

Barry County Board of Commissioners
April 23, 2019; 9:00 a.m.; Tyden Center, 121 S. Church St., Hastings, MI
MINUTES

1. Chair Wing called the regular session of the Barry County Board of Commissioners to Order at 9:00 a.m. in the Tyden Center.
2. Moment of Silence/Invocation by Commissioner Wing.
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 and Michael Brown.
5. APPROVAL OF WRITTEN AGENDA: (including consent items & items for discussion)

The agenda was approved as written without objection.
6. REPORTS FROM STATE AND COUNTY OFFICERS: Meghan Koorndyk gave a brief update on behalf of Representative Julie Calley.
7. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minutes per person)
 - Sharon Zebrowski complimented Commissioner Geiger for starting the employee recognition program.
 - Larry Neil commented on the Farmland Preservation & Open Space Program ordinance that the commissioners will be voting on today.
 - Ken Kirsch introduced Barbara Scott who recently won the Barry County Volunteer of the Year award for her work at the Barry County Animal Shelter.
8. VARIOUS CORRESPONDENCE: None.
9. CONSENT ITEMS: (voted upon at one time by roll call vote):
 - a. Approval of April 9, 2019 Board of Commissioners meeting minutes.
 - b. Approval of April 11, 2019 Special Committee of the Whole meeting minutes.
 - c. Approval of April 16, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes.
 - d. Approval to appoint Kerri Selleck to serve on the Barry County Community Mental Health Authority Board for a three (3) year term that began on 4-1-19 and expires on 3-31-22.
 - e. Approval to appoint John LaForge to serve on the Barry County Planning Commission for a three (3) year term that begins on 5/1/19 and expires on 4/30/22.

- f. Approval to apply for FEMA Hazard Mitigation Program Funds for the purpose of updating the Barry County Hazard Mitigation Plan that expired in 2012 and to issue a RFP for this project.
- g. Approval to reassign a 2010 Ford Edge,(VIN 2FMDK3G0ABB17327) (formerly with Family Court) to the Planning & Zoning Department; to sell via sealed bid to the highest bidder the 2008 Dodge Charger (VIN 2B3KA43678H114950), and to sell for scrap the 2001 Chevy Astro (VIN 1GNEL19W01B118458).
- h. Approval of the attached renewal agreement between Barry County and MEI to locate an antenna on the existing radio tower at the Sheriff's Department.
- i. Approval to replace the part-time Property Records Clerk position in the Equalization Department with a new full-time Property Appraiser position as described in the attached job description, at Grade 6 on the BCCEA pay scale, and to promote Ingrid Pagano to the new position effective 4/29/19.
- j. Approval to replace the GIS Technician/Residential Property Appraiser position (Grade 7-8 on the BCCEA pay scale) with a new IT Helpdesk/GIS Technician position (Grade 8 on the BCCEA pay scale) as described in the attached job description.
- k. Approval to allow the use of the excess funds from the \$25,000 approved 2019 Capital budget for heating/AC for the Animal Shelter Training Barn to complete the construction of the interior of the Training Barn.

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.

10. PRESENTATIONS:

- a. Commissioner Geiger – Barry County Employee Service Awards

The Board of Commissioners recognized the following employees for their years of service for Barry County:

Barb Hurlless presented April Staines for 5 years of service at the Barry County Register of Deeds; Ines Straube presented Amanda Miller for 5 years of service at the Barry County District Court; Hoot Gibson presented Bill Voigt for 5 years of service for the Barry County Transit; David Shinavier presented Aaron Staines for 10 years of service for the Barry County IT Dept.; Dar Leaf presented Eric VanValkenburg for 10 years of service with the Barry County Sheriff's Dept.
 Dar Leaf presented Thomas Steensma (absent) for 10 years of service with the Barry County Sheriff's Department;
 Dar Leaf presented Don Wilgus (absent) for 10 years of service with the Barry County Sheriff's Department;
 Dar Leaf presented Melinda Backus for 15 years of service with the Barry County Sheriff's Dept.
 Dar Leaf presented Jeanette Maki for 20 years of service with the Barry County Sheriff's Dept.

Recess at 9:32 a.m. The meeting resumed at 9:37 a.m. with all commissioners present.

- b. Erin Moore, MSU Extension District & Director – MSU Extension Program Update

11. Public Hearings: None

12. Items for Consideration (roll call vote indicated)

Approval of transfers and disbursements:

- a. Approval of claims in the amount of \$93,521.61 **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Geiger, seconded by Gibson to approve claims in the amount of \$93,521.61. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker, and Wing. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- b. Approval of amendments to the Barry County Farmland Preservation Ordinance. **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Geiger, seconded by Jackson to approve amendments to the Barry County Farmland Preservation Ordinance. Roll call vote. Ayes: Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, and Wing. Nays: Conner and Smelker. Motion carried.

