

Barry County Board of Commissioners  
February 28, 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 Jackson.
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, Jon Smelker, David Jackson, and Heather Wing. Absent: Dan Parker. Also present: County Clerk Pam Palmer.
5. APPROVAL OF WRITTEN AGENDA: (including consent items & items for discussion)  
  
Moved by Gibson, seconded by Wing to approve the agenda as written. All ayes. Motion carried.
6. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT: (3 minutes per person)  
- Sharon Zebrowski commented on the general store contents at Charlton Park.
7. VARIOUS CORRESPONDENCE: None.
8. CONSENT ITEMS: (voted upon at one time by roll call vote):
  - a. Approval of February 14, 2017 Board of Commissioners meeting minutes.
  - b. Approval of February 21, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes.
  - c. Approval to appoint Jan Otto as an attorney magistrate.
  - d. Approval of the request to purchase 2016 Microsoft Licenses for County Servers and E-Mail Server, from Dell, Inc. in the amount of \$40,693.84 with funds to be paid from the Data Processing Fund.
  - e. Approval of the Agreement for Economic Development Services between Barry County and the Barry County Economic Development Alliance and its parent organization the Barry County Chamber of Commerce for the period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.  
**(roll call vote)**

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

9. PRESENTATIONS: 1) Ben Geiger, Chairperson – 2017 State of the County Report

Recess at 9:15 am. Resume meeting at 9:20 am with all commissioners present.

- 2) Travis Alden, President, Barry County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Alliance – Economic Development Alliance Update

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

11. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION (roll call vote indicated)

- a. Approval of transfers and disbursements:

Approval of claims in the amount of \$123,400.18. **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Wing, seconded by Gibson for the approval of claims in the Amount of \$123,400.18.

Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Smelker & Wing. Nays: None. Absent: Parker. Motion carried

- b. Approval to spend up to \$10,000 on plaster repair in the Historic Barry County Courthouse with funds to be paid from the Building Rehabilitation Fund. **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Wing, seconded by Smelker for approval to spend up to \$10,000 on plaster repair in the Historic Barry County Courthouse with funds to be paid from the Building Rehabilitation Fund.

Discussion.

Recess at 9:56 am for inquire on information on additional bids. Resume meeting at 10:00 am with all commissioners present.

No additional bid has been received. Roll call vote. Ayes: Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Smelker & Wing. Nays: Conner. Absent: Parker. Motion carried

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

13. NEW BUSINESS: None.

14. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: None.

15. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Michael Brown commented that the auditors are conducting the county audit this week.

16. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Chair Geiger reported attending the Barry-Eaton Health Department meeting & discussed ways to improve communication & customer service. He attended the Regional Prosperity Meeting with Michael Brown where they discussed a new website at WM DashBoard.org. which is a tool for West Michigan leaders, businesses, government & non-profits that show environmental, educational & economic development comparisons with different regional statistics from different locations and economic development. He attended the Planning Commission meeting where they approved site plans for Assyria Township Hall. He attended the Walk for Warmth & the opening on the new Barry County Community Mental Health Facility.

17. VICE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Vice Chair Jackson thanked Commissioner Gibson for his hands on tour of the Barry County Community Mental Health Facility. He attended the Barry Township & Hope Township board meetings. He attended the Barry-Eaton Health Department meeting with Chair Geiger, and the JPA meeting was cancelled this week due to lack of agenda.
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 Enrietti, Chairman of the Barry County Tea Party, extended an invitation to join the Tea Party for an evening of Conservative Sharing on Monday, March 13, 2017 from 7 – 9 pm at the Commission on Aging with speakers Julie Calley, Dar Leaf & Renk – a syndicated radio talk show host. He also commended the courthouse security for their professional manner of handling his recent medical situation.
  - Sharon Zebrowski shared that Charlton Park recently held a Tree Identification Class for adults and similar classes may be offered in the future.
20. OTHER BUSINESS:
21. ADJOURNMENT: at 10:15 am.

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Ben Geiger, Chair  
Barry County Board of Commissioners

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Pamela A. Palmer  
Barry County Clerk

Approved: 3/14/17      PPalmer  
Date & Initial when approved