

Barry County Board of Commissioners - Committee of the Whole
March 20, 2018; 9:00 a.m.; Commission Chambers
MINUTES

Members Present: Commissioners Vivian Conner, Ben Geiger, Howard Gibson, Dan Parker, Jon Smelker, and Heather Wing. Absent: David Jackson. 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, Jim and Teri Enrietti, Bob Vanderboegh, Jim Dull, Dar Leaf, Doris Hale, Jim McManus, Craig Stolsonburg, Bob Becker, Deborah Hyatt, Linda Maupin, Gerald Pattok, Frank Jesenek, Michael Barney, Ashley James, Richard Thiemkey, Clyde Morgan, Mark Anderson, Aaron Staines, Jim Carey, 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 reminded the commissioners to listen and respect those persons interviewing for board positions because they are volunteers. She also mentioned that she checked out bike trails while recently on vacation and some areas are looking for ways to reduce conflicts between traffic and bikers.

Interview for Community Corrections Advisory Board (1 position representing Business Community):

Karen Ferrier did not interview due to a personal situation.

Interview for Tax Allocation Board (1 position):

Craig Stolsonburg interviewed from 9:02 a.m. to 9:05 a.m.

Moved by Smelker, seconded by Conner to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval to appoint Craig Stolsonburg to serve in the position of Citizen at Large, and David Jackson to serve in the position of County Commissioner, on the Barry County Tax Allocation Board for one (1) year terms that begin on 4-1-18 and expires on 3-31-19. All ayes. Motion carried.

Interviews for Community Mental Health Authority Board (4 positions, including 1 primary consumer and 1 secondary consumer):

Deborah Hyatt interviewed from 9:05 am to 9:09 am

Bob Becker interviewed from 9:09 am to 9:15 am

Linda Maupin interviewed from 9:15 am to 9:21 am

Recess at 9:22 a.m. Resume meeting at 9:39 a.m. with all commissioners present.

Gerald Pattok interviewed from 9:39 am to 9:45 am

Interview for Planning Commission (2 positions):
Joyce Snow interviewed from 9:45 a.m. to 9:54 a.m.
Michael Barney withdrew his application.

Interview for Parks & Recreation Board (2 positions):
Frank Jesenek interviewed from 9:54 a.m. to 10:02 a.m.

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Parker to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval to re-appoint Bob Becker, Deborah Hyatt, Linda Maupin and Gerald Pattok to serve on the Barry County Community Mental Health Authority Board for three (3) year terms that begin on 4-1-18 and expire on 3-31-21. All ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Parker, seconded by Wing to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval to appoint Frank Jesenek to serve in a Citizen at Large position on the Parks and Recreation Board for the remainder of a three-year term that began on 1/1/16 and expires on 12-31-18. All ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Conner, seconded by Gibson to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval to appoint Joyce Snow to serve on the Barry County Planning Commission for a three (3) year term beginning on 5/1/18 and expiring on 4/30/21. All ayes. Motion carried.

Interview for Zoning Board of Appeals (1 position):
Pamela Strode was unable to attend her interview due to a family emergency.

Ashley James - Resolution To Establish the Barry County Stepping Up Task Force

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Smelker to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of Resolution #18-06, a resolution to Establish the Barry County Stepping Up Task Force.

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Parker to amend the motion to appoint Jon Smelker as the Barry County Commissioner representative. All ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Smelker to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of Resolution #18-06, a resolution to Establish the Barry County Stepping Up Task Force. and approval to appoint Jon Smelker as the Barry County Commissioner representative. All ayes. Motion carried.

Recess as 10:33 a.m. Resume meeting at 10:44 a.m. with all commissioners present.

Jim McManus – 1) PA 116 Application for Jeffrey and Stacey Morton

Moved by Smelker, seconded by Gibson 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) 17-15 for Jeffrey and Stacey Morton in section 2 of Hastings Township. All ayes. Motion carried.

2) PA 116 Application for Robin Flessner

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Smelker 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) 18-1 through 18-5 for Robin Flessner in Sections 15 and 16 of Woodland Township. All ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Conner, seconded by Smelker to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval to enter into a services agreement with MEI Telecommunications, Inc., Delton, MI to provide broadband internet and telecom services for a three-year term and to authorize the County Administrator to sign the agreement. Discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

2) New Vehicle Purchase for IT Department

Moved by Smelker, seconded by Wing to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval to spend \$19,207.00 to purchase a 2018 Ford Escape through the MiDeal Program with funds to be paid from the Vehicle Fund. Discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Michael Brown – Amended/Restated Contract for Airport Management Service

Moved by Smelker, seconded by Conner to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of the Amended and Restated Hastings City/Barry County Airport Contract for Airport Management Service between the Hastings City/Barry County Airport Commission and Mark Noteboom for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020 as recommended by the Hastings City/Barry County Airport Commission. Discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Teri Enrietti invited the public to attend the Lincoln Day Dinner on May 2, 2018 from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. at the 3rd floor of the Waldorf. Tickets are \$40/person, and may be purchased online at www.barrygop2018@ventbrite.com or mail your check to PO Box 22, Hastings, Michigan. The guest speaker is Attorney General Bill Schuette. If you have any questions, please call Bob Price, GOP Chair at 1-269-671-4294.
- Sharon Zebrowski commented on the many cultural events that our community has to offer, such as the theater groups, arts council and the Thornapple Wind Band which will be performing this Friday at 7:00 p.m.
- Dar Leaf commented on an earlier comment made by Gerald Pattok on mental health issues in connection with shootings and grants for mental health programs.
- Clyde Morgan commented on the appointments by the commissioners and their insight in putting good people on county boards.
- Heather Wing encouraged everyone to notice the changes that spring brings to our outdoor surroundings, ie, green grass, flowers, and spring babies in the fields, etc. She also commented that today is National Ag Day!

Motion by Commissioner Conner, seconded by Commissioner Gibson, to approve mileage reimbursement for Commissioner Conner to attend the Pittman-Robertson and Dingell-Johnson grant roll out in Holland, Michigan. All ayes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Smelker, seconded by Parker to adjourn at 11:21 a.m.

Pamela A. Palmer, County Clerk

Approved: 3/26/2018 PPalmer
Date and Name