

Barry County Board of Commissioners
June 13, 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. Call To Order at 9:00 a.m.
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.
5. APPROVAL OF WRITTEN AGENDA: (including consent items & items for discussion)

Commissioner Conner asked to have Consent Item (f) moved to Items for Consideration.

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Jackson to approve the amended agenda as written. All ayes.
Motion carried.
6. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minutes per person):
 - Patricia Johns commented on the Commission on Aging building, and the importance of paying taxes that will benefit everyone.
7. VARIOUS CORRESPONDENCE: None.
8. CONSENT ITEMS: (voted upon at one time by roll call vote):
 - a. Approval of May 23, 2017 Board of Commissioners meeting minutes.
 - b. Approval of June 6, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes.
 - c. Approval of June 6, 2017 special Board of Commissioners meeting minutes.
 - d. Approval of the attached 2017 L-4028 & L-4029 report for Barry County.
 - e. Approval of the attached Agreement for Law Enforcement Services and Mutual Aid between the County of Barry and the County of Calhoun including authorization to transfer the title of a 1992 Chevrolet Panel Van, VIN 1GJB32J3N3308876, to the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office.
 - f. (Removed to Items for Consideration)
 - g. Approval of the Barry County Inmates Administrative Services Contract with Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Michigan for July 2017 through June 2018.

- h. Approval of the renewal of the Liability, Vehicle Physical Damage and Property and Crime Insurance coverage through the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority for the period of July 1, 2017 to July 1, 2018 in the amount of \$381,914 and authorize the member representative to sign the agreement.
(roll call vote)

Moved by Jackson, seconded by Smelker to approve the renewal of the Liability, Vehicle Physical Damage and Property and Crime Insurance coverage through the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority for the period of July 1, 2017 to July 1, 2018 in the amount of \$381,914 and authorize the member representative to sign the agreement. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker & Wing. Nays: None. Motion carried.

9. PRESENTATIONS: Dan Patton, Charlton Park Director – 2016 Annual Report

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 \$2,042,656.43
- b. Approval of claims in the amount of \$272,824.95
- c. Approval of Commissioner Reimbursements (mileage) in the amount of \$951.82 **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Smelker, seconded by Parker to approve pre-paid invoices in the amount of \$2,042,656.43, claims in the amount of \$272,824.95, and Commissioner Reimbursements (mileage) in the amount of \$951.82. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker & Wing. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- d. Approval of Resolution #17-11, Resolution to Honor Kathleen Courtney, Commission on Aging Account Clerk, Upon Her Retirement. **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Smelker, seconded by Gibson to approve Resolution #17-11, Resolution to Honor Kathleen Courtney, Commission on Aging Account Clerk, upon her retirement. Special Presentation was made by Commissioner Geiger to Kathleen Courtney by reading the Resolution into the record, and attached hereto. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker & Wing. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- e. Approval of resolution #17-12, Resolution of Authorization for the 2016 Homeland Security Grant Program Intergovernmental Funding Agreement between the County of Van Buren and the County of Barry, and authorize the Chairman or County Administrator to sign the Agreement. **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Smelker, seconded by Jackson to approve Resolution #17-12, Resolution of Authorization for the 2016 Homeland Security Grant Program Intergovernmental Funding Agreement between the County of Van Buren and the County of Barry, and authorize the Chairman or County Administrator to sign the Agreement. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker & Wing. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- f. Approval of Resolution #17-13, to authorize the Barry County Clerk to submit and execute a Grant Agreement on behalf of Barry County to the State of Michigan to receive Federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) and State appropriated funds to acquire and implement a replacement voting system for a 10-year contract term. **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Smelker, seconded by Conner to approve Resolution #17-13, to authorize the Barry County Clerk to submit and execute a Grant Agreement on behalf of Barry County to the State of Michigan to receive Federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) and State appropriated funds to acquire and implement a replacement voting system for a 10-year contract term. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker & Wing. Nays: None. Motion carried.

