

BARRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
April 11, 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. Moment of Silence/Invocation by Commissioner Parker.
2. Those present stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
3. 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.
4. APPROVAL OF WRITTEN AGENDA: (including consent items & items for discussion)

Commissioner Geiger moved item #14 (Legislative Update) on the agenda to be heard after the Vice Chairperson's report on the agenda. Moved by Parker, seconded by Wing to approve the amended agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

5. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT: (3 minutes per person)
 - Jim Enrietti thanked Commissioner Jackson for stepping forward and representing the taxpayers of Barry Township with the Southwest Barry County Sewer & Water Authority.
 - Sharon Zebrowski commented on the Charlton Park General Store features which include their catalog department, billing procedures & telephone policies.
6. VARIOUS CORRESPONDENCE: None.
7. CONSENT ITEMS: (voted upon at one time by roll call vote):
 - a. Approval of March 27, 2017 Board of Commissioners meeting minutes.
 - b. Approval of April 4, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes.
 - c. Approval to appoint Mike Cunningham, 1908 Heritage Bay Drive, Middleville, Michigan 49333, to serve on the Barry County Jury Board for the term beginning on May 1, 2017 and ending on April 30, 2023, pursuant to the recommendation of Judge Amy McDowell.

(roll call vote)

Moved by Jackson, 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.

8. PRESENTATIONS: Liz Lenz – Substance Abuse Task Force Update
9. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None
10. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION: (roll call vote indicated)
 - a. Approval of transfers and disbursements:
Approval of pre-paid invoices in the amount of \$2,692,160.16
 - b. Approval of claims in the amount of \$76,462.33
 - c. Approval of Commissioner Reimbursements (mileage) in the amount of \$1,413.56 **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Smelker, seconded by Gibson to approve pre-paid invoices in the amount of \$2,692,160.16, claims in the amount of \$76,462.33, and Commissioner Reimbursements (mileage) in the amount of up to \$1,413.56. Discussion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker & Wing. Nays: None. Motion carried.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.
12. NEW BUSINESS: None.
13. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: None.
14. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Commissioner Geiger reported on the incident involving the administrator at the Barry County Animal Shelter. Also, on April 25 after the Board of Commissioners meeting, there will be a workshop held regarding the Barry County Commission on Aging at 1:00 pm. regarding options for implementing the Master Facility Plan.
15. VICE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Commissioner Jackson attended the MAC Conference & also attended the Southwest Barry County Sewer & Water Authority Board meeting regarding the feasibility study which is now completed. He attended the Barry County Business Team Collaborative meeting at the Gilmore Car Museum on March 29. He also has attended or will be attending the Barry Township, Hope Township & Rutland Township meetings. An EPA public hearing on April 19 will be held at the Hastings Public Library where they will hold a public meeting from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm and a public hearing from 7:30 to 9:00 pm. They will be considering an injection well in Johnstown Twp. where they will be injecting brine waste from oil drilling facilities.
16. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – HONORABLE JULIE CALLEY, STATE REPRESENTATIVE – 87TH DISTRICT.
 - State Representative Julie Calley commented on several House Bills which came to them by the Senate on Corrections reform which focused on reducing recidivism – each inmate costs the State \$35,000/year.
 - A bill that requires Dept. of Corrections to communicate with DHHS regarding individuals in violation of probation or parole so that they are not eligible for food stamps.
 - FOIA & LORA (Legislative Open Records Act) bill was passed which holds accountability & transparency to the constituents.
 - Representative Calley serves on the Transportation Policy Committee.
 - She started holding office hours in Barry County in the Mezzanine from 12:00 to 1:30 pm. Her next scheduled meeting is Monday, April 17, 2017.

- She has been involved in the Little Thornapple Drain project and can hopefully expedite the process.
- She has toured our Barry County Jail with Sheriff Leaf and also visited Safe Harbor Child Advocacy Center.
- A number of bills have passed, but have not seen action by the Senate yet. She thinks the budget will be determined first.
- She also spoke of “clean-up” legislation bills that will be addressed in the future.

17. COMMISSIONER REPORTS (FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA): Each commissioner reported on their various township meetings, boards & committees, as well as attending the MAC Conference last week.

18. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT: (3 MINUTES PER PERSON)

- Dar Leaf commented on the Substance Abuse Task Force event which is scheduled for April 20, aka “smoke a joint day”.
- Rick Moore commented that he is grateful to learn about the drug recycling program.

19. OTHER BUSINESS: None.

20. ADJOURNMENT: at 10:00 am

Ben Geiger, Chair
Barry County Board of Commissioners

Pamela A. Palmer, Barry County Clerk

Approved: 4/25/17 PPalmer
Date approved & initials