12 p.m.

Ben Geiger, Chair
 Barry County Board of Commissioners

Pamela A. Palmer, County Clerk

Approved: 10/23/2018 PPalmer
 Date & Initial