

Barry County Board of Commissioners - Committee of the Whole  
August 7, 2018; 9:00 a.m.; Commission Chambers  
**MINUTES**

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

Others present: Michael Brown, Luella Dennison, Jean Gallup, Doug VanderLaan, Luke Froncheck, Dep. Steve Pitsch, Rick Moore, Sharon Zebrowski, Ron King, Patricia Johns, Joyce Snow, Bob Vanderboegh, Errin Wing, Olivia Wing, Cathy Young Gramze, Larry Bass, Jim McManus, Tim Neeb, Sharon Ritchie, Cheryl Reda, Ken Kirsch Jr., Tami Dickinson, Charles Krammin, and David Shinavier.

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

Those present stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recess at 9:01 a.m. to celebrate Heather Wing's birthday with cake & cookies. Resume meeting at 9:10 a.m. with all commissioners present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Charles Krammin commented on the water levels of Upper Crooked Lake and suggested the commissioners form a Blue Ribbon Committee or hire a consultant for a resolution to the excess water problem.
- Patricia Johns invited the public to attend the first meeting for the Parks and Recreation five-year plan renewal this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the 911 Building. She also commented on paving a portion of the Paul Henry Thornapple Trail. She also encouraged everyone to vote today.

**JIM MCMANUS – P.A. 116 Applications for Buehler Brothers Beef LLC**

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 applications (more commonly known as PA 116) 18-07, 18-08, 18-09, and 18-10 for Buehler Brothers Beef LLC in Sections 5, 9, and 11 of Carlton Township. All ayes. Motion carried.

**KEN KIRSCH – T.N.R. Grant Agreement with Bissell Pet Foundation**

Moved by Parker, seconded by Jackson, to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of the attached grant acceptance agreement in the amount of \$6,000 with the Bissell Pet Foundation to continue the TNR program with the addition of monies that can be used for personally owned cats at the discretion of the Director. All ayes. Motion carried.

TIM NEEB – 1) Bid Award for Carpet Replacement

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Parker to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval to award the Carpet Replacement Bid to Lansing Tile and Mosaic, Inc. at a price of \$17,000. All ayes. Motion carried.

2) Natural Gas Contract

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Conner to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval to sign a contract with Volunteer Energy to purchase natural gas at 3% below Consumers Energy pricing for the following buildings: Historic Courthouse, Courts and Law, Friend of the Court, Tyden Center, Health Department, Animal Shelter, and Jail. All ayes. Motion carried.

DAVID SHINAVIER – Request to Sell Surplus Used Vehicles

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Jackson to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval to sell attached listing of surplus vehicles via highest sealed bid. All ayes. Motion carried.

MICHAEL BROWN - 1) MDOT Consent to Grade and Good Faith Offer for Paul Henry Trail in Nashville

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Wing to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of the attached Consent to Grade and Good Faith Written Offer from the Michigan Department of Transportation regarding a segment of the unpaved, non-motorized Paul Henry Thornapple Trail located on the west side of M-66 in Nashville. All ayes. Motion carried.

2) Resolution to Adopt Multi-Year Deficit Elimination Plan for the Drain Maintenance Fund

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Conner to recommend to the Board of Commissioners adopting Resolution 18-12, a Resolution Adopting a Multiple Year Deficit Elimination Plan for the Drain Maintenance Fund (#804) and to file it with the Michigan Department of Treasury. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Sharon Ritchie commented that she would like to be considered to serve on the Blue Ribbon Committee, if formed.
- Patricia Johns announced her resignation from the Parks and Recreation Board because she will be moving to Colorado.
- Commissioner Geiger commended Patricia Johns on her service in Barry County.
- Dave Jackson reminded the public to attend the Founders Festival this weekend in Delton, Michigan.

ADJOURNMENT: at 9:53 a.m.

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Ben Geiger, Chair  
Barry County Board of Commissioners

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Pamela A. Palmer, County Clerk

Approved: 8/24/2018 PPalmer  
Date & Time