

Barry County Board of Commissioners  
May 9, 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 Sheriff Dar Leaf.
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)

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Smelker to approve the agenda as written. Discussion. Commissioner Geiger asked to move item (f) from Items for Consideration to immediately follow the Consent Items to allow a member of the Tyden family to attend.

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Smelker to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

5. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT: (3 minutes per person)
  - Jim Cary updated the Board of Commissioners on the activities of the Parks & Recreation Board with mowing contracts and a grant program running & a maintenance contract to pick up trash at McKeown Bridge Park. Last year the Parks & Recreation Board hired Allison Hinton who has since moved to a position with the YMCA. The Board then hired Jennifer Killian who has worked with David Shinavier as to navigating the county website.
  - Jennifer Killian commented on her goals as Administrator for the Parks and Recreation Board.
  - Dar Leaf gave the March statistics for the sheriff's department.
  - Sharon Zebrowski commented on the preparation for the historical buildings, flower beds, and gardens at Charlton Park in preparation for opening the park to the public.
  - Jack Miner presented the commissioners with a handout containing amounts as to the Barry Eaton District Health Department's budget.
6. VARIOUS CORRESPONDENCE: Commissioner Conner received a letter from an individual regarding the new proposed marina expansion on Gun Lake. Commissioner Parker commented that the Barry County Township Supervisor's Association will be meeting next Tuesday at 12:00 noon at the Community Foundation for Lunch with Leaders.

7. CONSENT ITEMS: (voted upon at one time by roll call vote):
- a. Approval of April 25, 2017 Board of Commissioners meeting minutes.
  - b. Approval of April 25, 2017 Committee of the Whole Workshop minutes.
  - c. Approval of May 2, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes.
  - d. Approval of Taxable Value Report L-4046.
  - e. Approval of the FY2018 OCC Grant Application.
  - f. Approval to purchase ten Kustom Signals Raptor RP-1 Dual Ka-Band speed radar detectors to equip the recently purchased 2017 Chevrolet Tahoes, and to replace & upgrade current equipment that is not working and/or outdated, to be paid for out of the vehicle fund, for the total purchase price of \$17,420.00.
  - g. Approval of the 2018 Budget Calendar.  
**(roll call vote)**

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

ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION: (Moved up in the agenda as noted above)

- (f) Approval of Resolution number 17-09, Resolution Dedicating the Former Hastings Post Office and Library in Honor of Emil Tyden. **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Parker to approve Resolution number 17-09, Resolution Dedicating the Former Hastings Post Office and Library in Honor of Emil Tyden. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker & Wing. Nays: None. Motion carried.

8. PRESENTATIONS: Colette Scrimger, Health Officer – Barry-Eaton District Health Department Update on Available Services

Recess at 9:45 am. Resume meeting at 9:55 am with all commissioners present.

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 \$5,060,710.47

Moved by Jackson, seconded by Smelker to approve pre-paid invoices in the amount of \$5,060,710.47. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker & Wing. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- b. Approval of claims in the amount of \$85,217.95

Moved by Jackson, seconded by Gibson to approve claims in the amount of \$85,217.95. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker & Wing. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- c. Approval of Commissioner Reimbursements (mileage) in the amount of \$883.95 **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Jackson, seconded by Conner to approve Commissioners Reimbursements (mileage) in the amount of \$883.95. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker & Wing. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- d. Approval of Resolution number 17-05, Resolution Establishing the County Officers Compensation Commission for Barry County. **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Jackson, seconded by Gibson to approve Resolution number 17-05, Resolution Establishing the County Officers Compensation Commission for Barry County. Discussion.

Commissioner Parker called to close the debate and moved to vote on going forward with the resolution. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker & Wing. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Jackson, seconded by Gibson to approve Resolution number 17-05, Resolution Establishing the County Officers Compensation Commission for Barry County. Roll call vote. Ayes: Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker & Smelker. Nays: Conner & Wing. Motion carried.

- e. Approval of Resolution number 17-07, Resolution to approve Replacement of the Gun Lake Dam on Marsh Road in Orangeville Township. **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Jackson, seconded by Gibson to approve Resolution number 17-07, Resolution to approve Replacement of the Gun Lake Dam on Marsh Road in Orangeville Township. Discussion. Motion by Conner, seconded by Smelker to postpone approval of this resolution until May 23, 2017. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker & Wing. Nays: None. Motion carried.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.
12. NEW BUSINESS: None.
13. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: None.
14. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: None.
15. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Chair Geiger had the honor of speaking on behalf of the county at the Southwest Michigan Behavioral Health Forum regarding some of the obstacles rural residents have in obtaining mental health and addiction treatment services. He also attended the University of Michigan graduation ceremony on behalf of the county.
16. VICE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: On April 27, 2017, Vice Chair Jackson attended the Barry Eaton District Health Department meeting and they are struggling with hiring issues. On April 28, 2017 he attended an Animal Shelter Volunteer Appreciation meeting with Michael Brown & took a tour of the shelter. The shelter continues to operate in good hands. He attended a special meeting on May 4, 2017 for the SW Barry County Sewer & Water Authority & they voted to make some changes in their leadership structure. On May 5, he attended the Commission on Aging Special Board Meeting with Commissioner Conner & took a tour of the building for clarification. He also attended the Hope Township meeting on May 8, 2017.

Chair Geiger interjected that when the Board of Commissioners ratified the County Administrator contract there is a clause that states that if other general fund department heads receive a salary increase, the

County Administrator salary will also be increased. He stated that the County Administrator's wage increase is effective at the next pay period.

17. COMMISSIONER REPORTS (FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA) – Each commissioner reported on their various township meetings, boards & committees. A special invite was extended by Commissioner Wing to Ag Awareness Day at the Expo Center on May 19, 2019. Commissioner Parker mentioned the No Family Left Indoors event on June 20, 2017 at the McKeown Park Bridge.
18. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES PER PERSON):
  - Patricia Johns commented she was glad the commissioners had an opportunity to meet Jennifer Killian. She will provide Thornapple Township with a grant application & will attend the Supervisors meeting with grant information as well. The Barry Community Foundation scholarship applications are being reviewed & she is hopeful that these students will become educated and return to Barry County.
  - Jim Enrietti reminded everyone that the Tea Party will be meeting Saturday, May 13, 2017 with speaker Jim Hynes. He also mentioned that the pianist at the Lincoln Day Dinner is non-sighted.
  - Rick Moore congratulated Sharon Zebrowski for winning the chairmanship for the Charlton Park Village & Museum Board. And he thanked the Barry United Way for giving him the volunteer of the year award.
  - Elden Shellenbarger commented on the compensation commission.

Chair Geiger asked if the other commissioners would agree to him submitting an ad in the paper for compensation commission names. The commissioners agreed to submit names without advertising in the newspaper.

19. OTHER BUSINESS: None

20. ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Parker, seconded by Smelker to adjourn at 10:33 am.

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Ben Geiger, Chair  
Barry County Board of Commissioners

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Pamela A. Palmer, Barry County Clerk

Approved: 5/23/2017 PPalmer  
Date approved & initials