

Barry County Board of Commissioners
November 27, 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 9:10 a.m. in the Barry County Commission Chambers.
2. 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: Sr. Deputy Clerk Sarah VanDenburg.
5. APPROVAL OF WRITTEN AGENDA (including consent items & items for discussion)
Geiger requested to strike 12b from the consent agenda to incorporate the vote tallies regarding the appointments of the individuals for the Parks and Recreation Board and the Charlton Park Board into the November 20, 2018 Committee of the Whole minutes. The agenda was approved as amended.
6. REPORTS FROM STATE AND COUNTY OFFICERS: None.
7. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT: (3 minutes per person)

-Mike Snyder commented about interview process for the appointed county boards. He also commented about the individuals appointed to the Charlton Park Board.

-Cathy Young Gramze commented on the TowerPinkster Agreement on the agenda.

-Sharon Zebrowski addressed the Board concerning the Charlton Park Board appointments.

-Tammy Pennington, Commission on Aging Director, thanked the Board for moving forward on the plans for COA building. She also invited everyone to the December 13, 2018 Commission on Aging Polar Express Christmas Party.
8. VARIOUS CORRESPONDENCE: None.
9. CONSENT ITEMS: (voted upon at one time by roll call vote):
 - a. Approval of November 13, 2018 Board of Commissioners meeting minutes.
 - ~~b. Approval of November 20, 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes.~~
 - c. Approval to re-appoint Frank Jesensek and Douglas C. Klein to serve in Citizen at Large positions on the Parks and Recreation Board for three-year terms that begin on 1/1/19 and expire on 12/31/21.

- d. Approval to re-appoint Rick Moore and to appoint Deana Powell to serve on the Charlton Park Village & Museum Board, in Citizen at Large positions for three-year terms beginning on 1/1/19 and expiring on 12/31/21.
- e. Approval of the attached Administrative Rate Addendum to the agreement between Barry County and VARIPRO of Grand Rapids, Michigan, effective January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 for Short Term Disability Administration and authorize the County Administrator to sign it.
- f. Approval of Budget Amendment B-18.
(roll call vote)

Moved by Parker, second by Gibson to approve the Consent Items listed above. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Wing, Parker, Gibson, Smelker, Jackson and Geiger. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

- 10. PRESENTATIONS: Michelle Williamson, CEO, Community Action Agency of South Central MI – Program Update

Recess at 9:34 a.m. at the call of the Chair. Resume meeting with all commissioners present at 9:44 a.m.

Williamson continued presentation.

- 11. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

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

- a. Approval of transfers and disbursements:
Approval of Claims in the amount of \$84,622.96 **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Smelker to approve claims in the amount of \$84,622.96. Roll call vote. Ayes: Jackson, Conner, Wing, Parker, Gibson, Smelker and Geiger. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- b. Approval of the attached Professional Services Agreement with TowerPinkster for the Sheriff's Department/Jail and Commission on Aging Projects. **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Jackson to approve the Professional Services Agreement with TowerPinkster for the Sheriff's Department/Jail and Commission on Aging Projects. Eric Hackman from TowerPinkster appeared to answer questions and clarify language. Unused facilities and existing space available in the County was discussed. Wing, Smelker, Geiger and Eric Hackman from TowerPinkster will meet after the meeting to draft an addendum to the contract that TowerPinkster will re-evaluate space in the County and update the Master Facilities Plan. Brown recommended delaying the decision on this project at this time until clarifications have been made. Gibson reminded the Board that the Health Department Board is working on an assessment of their department. Their report is due at the end of December. Jackson suggested that the Commission on Aging Director become involved in the planning as well. After discussion, the motion failed. Moved by Conner, supported by Smelker to postpone further discussion until the next Board of Commissioners Meeting. All ayes. The question is postponed.

Michelle Williamson left the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

- c. Approval of Resolution # 18-15 to Authorize the Auditor to Make Final Year-End Appropriations.
(roll call vote)

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Parker to approve Resolution # 18-15 to Authorize the Auditor to Make Final Year-End Appropriations. Roll call vote. Ayes: Gibson, Smelker, Jackson, Conner, Wing, Parker and Geiger. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- d. Approval of Resolution # 18-16 to Authorize the Auditor to Transfer 2018 General Funds Surplus Funds to Various Internal Service Funds. **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Jackson to approve Resolution # 18-16 to Authorize the Auditor to Transfer 2018 General Funds Surplus Funds to Various Internal Service Funds. Roll call vote. Ayes: Parker, Gibson, Smelker, Jackson, Conner, Wing and Geiger. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- e. Approval of Resolution # 18-17 Opposing Senate Bill 396. **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Parker to approve Resolution # 18-16 Opposing Senate Bill 396. Roll call vote. Ayes: Wing, Parker, Gibson, Smelker, Jackson, Conner and Geiger. Ayes: None. Motion carried.

- f. Approval of Resolution # 18-18, Resolution to Transfer the Release of Right of Way from Barry County Board of Supervisors to the Barry County Drain Commissioner. **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Smelker to approve Resolution # 18-18, Resolution to Transfer the Release of Right of Way from Barry County Board of Supervisors to the Barry County Drain Commissioner. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Wing, Parker, Gibson, Smelker, Jackson and Geiger. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

- g. Approval of the attached MERS Defined Benefit Plan Adoption Agreement amendment to increase the required employee contribution for Division # 01-BCCEA-Courthouse by 1.5% to 7.49% effective 1/1/19 per Article 23, Section 2, of the collective bargaining agreement for the Barry County Courthouse Employees Association. **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Conner to approve the MERS Defined Benefit Plan Adoption Agreement amendment to increase the required employee contribution for Division # 01-BCCEA-Courthouse by 1.5% to 7.49% effective 1/1/19 per Article 23, Section 2, of the collective bargaining agreement for the Barry County Courthouse Employees Association. Roll call vote. Ayes: Jackson, Conner, Wing, Parker, Gibson, Smelker and Geiger. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- h. Approval of the attached 2018 L-4402 Revised form for Barry County to collect winter taxes and authorize the chairperson to sign it. **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Parker to approve the 2018 L-4402 Revised form for Barry County to collect winter taxes and authorize the chairperson to sign it. Roll call vote. Ayes: Smelker, Jackson, Conner, Wing, Parker, Gibson and Geiger. Nays: None. Motion carried.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.
14. NEW BUSINESS: None.
15. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: None.
16. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Birthday wishes were extended to Arinn Wing via video.

17. VICE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:
Jackson reported on his attendance at the township meetings in his district. He attended the Barry County Economic Summit on November 14. Housing concerns were discussed at the event. He attended the Animal Shelter Advisory Board meeting as well. He attended the Crooked Lake Task Force meeting on November 26. Solutions to the lake levels were discussed. Lake levels have gone down. He will be attending the Health Board meeting on November 29.
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)
James Enrietti thanked Smelker for asking the board to take a step back and look at the TowerPinkster Agreement. He also expressed his concerns about various points in the agreement.
20. OTHER BUSINESS: None.
21. ADJOURNMENT: at 10:56 a.m.

Ben Geiger, Chair
Barry County Board of Commissioners

Sarah M. VanDenburg, Sr. Deputy County Clerk

Approved: 12/11/2018 PPalmer
Date & Initial