

**Barry County Board of Commissioners**  
**December 12, 2017; 9:00 a.m.; Commission Chambers**  
**MINUTES**

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 Chamber.

1. Call To Order at 9:00 a.m.
2. Moment of Silence/Invocation by Commissioner Conner.
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)  
  
The agenda is approved without objection as written
6. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minutes per person):
  - Tom Kobe complained that he was charged over \$200 for a well permit by the Health Department, and then received a letter from them stating that he needed to pay an additional \$40 for a water test. He asked the commissioners to rescind TOST and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.
  - Dar Leaf reported on the November statistics for the Sheriff's Department.
7. VARIOUS CORRESPONDENCE: None.
8. CONSENT ITEMS: (voted upon at one time by roll call vote):
  - a. Approval of November 28, 2017 Board of Commissioners meeting minutes.
  - b. Approval of December 5, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes.
  - c. Approval of the 2018 agreement between Barry County and Michigan State University for access to MSU Extension programing.
  - d. Approval to re-appoint Regina Young to serve in a position representing the Barry-Eaton District Health Department on the Solid Waste Oversight Committee for a three-year term that began on 11-1-17 and expires on 10-31-20.
  - e. Approval of the attached Administrative Rate Addendum to the agreement between Barry County and VARIPRO of Grand Rapids, Michigan, effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 for Short Term Disability Administration and authorize the County Administrator to sign it. **(roll call vote)**

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

9. PRESENTATIONS: None

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

11. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION (roll call vote indicated)

a. Approval of transfers and disbursements:

Approval of pre-paid invoices in the amount of \$2,528,483.24

b. Approval of claims in the amount of \$37,634.29

c. Approval of Commissioner Reimbursements (mileage) in the amount of \$865.26 **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Smelker to approve pre-paid invoices in the amount of \$2,528,483.24, claims in the amount of \$37,634.29, and Commissioner Reimbursements (mileage) in the amount of \$865.26. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker, and Wing. Nays: None. Motion carried.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

13. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Approval of Resolution #17-19 to Honor Phyllis A. Fuller Central Dispatch Director for Her Dedication and Service. **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Parker, seconded by Conner for the approval of Resolution #17-19 To Honor Phyllis A. Fuller Central Dispatch Director for Her Dedication and Service. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker, and Wing. Nays: None. Motion carried.

b. Approval of Resolution #17-20, Resolution Approving a Tentative Agreement Reached and a Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement With the Police Officers Labor Council, Corrections Supervisors Unit for January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020 and authorize the Chair to sign the contract. **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Smelker, seconded by Gibson for the approval of Resolution #17-20, resolution approving a Tentative Agreement Reached and a Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Police Officers Labor Council, Corrections Supervisors Unit for January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020 and authorize the Chair to sign the contract. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker, and Wing. Nays: None. Motion carried.

14. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: None.

15. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: None.

16. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Commissioner Geiger reported that he and Commissioner Conner did a site visit to the Western Michigan University morgue, and he was impressed with their professionalism. He also reported that the Planning Commission met last night & approved a site plan in Dowling for a Dollar General Store.

17. VICE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Vice Chair Jackson reported that the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission met on December 1, 2017 and discussed several projects for expansion. He attended the Hope Twp. meeting last night where a new ordinance enforcement officer was introduced. He will be attending the Economic Development Alliance and Brownfield meetings later this week.
18. COMMISSIONER REPORTS (FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA) - Each commissioner reported on their various township meetings, boards & committees.
19. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES PER PERSON):
  - Patricia Johns complimented Phyllis Fuller for her service and commented on county employee staff recognition.
  - Keith Murphy thanked Phyllis Fuller for her years of service and introduced Stephanie Lehman as the interim director. He also asked that everyone keep Sue Rose from the 911 staff in their thoughts as she battles cancer.
  - Bill Redman complimented Phyllis Fuller for her service at 911.
  - Dar Leaf complimented Phyllis Fuller for her calm demeanor when she served as a dispatcher at 911.
  - Stephanie Lehman complimented Phyllis Fuller as her mentor.
20. OTHER BUSINESS: Commissioner Geiger asked that the commissioners remain after the meeting for a photo with Phyllis Fuller and her 911 staff. He also reminded the commissioners that the Committee of the Whole will meet on December 19 at 9:00 am, and the Board of Commissioners will meet on December 19 at 3:30 pm. He also asked the commissioners to complete their Administrator Evaluation prior to next week's meetings.
21. ADJOURNMENT: at 9:30 am

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Ben Geiger  
Barry County Board of Commissioners

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Pamela A. Palmer, Barry County Clerk

Approved: 12/19/17 PPalmer  
Date approved & initials