8. (f) Approval to award the Courts and Law Control Bid to Havel, a division of Shambaugh & Son LP for an amount not to exceed \$50,500 with funds to be paid from the Building Rehabilitation Fund. Discussion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker & Wing. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board of Commissioners discussed with Sandra Kozan from the Commission on Aging the implementation of the new pay scale for Commission on Aging employees.

Recess at 10:08 am. Resume meeting at 10:20 am with all commissioners present.

11.

- g. Approval of Resolution #17-14, Resolution to Approve Ballot Proposal for County Bonds to Fund New Commission on Aging Project. **(roll call vote)**

The Board of Commissioners discussed approval of Resolution #17-14, Resolution to Approve Ballot Proposal for County Bonds to Fund New Commission on Aging Project, and it was adjourned to the Board of Commissioner meeting on July 11, 2017 at 9:00 am.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

13. NEW BUSINESS: None.

14. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Meghan Korndyk from Representative Julie Calley's office gave a legislative update regarding teacher pension reform, opiate epidemic/prescription drug abuse, and House Bill 4184 – allowing one meeting per year to be attended by video conference. In addition, Rep. Calley will be holding June office hours in the County Commission room on Monday, June 19 from 1:00 to 2:30 pm.

15. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: The auditors are finalizing the audit draft and it will be available tomorrow for distribution. The auditors will be presenting the audit to the Committee of the Whole on June 20, 2017, and the Board of Commissioners will be asked to approve the audit on June 27, 2017. Also, Standard & Poors has contacted administration regarding a bond rating review.

16. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Chair Geiger attended the Cherry Street Health ground breaking event and Judicial Council last week. Also, new security badges have been printed and are available for pickup.

17. VICE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Vice Chair Jackson reported that he attended township meetings at Barry, Hope & Rutland Township, and an EDA Board meeting as well as the Circuit Court open house.
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):
 - Patricia Johns commented on Barry County being part of the 13 county MDOT grand region & there is a public forum with updated maps from 4 – 7:30 pm. Barry County Parks & Recreation Board has a board member who is intent on creating a water trail in Barry County. DNR grants will be difficult to qualify for a grant since it is based on accessibility and other requirements.
 - Tammy Pennington commented on the Commission on Aging and accountability to the public regarding implementation of the salary study.
 - Rick Moore commented on the number of hours that are volunteered at Charlton Park.
 - Sharon Zebrowski commented as a member of the Commission on Aging Board regarding three meetings held on the compensation study and suggested that the commissioners need to back their boards.
20. OTHER BUSINESS: None.
21. ADJOURNMENT: None.

Ben Geiger, Chair
Barry County Board of Commissioners

Pamela A. Palmer, Barry County Clerk

Approved: 6/27/2017 PPalmer
Date approved & initials



Resolution

RESOLUTION TO HONOR KATHLEEN COURTNEY, COMMISSION ON AGING ACCOUNT CLERK, UPON HER RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Kathy Courtney began her career with Barry County as the Account Clerk at the Commission on Aging on May 22, 1978; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Courtney has served the people of Barry County as a hard-working, dedicated public servant; and

WHEREAS, During her tenure, Kathy oversaw an agency budget that grew from a modest \$175,000 to over \$1,600,000; and

WHEREAS, For nearly fifteen (15) years, Kathy assisted Barry County's lower income older adults in applying for federal and state tax credits during each year's income tax preparation season; and

WHEREAS, Kathy helped establish the Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP) in Barry County, directing a team of six (6) highly skilled volunteers who counsel hundreds of Medicare/Medicaid enrollees annually; and

WHEREAS, Kathy used her interest in animals, cultivated through years of involvement with the Barry County 4-H program, to help establish and coordinate a Pet Meals on Wheels program, in partnership with the Barry County Humane Society.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Barry County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the citizens, extends sincere appreciation to Kathleen Courtney for her years of dedicated service, and wishes her many years of health, happiness, and success in her future endeavors.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ben Geiger", is written over a horizontal line.

Benjamin D. Geiger, Chairperson
Barry County Board of Commissioners

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Pamela A. Palmer", is written over a horizontal line.

Pamela A. Palmer
Barry County Clerk

Adopted 06/13/2017