

Barry County Board of Commissioners
February 27, 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. Moment of Silence/Invocation by Commissioner Geiger.
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)

Without objection, the agenda was approved as written.
6. REPORTS FROM STATE AND COUNTY OFFICERS: None.
7. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT: (3 minutes per person)
 - John Howe commented in favor of the TOST system.
8. VARIOUS CORRESPONDENCE: Commissioner Geiger read the attached letter from Theresa Enrietti, Chair of the Compensation Commission into the record. He also commented that he had received correspondence from Brenda Schild, member of the Compensation Commission, thanking him for the opportunity to serve on the committee.
9. CONSENT ITEMS: (voted upon at one time by roll call vote):
 - a. Approval of February 13, 2018 Board of Commissioners Organizational meeting minutes.
 - b. Approval of February 20, 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes.
 - c. Approval of the attached Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Brownfield Grant Application for Stickmann Baeckerei, located in Section 20 of Yankee Springs Township.
 - d. Approval of a one-time expenditure of up to \$107,657.25 from the Building Rehabilitation Fund for roof replacement on the Carlton Center Church, Upjohn House/Office, Upjohn Carriage House, and Main Street Complex (General Store, Hardware Store, Print Shop.)

- e. Approval to re-appoint Catherine Getty to serve as the Thornapple Area Parks & Recreation representative on the Parks and Recreation Board for a three-year term that began on 1/1/18 and expires on 12-31-20, as requested by the Chairperson of the Thornapple Area Parks and Recreation Commission.
- f. Approval of the proposal from CBIZ Retirement Plan Services in the amount of \$11,000 to complete the December 31, 2017 Actuarial Valuation of Other Post Employment Benefits (health and life insurance) for Barry County in compliance with GASB Statement No. 45. **(roll call vote)**

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

Recess at 9:10 am. Resume meeting at 9:14 a.m. with all commissioners present.

- 10. PRESENTATIONS: None
- 11. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None
- 12. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION: (roll call vote indicated)
 - a. Approval of transfers and disbursements:
 - b. Approval of claims in the amount of \$81,941.61 **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Smelker, for approval of claims in the amount of \$81,941.61. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker and Wing. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- c. 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 Wing, for 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. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker and Wing. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- d. Approval of Resolution #18-04, Resolution – Upper Crooked Lake, Lake Level Repair/Maintenance; Excess Spending Authorization. **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Smelker, for approval of Resolution #1804, Resolution – Upper Crooked Lake, Lake Level Repair/Maintenance, Excess Spending Authorization. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker and Wing. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- e. Approval to authorize the submission of the Risk Avoidance Program Application and Funding for court security improvements. **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Smelker, for approval to authorize the submission of the Risk Avoidance Program Application and Funding for court security improvements. Roll call vote.
Ayes: Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker and Wing. Nays: Conner. Motion carried.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.
14. NEW BUSINESS: None.
15. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Michael Brown indicated that the auditors are here conducting their "field work" for the next 2 weeks and will be working in the mezzanine. Michael Brown was asked to check into the risk factor and any legal factors regarding a request from Easton Level who recently asked for permission to hunt on property adjacent to Charlton Park. After looking into this, Mr. Level has been advised that there are no concerns with him utilizing his property which is within 10 – 20 feet of a 400 foot buffer zone. In addition, Michael advised that he has provided the Board of Commissioners with a copy of the Compensation Commission Report.
16. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Chair Geiger commented on the recent significant flooding in Barry County and the Emergency Management Department excelled in their ability to handle this emergency. Chair Geiger attended the Planning Commissioner meeting last night & permission was granted for the Bay Point Woods expansion. In addition, there is a public hearing regarding TOST in Eaton County tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. He also reminded the commissioners of their appointment reform process obligations which are due April 3, 2018.
17. VICE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Commissioner Jackson reported that there was no JPA meeting or Animal Shelter meeting this month. He attended the Brownfield Redevelopment meeting on 12/14/18 which this board recently approved the Stickmann project. He also reminded the commissioners of the TOST meeting in Eaton County tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m., which can be attended in person or by video conference at the Barry Health Department.
18. COMMISSIONER REPORTS (FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA) – Each commissioner reported on their various committees, board, events and meetings.
19. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT: (3 minutes per person) – None.
20. OTHER BUSINESS: None.
21. ADJOURNMENT: at 9:36 a.m.

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Pamela A. Palmer, County Clerk

Approved: 2/27/2018 PPalmer
Date and Initial