

BARRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
August 15, 2017; 9:00 a.m.; Commission Chambers
MINUTES

Members Present: Commissioners Vivian Conner, Ben Geiger, Howard Gibson, Dan Parker, Jon Smelker, David Jackson, and Heather Wing. 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, Matt Houchlei, Elden Shellenbarger, Larry Bass, Robert Vanderboegh, Ron King, Don Hunt, Julie Nakfoor-Pratt, John Resseguie, Richard Tinkler, Sherry Phillips, Duane Weeks, Brian Urqhart, Bill Redman, Jim McManus and Errin 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:

- Elden Shellenbarger informed the commissioners that the Eaton County Health Board is meeting tomorrow at 7:00 pm and they will be discussing rescinding the TOST ordinance.
- Sherry Phillips informed the commissioners that she had an extremely hard time with the county phone system when trying to contact the Barry-Eaton District Health Department regarding the rat infestation at the old Feed Mill in Hastings.
- Sharon Zebrowski commented that the Bristol Inn at Charlton Park has a map of a proposed Clinton-Kalamazoo Canal which was to provide a shortcut through Michigan, connecting Lake St. Clair to Lake Michigan.
- Jack Miner informed the commissioners that the Barry-Eaton Health Department will be meeting next Thursday at 7:00 pm to approve the 2017-2018 budget. Included in that budget is a raise for three of the executives of the Barry-Eaton Health Department in the amount of 9.6%.

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Wing 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) 117-03 for Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Tobias in Section 2 of Castleton Township. Discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

MICHAEL BROWN – Appointments to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

Moved by Jackson, seconded by Parker to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to appoint David Jackson and Cindy Vujea to the Barry County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for the term beginning 8/22/2017 and ending 12/31/2018; appointing Brian Urqhart and Jerry Czarnecki for the term beginning 8/22/2017 and ending 12/31/2019; and appointing Jim McManus, Travis Alden and Chelsey Foster for the term beginning 8/22/2017 and ending 12/31/2020. Discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Bill Redman encouraged the commissioners to eliminate the TOST ordinance.
- Bob Vanderboegh commented that the Barry-Eaton Health Department is asking for a 6% increase for the Environmental Health Permit fees.
- Larry Bass commented on the online TOST review, but believes it omits the question “Should a property owner require government permission to sell their property”?

ADJOURNMENT: at 9:24 am.

Ben Geiger, Chair
Barry County Board of Commissioners

Pamela A. Palmer
Barry County Clerk

Approved: 8/22/2017 PPalmer
Date & Initial when approved