

Barry County Board of Commissioners - Committee of the Whole  
November 7, 2017; 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, Amy Kinyon, Dep. Tim Allen, Jack Miner, Rick Moore, Dave Shinavier, Sharon Zebrowski, Robert Vanderboegh, Ron King, Larry Bass, Jim and Teri Enrietti, Jim Yarger, Jim McManus, Ines Straube, Patricia Johns, Chelsey Foster, Mark Noteboom, Dan Patton, Stephanie Lehman, Tim Neeb, Matt Houchlei, Don Haney, Joyce Snow, Doris Hale, John Resseguie, Kerri Selleck, and Olivia Wing.

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

Those present stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Patricia Johns handed out MDOT maps of the North and South Grand Region Road and Trail Bicycling Guide

Interview for DHHS Board (Re-appointment) – Chelsey Allen Foster

Interviewed from 9:02 am to 9:06 am.

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Parker to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval to re-appoint Chelsey Allen Foster to serve on the Department of Health and Human Services Board for a three-year term beginning on November 1, 2017 and expiring on October 31, 2020.

Discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

JIM MCMANUS – P.A. 116 Applications: 1) Geerlings Hillside Farms, LLC

Moved by Smelker, seconded by Jackson to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of the Michigan Department of Agriculture Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program application (more commonly known as PA 116) 17-13 for Geerlings Hillside Farms LLC in Section 5 of Carlton Township. Discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

2) Brook View Dairy, LLC

Moved by Smelker, seconded by Jackson to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of the Michigan Department of Agriculture Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program application (more commonly known as PA 116) 17-14 for Brook View Dairy LLC in Section 11 of Carlton Township. Discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

TIM NEEB – Snowplowing Bid Award

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Jackson to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval to award NTA Property Management LLC the 3-year snowplowing contract beginning November 15, 2017 and ending November 14, 2020. Discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

LUELLA DENNISON/STEPHANIE LEHMAN – 2018 Barry County Proposed Health Plans

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Jackson to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of the 2018 proposed Barry County Health Plans for Barry County employees as recommended by the Barry County Healthcare Cost Containment Committee. Discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

INES STRAUBE/MICHAEL BROWN – MIDC Proposal

Moved by Smelker, seconded by Gibson to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approving the attached Compliance Plan for Indigent Defense Standards 1 through 4 and submitting the Plan to the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission on or before November 20, 2017 in accordance with the requirements of the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission Act. Discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Recess at 9:40 am. Resume meeting at 9:45 am with all Commissioners present. Absent: Vivian Conner.

DAN PATTON - 1) Charlton Park Board Bylaws Amendments

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Wing to recommend to the Barry County Board of Commissioners approval to adopt the amended Bylaws of the Historic Charlton Park Village, Museum & Recreation Area Board. Discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

2) Charlton Park RFP for Roofing Replacement (multiple structures)

Moved by Wing, seconded by Smelker to recommend to the Barry County Board of Commissioners approval to authorize release of the roofing replacement RFP for Historic Charlton Park Village, Museum & Recreation Area Board. Discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

MICHAEL BROWN – 1) Airport Hangar Construction Bid Award

Moved by Smelker, seconded by Gibson, to recommend to the Board of Commissioners, in accordance with the Airport Commission Joint Operating Agreement, approval for the Airport Commission to award the bid from Steadfast Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$200,600 for construction of a hangar at the Hastings City/Barry County Airport. Discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

2) Budget Amendment C-17

Moved by Jackson, seconded by Smelker to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of Budget Amendment C-17. Discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

3) Life Insurance Benefit Proposals

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Smelker to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of the proposal from Unum to provide the life insurance benefit for Barry County employees for a three-year period beginning 1/1/18 through 12/31/21 and to authorize the County Administrator to sign the agreement. Discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

CHAIRPERSON GEIGER – Discussion Regarding Interviews for Boards & Commissions

Moved by Wing, seconded by Smelker to recommend to the Board of Commissioners development of a training program for boards and commissions and development of related informational materials. Discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Patricia Johns commented that she is in support of interviews for commissions & boards.
- Jim Enrietti suggested more information in advertising for commissions & boards.
- Sharon Zebrowski is in support of additional information in advertising for commissions & boards.

Michael Brown/Jim Yarger explained the Contingency line item increase in the amount of \$8,650 in the Emergency Management budget in Budget Amendment C-17, for emergency road repair to a private drive. Discussion occurred.

ADJOURNMENT at 10:53 am.

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Ben Geiger, Chair  
Barry County Board of Commissioners

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Pamela A. Palmer, County Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date & Initial

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