

Barry County Board of Commissioners  
February 13, 2018; 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. Those present stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
3. Moment of Silence/Invocation by Commissioner Conner.
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)  
Sharon Zebrowski asked to have item (f) removed from the agenda and placed under items for consideration. Item (d) should be stricken, and item (g) should end after “expires on 12/31/20” and the remainder stricken.

The agenda is approved as amended without objection.

6. REPORTS FROM STATE AND COUNTY OFFICERS:
  - Megan Korndyke gave a report on behalf of Julie Calley with regard to legislative update at the State level. She will be holding office hours in Barry County on February 26, 2018 from 1 – 2 pm in the Mezzanine of the Barry County Court House.
  - Dar Leaf gave an update of the jail statistics for January, 2018, in comparison to jail statistics from five years ago. He, along with Pete Nevins and Steve Lehman from the sheriff’s department gave a demonstration of the new diving equipment.
7. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT: (3 minutes per person)
  - Joyce Snow thanked the commissioners for their appointment of new people to the various boards, and asked if Commissioner Geiger was able to find the link to the additional case law pertaining to TOST. Chair Geiger declined to respond during public comment.
  - Doris Hale commented that the strategic planning for Charlton Park was largely put together by Lloyd Kilmer and she would be willing to relinquish her position on the Charlton Park Board to make room for Lloyd Kilmer on the board.

- Rick Moore commented that Lloyd Kilmer was an excellent volunteer for Charlton Park.

- Sharon Zebrowski commented as Chair of the Charlton Park Board on behalf of Lloyd Kilmer.

8. VARIOUS CORRESPONDENCE: Commissioner Geiger received a letter from the Attorney for the Gun Lake Protected Association, urging the board of Commissioners to reject the Text Amendment.
9. CONSENT ITEMS (voted upon at one time by roll call vote):
  - a. Approval of January 23, 2018 Board of Commissioners meeting minutes.
  - b. Approval of February 6, 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes.
  - c. Approval to appoint Robert Vanderboegh to serve on the Barry County Agricultural Promotion Board in a position representing Agricultural Interest for a three-year term that began on 1/1/18 and expires on 12/31/20.
  - d. (This item was stricken from the Consent Items.)
  - e. Approval to appoint Tim McGavin to serve on the Barry County Animal Shelter Advisory Board in Citizen at Large position for the remainder of a two-year term that began on 1/1/17 and expires on 12/31/18.
  - f. (Removed to Items for Consideration).
  - g. Approval to appoint Don Hutchens to serve on the Parks and Recreation Board in a Citizen at Large position for a three-year term that began on 1/1/18 and expires on 12/31/20.
  - h. To approve, in accordance with the Airport Commission Joint Operating Agreement, the expenditure of up to \$15,000 for the Michigan Department of Transportation Bureau of Aeronautics to certify the Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI) lighting system at the Hastings City/Barry County Airport and to approve an amendment to the Hastings City/Barry County Airport Budget (Fund #295) increasing expenditure line item #295-895-979-000 from \$4,150 to \$19,150.
  - i. Denial of the requested rezoning text amendment A-1-18 submitted by Lucas Spoor which was asking to allow marinas in the Mixed Use district. **(roll call vote)**

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

10. PRESENTATIONS: Chair Geiger delivered the 2018 State of the County presentation.
11. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None
12. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION (roll call vote indicated)
  - a. Approval of transfers and disbursements:  
Approval of pre-paid invoices in the amount of \$3,477,470.56
  - b. Approval of Claims in the amount of \$152,352.10
  - c. Approval of Commissioner Reimbursements (mileage) in the amount of \$640.76 **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Smelker to approve pre-paid invoices in the amount of \$3,477,470.56, claims in the amount of \$152,352.10, and Commissioner Reimbursements (mileage) in the amount of \$640.76. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker and Wing. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- d. Approval to appoint Carrie Larabee to serve on the Barry County Community Corrections Advisory Board in a position representing Communications Media for a three-year term that began on 1-1-18 and expires on 12-31-20. **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Jackson to appoint Carrie Larabee to serve on the Barry County Community Corrections Advisory Board in a position representing Communications Media for a three-year term that began on 1-1-18 and expires on 12-31-20.

Moved by Parker, seconded by Wing to table the question to the next Board of Commissioners meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

- e. (f) Approval to appoint Colleen Acker and Robert Spaulding to serve on the Charlton Park Village & Museum Board, in Citizen at Large positions for three-year terms beginning on 1/1/18 and expiring on 12/31/20.

Sharon Zebrowski was recognized by Chair Geiger to make a case for the appointment of Lloyd Kilmer.

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Parker to appoint Colleen Acker and Robert Spaulding to serve on the Charlton Park Village & Museum Board, in Citizen at large positions for three-year terms beginning on 1/1/18 and expiring on 12/31/20. Discussion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker, and Wing. Nays. None. Motion carried.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.
14. NEW BUSINESS: None.
15. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: None.
16. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: None.
17. VICE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Commissioner Jackson indicated that the Economic Development Alliance Board met last Wednesday, and the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority will meet next Wednesday where they will be reviewing their first proposal.
18. COMMISSIONER REPORTS (FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA): Each commissioner reported on their various committees, boards, events and meetings.
19. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES PER PERSON)
  - Teri Enrietti – Vice Chair of the GOP announced that the GOP meeting will be held on February 19, 2018 @ 911 Dispatch.
  - Patricia Johns announced that she is eager to hear about Chair Geiger's recruiting techniques for volunteers.
  - John Resseguie commented on Lloyd Kilmer's service on the Charlton Park Board.
  - Jim Enrietti commented on the need for a traffic light at the Walmart intersection or rerouting of traffic for the safety of the citizens of Barry County.
  - Dar Leaf announced that the Church Safety Summit will be held at Thornapple Valley Church on Friday at 9:00 am.
20. OTHER BUSINESS: None.

21. ADJOURNMENT at 10:41 am.

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Ben Geiger, Chair  
Barry County Board of Commissioners

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Pamela A. Palmer, County Clerk

Approved: 2/27/2018 PPalmer  
Date & Initial