

Barry County Board of Commissioners
February 14, 2017; 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, 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)

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Conner to approve the written agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.
6. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minutes per person)
 - Amber Holtrust commented regarding zoning letters she has received from the Barry County Enforcement office.
 - Sharon Zebrowski commented about the origin of the General Store at Charlton Park.
 - Dar Leaf gave the commissioners statistics from the jail with regard to number of complaints, arrests, accidents, meals prepared, etc. at the jail for the month of January, 2017.
7. VARIOUS CORRESPONDENCE:
 - Commissioner Conner informed the commissioners of a letter she received concerning the Gun Lake Dam, a letter regarding a property line dispute & a letter concerning issues from Planning and Zoning.
 - Chair Geiger informed the commissioners of a letter from the National Association of Counties thanking the sheriff's department and mental health authority for participating in the "Stepping Up Initiative" which works with the adults dealing with mental health and substance abuse disorders while in jail.

8. CONSENT ITEMS: (voted upon at one time by roll call vote):
- a. Approval of January 24, 2017 Board of Commissioners meeting minutes.
 - b. Approval of February 7, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes.
 - c. Approval and adoption of Rezoning amendment A-1-17 which is a map change from Rural Residential (RR) to High Density Residential (HDR) for property located in Section 20 of Hastings Township.
 - d. Approval to appoint Commissioner Vivian Conner and Commissioner Dan Parker to attend the Southwest Michigan Region Three (SMART) meetings.
- (roll call vote)**

Moved by Parker, seconded by Smelker to approve the consent items listed above. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker & 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 \$3,557,557.21
- b. Approval of claims in the amount of \$172,497.54
- c. Approval of Commissioner Reimbursements (mileage) in the amount of \$549.93 **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Geiger, seconded by Smelker to approve pre-paid invoices in the amount of \$3,557,557.21, claims in the amount of \$172,497.54, and Commissioner Reimbursements (mileage) in the amount of \$549.93. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker & Wing. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- d. Approval of Resolution #17-03, Resolution to Name and Dedicate the Cabinet Building. **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Jackson for the approval of Resolution #17-03, Resolution to name and dedicate the Cabinet Building. Discussion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, & Wing. Nays: Smelker. Motion carried.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

13. NEW BUSINESS: None.

14. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Representative Calley informed Chair Geiger of the following information: Rep. Calley's staff consists of Meghan Koorndyk – Legislative Aide/ Policy Services & Patricia Garber – Legislative Aide/Constituent Relations. She hosted Mark Kolanowski, President & CEO of Hastings City Bank on January 17, 2017 at the Capital Bldg. for the State of the State Address. Rep. Calley has been appointed to the following committees: Transportation & Infrastructure, Health Policies, Agriculture, and Elections & Ethics. The first tribute by her office honored Frank Campbell, retiring Mayor of the City of Hastings.

Last week, Rep. Calley met with Lani Forbes to better understand the array of services offered by the United Way, and met with Pam Palmer for local feedback on current events and issues concerning elections. Rep. Calley also requested and received a tour of the Barry County jail. She is hosting a photo contest for the district & will be announcing the winners before the end of the month. Her office will be hosting Leadership of Barry County on February 22, 2017, and she has scheduled a meeting with the DEQ on February 24, 2017 to discuss concerns with the Little Thornapple Drain.

15. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: None.
16. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Chair Geiger reminded the board that next week the Committee of the Whole meeting will be held in the Cabinet Building, to officially dedicate the building, with refreshments being served after the meeting. He attended his first Solid Waste Oversight Board last week, and attended the Green Gables Dinner on Saturday evening.
17. VICE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Commissioner Jackson reported that he attended the Barry-Eaton Board meeting on January 26. He met with Billie Jo from the Animal Shelter and she reported statistics on the animals with regard to adoptions, return to owner, & euthanasia at the shelter. On February 23, 2017 the Animal Shelter will be holding an event in conjunction with Applebee's to raise funds for the Animal Shelter. The Delton Rotary will host its wild game dinner & auction on February 25, 2017.
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)
 - Jim Brown thanked the commissioners for their approval of the zoning change in Hastings Charter Township; He encouraged the commissioners to look at the Zoning Department's building demolition code; He encouraged the City of Hastings & Barry County work through the JPA concerning their expansions; Also, he attended the Michigan Twp. Supervisor's Association meeting last week where they discussed the issue of medical marijuana.
20. OTHER BUSINESS: None.
21. ADJOURNMENT at 9:28 am.

Ben Geiger, Chair
Barry County Board of Commissioners

Pamela A. Palmer, Barry County Clerk

Approved: 2/28/17 PPalmer
Date approved & initials