- c. Approval of the attached Barry County Open Space Preservation Ordinance. **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Geiger, seconded by Jackson to approve the attached Barry County Open Space preservation Ordinance. Roll call vote. Ayes: Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, and Wing. Nays: Conner and Smelker. Motion carried.

- d. Adoption of Resolution #19-07, To Authorize Issuance of Fidelity Insurance Coverage to Barry County Road Commissioners. **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Geiger, seconded by Gibson for the adoption of Resolution #19-07, To Authorize Issuance of Fidelity Insurance Coverage to Barry County Road Commissioners. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker, and Wing. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- e. Adoption of Resolution #19-08, To Accept the 2019 Barry County Equalization Values and approval of the 2019 Barry County Equalization Values on state form L-4024. **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Geiger, seconded by Conner for the adoption of Resolution #19-08, to accept the 2019 Barry County Equalization Values and approval of the 2019 Barry County Equalization Values on State form L-4024. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker, and Wing. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- f. Adoption of Resolution #19-09, Resolution of Authorization for the 2018 Homeland Security Grant Program Intergovernmental Funding Agreement between the County of Van Buren and the County of Barry, and authorize the Chairperson and Administrator to sign it. **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Geiger, seconded by Parker for adoption of Resolution #19-09, Resolution of Authorization for the 2018 Homeland Security Grant Program Intergovernmental Funding Agreement between the County of Van Buren and the County of Barry, and authorize the Chairperson and Administrator to sign it. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker, and Wing. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- g. Approval to spend \$24,137 to replace the heating unit for the Animal Shelter kennels with funds to be paid from the Building Rehabilitation Fund. **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Geiger, seconded by Jackson to approve to spend \$24,137 to replace the heating unit for the Animal Shelter kennels with funds to be paid from the Building Rehabilitation Fund. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker, and Wing. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- h. Approval of the attached Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) Application for Additional Service Credit Purchase requested by Julie Jones to allow her to purchase 7 months of Generic Service with MERS. **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Geiger, seconded by Parker to approve the attached municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) Application for the Additional Service Credit purchase requested by Julie Jones to allow her to purchase 7 months of Generic Service with MERS. Roll call vote. Ayes: Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, and Wing. Nays: Conner and Smelker. Motion carried.

- i. Approval to appoint Gerald Schmiedicke to serve on the Barry County Commission on Aging Board for a three (3) year term that began on 1/1/19 and expires on 12/31/21, and to appoint Catherine Gramze to serve on the Barry County Commission on Aging Board for the remainder of a three-year term that began on 1/1/17 and expires on 12/31/19. **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Geiger, seconded by Conner to approve to appoint Gerald Schmiedicke to serve on the Barry County Commission on Aging Board for a three (3) year term that began on 1/1/19 and expires on 12/31/21, and to appoint Catherine Gramze to serve on the Barry County Commission on Aging Board for the remainder of a three-year term that began on 1/1/17 and expires on 12/31/19. Discussion.

Moved by Geiger, seconded by Smelker to postpone the question to the Board of Commissioner meeting on May 28, 2019. Discussion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Geiger, Gibson, Smelker and Wing. Nays: Conner, Jackson, and Parker. Motion carried.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.
14. NEW BUSINESS: None.
15. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: None.
16. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Commissioner Wing reported that she has completed her meeting cycle for the month of April. She attended the Community Action meeting in Kalamazoo, and encouraged everyone to participate in the Northside Pizza fundraiser.
17. VICE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Commissioner Conner attended the Prairieville Township meeting, and indicated that they are working on an opt out ordinance for marijuana, and a hindering ordinance. She met with Ines, Daisey and Michael Brown regarding the relocation of Friend of the Court to the Courts and Law Building. She attended the Conservation District Board and met with Julie Calley regarding funding. Tree sales are being held at Charlton Park this Friday and Saturday. She indicated that the Gun Lake Tribe will be donating three (3) boat cleaning stations to Gun Lake.
18. COMMISSIONER REPORTS (FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA): Each commissioner reported on their various committees, meetings, boards, and events.
19. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES PER PERSON):
- Rick Moore congratulated Commissioner Geiger for implementing the Barry County employee appreciation awards. He also indicated that the Village of Nashville will be celebrating its 150th celebration this summer and will be holding a "grand opening" of the new trail.

20. OTHER BUSINESS: Commissioner Wing acknowledged Commissioner Conner's birthday.

21. ADJOURNMENT: at 10:32 a.m.

Heather Wing, Chair
Barry County Board of Commissioners

Pamela A. Palmer, County Clerk

Approved: 5/14/19 PPalmer
Date & Initials