

Barry County Board of Commissioners  
December 11, 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 Wing.
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 item (a), removed from the Consent Items to Items for Consideration. Commissioner Jackson asked to have item (i) removed from the Consent Items to Items for Consideration. The agenda is approved without objection, as amended.
6. REPORTS FROM STATE AND COUNTY OFFICERS: Sheriff Dar Leaf reported on the November jail statistics.
7. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT: (3 minutes per person)  
- Larry Neil thanked the commissioners for their support of the Ag Promotion Board.
8. VARIOUS CORRESPONDENCE: None.
9. Consent Items (voted upon at one time by roll call vote):
  - a. Approval of November 20, 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes. (*Moved to Items for Consideration*)
  - b. Approval of November 27, 2018 Board of Commissioners meeting minutes.
  - c. Approval of December 4, 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes.
  - d. Approval to re-appoint Frank Fiala to serve on the Barry County Board of Road Commissioners for a six (6) year term that begins on 1/1/19 and expires on 12/31/24.
  - e. Approval to appoint Craig Stolsonburg to serve on the Barry County Transit Board for a three-year term that begins on 1/1/19 and expires on 12/31/21.
  - f. Approval to re-appoint Shannon Szukala and to appoint Tim McKay to serve on the Barry County Veteran's Affairs Committee for four (4) year terms that begin on 1/1/19 and expire on 12/31/22.
  - g. Approval to re-appoint Paul Wing to serve on the Barry County Agricultural Promotion Board in a position representing Agricultural Interest for a three-year term that begins on 1/1/19 and expires on 12/31/21.

- h. Approval to re-appoint Larry Neil to serve on the Barry County Agricultural Promotion Board in a position representing Real Estate or Developmental Interest for a three-year term that begins on 1/1/19 and expires on 12/31/21.
- i. Approval to re-appoint Tim McGavin to serve on the Barry County Animal Shelter Advisory Board in Citizen at Large position for a one-year term that begins on 1/1/19 and expires on 12/31/19. *(Moved to Items for Consideration)*.
- j. Approval to re-appoint David Tripp to serve on the Barry County Building Authority for a three-year term that begins on 1/1/19 and expires on 12/31/21.
- k. Approval to re-appoint Kristen Cove to serve on the Central Dispatch Board in a General Public position for a four-year term that begins on 1-1-19 and expires on 12-31-22.
- l. Approval to re-appoint Don Bowers and Sally Shuster Shoff to serve on the Barry County Commission on Aging for three (3) year terms that begin on 1/1/19 and expire on 12/31/21.
- m. Approval to appoint Michelle Newton to serve on the Barry County Community Corrections Advisory Board in a position designated for Adult Probation for the remainder of a three-year term that began on 1-1-18 and expires on 12-31-20.
- n. Approval of the 2019 agreement between Barry County and Michigan State University for access to MSU Extension programming.
- o. Approval of the Michigan Department of Agriculture Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program application (more commonly known as PA 116) 18-13 and 18-14 for Brandon and Derik Schantz in Section 3 of Maple Grove Township.
- p. Approval of the Michigan Department of Agriculture Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program application (more commonly known as PA 116) 18-15 for Larry and Tammy Kuperus in Section 11 of Irving Township.
- q. Approval to award the Courts and Law boiler project to DHE Climate Solutions at a cost not to exceed \$90,000.
- r. Approval of the Audit Engagement Agreement with Walker Fluke & Sheldon, P.C. to perform the 2018 Barry County Road Commission annual audit.
- s. Approval to appoint Kerri Selleck as the Chief Public Defender in accordance with Barry County's Compliance Plan for Indigent Defense Standards 1 through 4 of the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission Act.  
**(roll call vote)**

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

- 10. Presentations: None
- 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 \$2,965,167.82
  - b. Approval of Claims in the amount of \$38,292.57
  - c. Approval of Commissioner Reimbursements (mileage) in the amount of \$811.42 **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Smelker, seconded by Jackson to approve pre-paid invoices in the amount of \$2,965,167.82, claims in the amount of \$38,292.57, and approval of commissioner reimbursements (mileage) in the amount of \$811.42. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, parker, Smelker, and Wing. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(a) Approval of November 20, 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes.

Moved by Smelker, seconded by Wing for approval of the November 20, 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes. Discussion. Commissioner Conner asked to have the spelling of her last name corrected. She also questioned the fact that a tally sheet was not included for the Parks & Recreation Board appointment. Commissioner Geiger stated that there was no photo of the tally sheet from the Parks & Recreation Board appointment, so an explanation was included in the minutes that stated who received the most votes. This item will be postponed to the next Board of Commissioner meeting, without objection.

(i) Approval to re-appoint Tim McGavin to serve on the Barry County Animal Shelter Advisory Board in Citizen at Large position for a one-year term that begins on 1/1/19 and expires on 12/31/19.

Moved by Smelker, seconded by Jackson to approve to re-appoint Tim McGavin to serve on the Barry County Animal Shelter Advisory Board in Citizen at Large position for a one-year term that begins on 1/1/19 and expires on 12/31/21. Discussion. Commissioner Jackson explained that the term of office was incorrectly listed and should be listed as a two-year term of office which begins on 1/1/19 and expires on 12/31/20.

Motion by Jackson, seconded by Parker to amend the term of office for the Barry County Animal Shelter Advisory Board in Citizen at Large position for a term that begins on 1/1/19 and expires on 12/31/20. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Smelker, seconded by Jackson to approved to re-appoint Tim McGavin to serve on the Barry County Animal Shelter Advisory Board in Citizen at Large position for a one-year term that begins on 1/1/19 and expires on 12/31/20. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker and Wing. Nays: None. Motion carried.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. 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 Jackson, seconded by Wing to approve the attached Professional Services Agreement with TowerPinkster for the Sheriff's Department/Jail and Commission on Aging Projects. Discussion.

Motion by Smelker, seconded by Conner to postpone the question until the second Board of Commissioners meeting in February, 2019. Discussion. 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 reported that the Planning Commission met last night in Orangeville Township and recommended a site plan for approval for a new Dollar Store.
- 17. VICE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Commissioner Jackson reported that Economic Development will be meeting on Wednesday of this week.
- 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): None.
- 20. OTHER BUSINESS: None.
- 21. ADJOURNMENT: at 9:36 a.m..

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Ben Geiger, Chair  
Barry County Board of Commissioners

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Pamela A. Palmer, County Clerk

Approved: 12/18/2018 PPalmer  
Date & Initial