

Barry County Board of Commissioners
February 12, 2019; 9:00 a.m.; Commission Chambers
MINUTES

1. Chair Wing 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)

Commissioner Conner asked to have Item (a) removed from the Consent Items and moved to Items for Consideration. Moved by Geiger, seconded by Gibson to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.
6. REPORTS FROM STATE AND COUNTY OFFICERS: None.
7. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minutes per person)
 - George Hubka spoke regarding the Indigent Counsel list and the omission of Attorney Jim Goulooze.
 - Elden Shellenbarger thanked the commissioners who voted against approving the Indigent Counsel list and indicated that he is willing to file with the attorney grievance commission regarding a conflict of interest.
8. VARIOUS CORRESPONDENCE: None.
9. CONSENT ITEMS: (voted upon at one time by roll call vote):
 - a. Approval of January 22, 2019 Board of Commissioners meeting minutes. (*Commissioner Conner had this item moved to items for consideration*)
 - b. Approval of February 5, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes.
 - c. Approval of the attached Reimbursement Grant Agreement in the amount of \$2,500.00 with Two Seven Oh, Inc. to pay for spay/neuter of shelter animals prior to adoption and authorize the Board Chairperson to sign it.

- d. Approval of the attached 2019 Indigent Defense Fund budget for revenue and expenditure line items.
- e. Approval of the attached CCAB revised bylaws and to authorize the Chairperson to sign the written bylaws.
- f. Approval to purchase a new Chevrolet Tahoe to replace a 2013 Chevrolet Tahoe damaged in a car-deer accident on December 30, 2018, with funds to be paid from the Vehicle Fund.
- g. Approval to re-appoint Cindy Vujea to serve on the Barry County Parks and Recreation Board in the position representing the Barry County Economic Development Alliance for a three-year term that began on 1/1/19 and expires on 12/31/21.

(roll call vote)

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

- 10. PRESENTATIONS:
 - 1. Mark A. Kolanowski, President and CEO – Highpoint Community Bank (Hastings City Bank name change)
 - 2. Dave Bee, Executive Director, WMRPC – Introduction to the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission – *This presentation was withdrawn due to icy weather conditions.*
- 11. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None
- 12. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION (roll call vote indicated)

(a) Approval of January 22, 2019 Board of Commissioners meeting minutes.

Moved by Jackson, seconded by Smelker, to approve the January 22, 2019 Board of Commissioner meeting minutes. Commissioner Conner indicated the minutes stated that she did not make comments under the Vice Chair report when, in fact, she had made comments which were omitted from the January 22, 2019 minutes.

Moved by Smelker, seconded by Conner to amend the motion to include Vice Chair Conner's comments during the January 22, 2019 meeting minutes.

Moved by Geiger, seconded by Smelker to table approval of the January 22, 2019 minutes to the next Board of Commissioner meeting on February 26, 2019. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of transfers and disbursements:

- a. Approval of pre-paid invoices in the amount of \$4,010,999.70
- b. Approval of claims in the amount of \$62,713.56
- c. Approval of Commissioner Reimbursements (mileage) in the amount of \$829.99 **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Jackson, seconded by Smelker to approve pre-paid invoices in the amount of \$4,010,999.70. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker & Wing. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- d. Approval of the attached 2019 contracts for Indigent Defense Counsel Services with: Jackie Baker Sturgis; Carol Dwyer; Shane Henry; Kristen Hoel; James Kinney; Gordon Shane McNeill; Ronald Pierce; Kathryn Russell; Steven Storrs, and Kimberly Young. **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Jackson, seconded by Parker for approval of the attached 2019 contracts for Indigent Defense Counsel Services with: Jackie Baker Sturgis, Carol Dwyer, Shane Henry, Kristen Hoel, James Kinney, Gordon Shane McNeill, Ronald Pierce, Kathryn Russell, Steven Storrs, and Kimberly Young. Discussion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Geiger, Jackson, Parker, & Wing. Nays: Conner, Gibson & Smelker. Motion carried.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.
14. NEW BUSINESS: None.
15. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: None.
16. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Chair Wing attended most of her meetings this month with more tonight & tomorrow. The 34th Annual Walk for Warmth will be February 23, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at Hastings Methodist Church to raise money to help local residents with their heating bills.
17. VICE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Vice Chair Conner attended the Highlands County Commissioner meeting in Florida that consists of five commissioners. She will attend her two township meetings later 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)
 - George Hubka submitted a FOIA request to the Director of the Indigent Defense Counsel for copies of the applications from attorneys for the Indigent Defense Counsel list.
20. OTHER BUSINESS: Commissioner Parker inquired about where the discussions were at regarding the jail. Commissioner Geiger stated that discussions were postponed to the end of February, 2019.
21. ADJOURNMENT: at 9:50 a.m.

Heather Wing, Chair
Barry County Board of Commissioners

Pamela A. Palmer, County Clerk

Approved: 2/26/19 PPalmer
Date & Initial