

Barry County Board of Commissioners  
July 11, 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, David Jackson, Dan Parker, Jon Smelker and Heather Wing. Also present: Deputy Clerk Kim Gravelle.
5. APPROVAL OF WRITTEN AGENDA: (including consent items & items for discussion)  
  
Moved by Gibson, seconded by Smelker to approve the written agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.
6. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minutes per person)
  - Sheriff Leaf presented statistics for the month of June;
  - Sharon Zebrowski reported on the upcoming Civil War Muster & barn dance at Charlton Park.
7. VARIOUS CORRESPONDENCE: None.
8. Consent Items (voted upon at one time by roll call vote):
  - a. Approval of June 27, 2017 Board of Commissioners meeting minutes.
  - b. Approval of July 5, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes.  
**(roll call vote)**  
Moved by Gibson, 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.
9. PRESENTATIONS: Peter D. Ter Louw, President & Executive Director - Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy Update
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 \$3,194,294.73
  - b. Approval of claims in the amount of \$120,273.59
  - c. Approval of Commissioner Reimbursements (mileage) in the amount of \$538.33 **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Conner, seconded by Smelker to approve pre-paid invoices in the amount of \$3,194,294.73, claims in the amount of \$120,273.59, and Commissioner Reimbursements (mileage) in the amount of \$538.33. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker & Wing. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Conner, seconded by Parker to approve Resolution #17-14, Resolution to Approve Ballot Proposal for County Bonds to Fund the New Commission on Aging Project. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker & Wing. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- e. Approval to designate the Board Chair and County Administrator to sign and process all necessary forms to complete the acceptance of the Edythe Marshall Estate/Trust for the Barry County Animal Shelter and to direct all portions to go into the Animal Shelter Donation fund. **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Conner, seconded by Jackson for the approval to designate the Board Chair and County Administrator to sign and process all necessary forms to complete the acceptance of the Edythe Marshall estate/Trust for the Barry County Animal Shelter and to direct all portions to go into the Animal Shelter Donation fund. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker & Wing. Nays: None. Motion carried.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.
13. NEW BUSINESS: None.
14. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: None.
15. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: None.
16. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Chairman Geiger reported on the 10-year anniversary of the TOST regulations and he stated that he will have a proposal on the next Committee of the Whole agenda to hear from citizens about improving TOST regulations.
17. VICE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Vice Chair Jackson reported on various meetings & committees.

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)
  - Tammy Pennington thanked the commissioners for moving the COA Building Project forward. She also reminded the commissioners that next Tuesday is Senior day at the fair, featuring local bluegrass entertainment. Also, August 17 is Jungle Fever Picnic on the lawn at the Commission on Aging.
  - Rick Moore spoke about the trails, land conservancy and the Gas & Steam Show at Charlton Park. He also thanked Commissioners Geiger & former Commissioner Dull for their help at the pancake breakfast. He is looking forward to seeing everyone at the fair and Civil War Enactment.
20. OTHER BUSINESS: None.
21. ADJOURNMENT: at 9:53 am.

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Ben Geiger, Chair  
Barry County Board of Commissioners

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Pamela A. Palmer  
Barry County Clerk

Approved: 7/25/2017 PPalmer  
Dated & Initials