

Please be advised that the Barry County Board of Commissioners has scheduled a
Special Board of Commissioners meeting
on July 16, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of:

AGENDA
for the Barry County Board of Commissioners
July 16, 2018; 9:00 a.m.;
Tyden Center, 121 S Church St, Hastings
For more information go to www.barrycounty.org

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Attendance Roll Call
3. Limited Public Comment
4. Drain Commissioner Dull - Resolution Authorizing the Advance and Reimbursement of Funds for Emergency Flooding Relief of Crooked Lake Within the Watson Drain Drainage District
5. Adjournment

Ben Geiger, Chair
Barry County Board of Commissioners

Unless otherwise posted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Board of Commissioners meetings are held at the Barry County Courthouse, Commissioners Chambers, 220 W. State St., Hastings, MI 49058. Questions regarding the meeting may be addressed to Michael Brown, Barry County Administrator, Barry County Courthouse, 220 W. State St., Hastings, MI 49058; (269) 945-1284.

Meetings of the Barry County Board of Commissioners are open to all without regard to race, sex, color, age, national origin, religion, height, weight, marital status, political affiliation, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability. Barry County will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon four (4) business days notice to the County. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the County by writing or calling: Michael Brown, County Administrator, Barry County, 220 W. State St., Hastings, MI 49058; 269-945-1284.

Only members of the Barry County Board of Commissioners shall be given the floor to speak during any Board meeting, except 1) Anyone who desires to speak under Limited Public Comment; 2) County officials and/or personnel may speak with the consent of the Chairperson; 3) Any person, with the consent of the Chairperson and/or a majority of the Board; 4) Public comment shall be limited to no more than three minutes per individual and at the times designated as stated above, except where extended privileges are granted by the Chairperson.



Resolution

BARRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVANCE AND REIMBURSEMENT OF FUNDS FOR EMERGENCY FLOODING RELIEF OF CROOKED LAKE WITHIN THE WATSON DRAIN DRAINAGE DISTRICT

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Barry County, Michigan, held in the Commissioner Chambers of the Barry County Courthouse, Hastings, Michigan, on July 16, 2018, at ___:___ a.m., local time.

PRESENT: Commissioners _____

ABSENT: Commissioners _____

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner _____ and supported by Commissioner: _____.

WHEREAS, the Barry County Drain Commissioner received a Petition dated March 20, 2018, requesting the maintenance and improvement to the Watson Drain located in the Townships of Barry and Prairieville, Barry County, Michigan, to relieve flooding in the Watson Drain Drainage District; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Michigan Drain Code, on May 7, 2018, the Drain Commissioner convened a Board of Determination which determined the necessity for the Watson Drain Project; and,

WHEREAS, Upper Crooked Lake, Lower Crooked Lake, Pleasant Lake, Glasby and Mud Lake ("Lake Basin") are all lakes within the Watson Drain Drainage District ("Drainage District") and are low lying areas within the Drainage District that naturally serve as basin for the watershed in the area and are prone to flooding due to insufficient drainage; and,

WHEREAS, since receiving the Petition, recent high water and heavy rains have caused severe flooding of property and have created an emergency and public health situation for hundreds of property owners located within the Lake Basin, and

WHEREAS, County Officials and consultants have been working on solutions to ease the burden of the property owners within the Lake Basin including but not limited to the following:

- Continued meetings with the MDEQ, MDNR and MDOT to determine possible remedies that will alleviate flooding within the Drainage District that will be in compliance with environmental laws and any such permitting requirements;
- Consulting with hydrogeologists, limnologists and scientists as necessary to determine such remedies for flooding for the petitioned Watson Drain improvements;
- Surveys of the lake levels and properties effected;
- Installation of staff and rain gauges to monitor hydrologic components with the Drainage District;
- Exploration of acquiring property rights to pump water from Upper or Lower Crooked Lakes for flood relief;
- Exploration of purchasing pumping equipment to pump water as necessary for flood relief;
- Exploration of emergency construction work, as necessary, for flood relief;

- o Engineering, legal and other necessary consulting work for flood relief and improvements of the Watson Drain to satisfy the Watson Drain Maintenance and Improvement Petition; and,

WHEREAS, in order to undertake immediate efforts to address the flooding within the Lake Basin and to proceed with the preliminary design of the Watson Drain Project, the Drain Commissioner, on behalf of the Watson Drain Drainage District, has requested funding from the County of \$500,000 which will be reimbursed by the Drainage District upon final bonding of the project; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board of Commissioners hereby appropriates \$500,000 to be transferred to the Watson Drain Drainage District fund to pay for emergency relief for property owners within the Lake Basin and the preliminary costs and expenditures for the Watson Drain project in the amount of \$500,000 which will be reimbursed by the Drainage District upon final bonding of the project.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Benjamin D. Geiger, Chairperson
Barry County Board of Commissioners

Pamela A. Palmer
Barry County Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
)ss.
COUNTY OF BARRY)

I, Pamela A. Palmer, County Clerk for the County of Barry, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct excerpt of the proceedings of the Barry County Board of Commissioners at their regular session held on July 16, 2018 in the City of Hastings, County of Barry, State of Michigan.

Pamela A. Palmer
Barry County Clerk
Adopted 7/16/18