

Barry County Board of Commissioners
July 25, 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 Parker.
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)

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Parker to approve the written agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.
6. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT: (3 minutes per person)
 - Shelly Lake introduced herself to the commissioners and she has applied for the Animal Shelter Director position.
7. VARIOUS CORRESPONDENCE: Commissioner Geiger received an invitation from the Commission on Aging for the Jungle Fever event on August 17 from 10:30 to 12:30.
8. CONSENT ITEMS (voted upon at one time by roll call vote):
 - a. Approval of July 11, 2017 Board of Commissioners meeting minutes.
 - b. Approval of July 18, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes.
 - c. Approval to appoint David Jackson as Officer Delegate and Ben Geiger as Officer Alternate to attend the 2017 Municipal Employees Retirement System Annual meeting, and to approve paying the expenses for the Officer Delegate and the Employee Delegate to attend on September 21 and 22, 2017 at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center.
(roll call vote)
Moved by Jackson, seconded by Gibson to approve the consent items listed above. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker & Wing.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

9. PRESENTATIONS: None
10. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None
11. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION (roll call vote indicated)
 - a. Approval of transfers and disbursements:
Approval of claims in the amount of \$51,256.60 **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Smelker, seconded by Wing to approve claims in the amount of \$51,256.60.
Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker & Wing. Nays: None.
Motion carried.
 - b. Approval of Resolution #17-15 Resolution – Crystal Lake Dam Repair/Maintenance Excess Spending Authorization. **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Smelker, seconded by Parker for the approval of Resolution #17-15 Resolution – Crystal Lake Dam Repair/Maintenance Excess Spending Authorization. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker & Wing. Nays: None. Motion carried.
 - c. Approval of Resolution #17-16 Authorizing Special Assessment Anticipation Note for the Payment of Preliminary Costs on the Gun Lake Dam Project. **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Smelker, seconded by Conner for the approval of Resolution #17-16 Authorizing Special Assessment Anticipation Note for the Payment of Preliminary Costs on the Gun Lake Dam Project. 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: Michael Brown reported that he attended 1-1/2 days last week at the Michigan State University Board retreat for the Municipal Employees Retirement System & the board did not make any changes in the actuarial assumptions. MAC reported in the State Budget that the governor approved a 1% increase in the county revenue sharing, which means about a million dollar revenue to the county. We have received approximately 23 applicants for the Animal Shelter Director position. He and Commissioner Jackson will be reviewing & determining who will be recommended to the Board of Commissioners for an interview. The budget is being worked on & will be presented to the Commissioners in early August.
16. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Commissioner Geiger reported receiving a phone call from the White House and an invitation to attend the Michigan County Commissioners White House Conference and White House tour on August 8, 2017. The purpose is to establish a working relationship between the White House and the County Commissioners. The deadline to apply to attend this event is Friday, August 28, 2017.

17. VICE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Commissioner Jackson reported attending the Economic Development Advisory Board meeting on July 12, 2017, and the Rutland Township meeting. He attended the Barry County Fair on July 18, 2017. He attended the Animal Shelter Advisory Board meeting where they discussed the process for hiring a new director. He will be attending the Health Board meeting on August 27, 2017.
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):
 - Larry Bass commented on TOST and the cost to the local taxpayers.
 - Branden Sinclair introduced himself as the West Michigan Constituent Relations Representative for Attorney General Bill Schuette, and he presented his business card to each of the commissioners. His email contact is SinclairB@Michigan.gov.
 - Jim Dull commended Chair Geiger to open an avenue to the public regarding the TOST. He indicated that the Department of Health should be footing the money for the TOST review.
 - Jim Brown commented on the TOST review in residential areas.
20. OTHER BUSINESS: None.
21. ADJOURNMENT at 9:26 am.

Ben Geiger, Chair
Barry County Board of Commissioners

Pamela A. Palmer
County Clerk

Approved: _____
Dated & Initials