

Barry County Board of Commissioners - Committee of the Whole
January 16, 2018; 9:00 a.m.; Commission Chambers
MINUTES

Members Present: Commissioners Ben Geiger, Howard Gibson, David Jackson, Dan Parker, Jon Smelker, and Heather Wing. Absent: Vivian Conner. Clerk Pam Palmer was also present.

Others present: Michael Brown, Luella Dennison, Jean Gallup, Doug VanderLaan, Dep. Tim Allen, Jack Miner, Rick Moore, Sharon Zebrowski, Larry Bass, Ron King, Patricia Johns, Joyce Snow, Bill Voigt, Matt Houchlei, Jim and Teri Enrietti, Larry Neil, Bob Vanderboegh, Travis Alden, and David Shinavier.

Chair Geiger called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Those present stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Patricia Johns encouraged the Commissioners to approve Rick Moore to the Barry County Parks & Recreation Board in the position representing the Thornapple Trail Association.

BILL VOIGT – FY 2019 Resolution of Intent to File Grant Application

Moved by Parker, seconded by Gibson to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of Resolution #18-02, Resolution of Intent to Apply for State and Federal Operating and Capital Assistance for the 2019 Fiscal Year and appoint William Voigt as the Transportation Coordinator, authorized to provide such information as deemed necessary by the State Transportation commission or department for its administration of Act 51, and sign and execute all agreements and documents. All ayes. Absent: Conner. Motion carried.

DAVID SHINAVIER – Office Productivity Software Purchase

Moved by Jackson, seconded by Wing to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approving the low bid of \$35,968.20 from Dell Inc. to purchase 140 licenses of Microsoft Office 2016. All ayes. Absent: Conner. Motion carried.

MATT HOUCHLEI – Request for Full-Time Control One Assistant Monitor Position

Moved by Jackson, seconded by Smelker to recommend to the Board of Commissioners authorization for the creation of a full-time position as an Assistant to the Control One Monitor. Discussion.

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Parker to postpone this issue to the March 6, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting. All ayes. Absent: Conner. Motion carried.

Recess at 9:50. Reconvened at 10:00 am with all commissioners present, absent Conner.

TRAVIS ALDEN - 2018 Economic Development Services Agreement

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Parker to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of the Agreement for Economic Development Services between Barry County and the Barry County Economic Development Alliance and its parent organization the Barry County Chamber of Commerce for the period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. All ayes. Absent: Conner. Motion carried.

TRAVIS ALDEN and MICHAEL BROWN - Appointment to Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

Moved by Parker, seconded by Jackson to recommend to the Board of Commissioners appointing Dan King to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority to fill the remainder of a term being vacated by Jerry Czarnecki that began 8/22/2017 and ends 12/31/2019. All ayes. Absent: Conner. Motion carried.

MICHAEL BROWN - Appointment of Thornapple Trail Association stakeholder representative to Parks & Recreation Board.

Moved by Jackson, seconded by Wing to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval to re-appoint Rick Moore to serve on the Barry County Parks and Recreation Board in the position representing the Thornapple Trail Association for a three-year term that began on 1/1/17 and expires on 12/31/19 as recommended by the Thornapple Trails Association. All ayes. Absent: Conner. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Joyce Snow expressed appreciation to Bill Voigt, along with Commissioners Gibson and Smelker for the services offered by Barry Transit to the citizens of Barry County.
- Travis Alden distributed flyers with dates for the 2018 Chamber of Commerce events.
- Bob Vanderboegh was encouraged by the transportation report, and expressed that he thought the drain commissioner was doing better than in the past, and commented on the volunteerism of Rick Moore. These are in stark contrast to the Barry-Eaton District Health Department.
- Larry Bass commented on several area press releases from the Barry-Eaton District Health regarding TOST.
- Larry Neil expressed confusion on the recent TOST issues and feels like the Health Department and the commissioners are going in two different directions.

ADJOURNMENT at 10:16 am

Ben Geiger, Chair
Barry County Board of Commissioners

Pamela A. Palmer, County Clerk

Approved: _____
Date & Initial

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