

Barry County Board of Commissioners - Committee of the Whole
February 21, 2017; 9:00 a.m.
Cabinet Building, 121 S. Church St., Hastings, MI
Minutes

Members Present: Commissioners Vivian Conner, Ben Geiger, Howard Gibson, Dan Parker, Jon Smelker, and David Jackson. Heather Wing joined the meeting at 9:03 am. Clerk Pam Palmer was also present.

Others present: Michael Brown, Luella Dennison, Jean Gallup, Amy Kinyon, Dep. Steve Pitsch, Jack Miner, John Resseguie, Rick Moore, Dave Shinavier, Sharon Zebrowski, Jim Brown, Matt Houchlei, Bob VanPutten, Dave Beckering, Mark Anderson, Ines Straube, Jan Otto, Jim & Teri Enrietti, Craig Stolsonburg, Dave Tossava, Mike Snyder, Ted DeVries, Doris Hale, Travis Alden, Jack Ward, Emily Jasperse, Tim Neeb, Al Graves, and Michelle Pitsch

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

Those present stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance

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PUBLIC COMMENT (Limited to 3 minutes):

- Jim Brown commented that it was nice to be able to see the Board of Commissioners without looking around posts.
- Emily Jasperse commented that she was not happy with the name of the Cabinet Building & suggested that the commissioners should have sought public input before choosing a name.
- Ted DeVries thanked Commissioner Conner for her attendance at the Prairieville Twp. meetings & commented on the negative publicity received by the Southwest Barry Sewer & Water Authority.
- John Resseguie advised that he had also received several negative comments regarding the name of the Cabinet Building.
- Jim Enrietti commended Commissioner Jackson for his work regarding the Southwest Barry Sewer & Water Authority & commented on their "secretive" meetings.
- Commissioner Gibson commented that he had also received negative comments from the public regarding the lack of public input in naming the Cabinet Building.

1) Microsoft Server Operating System and Email Software Upgrade Licensing

Moved by Parker, seconded by Conner to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of the request to purchase 2016 Microsoft Licenses for County Servers and E-Mail Server, from Dell Inc. in the amount of \$40,693.84 with funds to be paid from the Data Processing Fund. All ayes. Motion carried.

2) Replacement of Emergency Notification System (Panic Buttons)

After discussion with David Shinavier, Matt Houchlei and the Board of Commissioners, this item will be resubmitted at a later date, with additional information.

TIM NEEB – Request for Courthouse Plaster Repair

Moved by Jackson, seconded by Gibson to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval to spend up to \$10,000 on plaster repair in the Historic Barry County Courthouse with funds to be paid from the Building Rehabilitation Fund. Discussion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker & Wing. Nays: Conner. Motion carried.

INES STRAUBE – Appointment of Jan Otto as an Attorney Magistrate

Moved by Smelker, seconded by Wing to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval to appoint Jan Otto as an attorney magistrate. Discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

MICHAEL BROWN - Renewal of Agreement for Economic Development Services

Moved by Parker, seconded by Jackson, to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of the Agreement for Economic Development Alliance and its parent organization, the Barry County Chamber of Commerce, for the period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. Discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Al Graves commended Commissioner Jackson for his service on the Southwest Barry Sewer & Water Authority Board, and congratulated Commissioner Geiger for his appointment as Chair of the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Graves presented each of the commissioners with a handout with suggestions for building a new jail.
- Travis Alden commented that he recently completed the 2017 Barry County Leadership program & thanked the administration for this learning opportunity.
- Jim Brown commented on the ability to enter the Cabinet Building without the need for security monitors and is glad that we are renovating the historic courthouse for future use.

- Sharon Zebrowski thanked the commissioners for the opportunity to tour the newly renovated Cabinet Building & mentioned that it was Commissioner Ben Geiger's birthday.
- Michael Brown & Luella Dennison presented Chair Ben Geiger with a birthday cake & everyone present sang "Happy Birthday".

ADJOURNMENT: at 10:04 am.

Ben Geiger, Chair
Barry County Board of Commissioners

Pamela A. Palmer
Barry County Clerk

Approved: 2/28/17 PPalmer
Date & Initial when approved