

Barry County Board of Commissioners - Committee of the Whole
October 16, 2018; 9:00 a.m.; Courthouse Mezzanine
MINUTES

Members Present: Commissioners Vivian Conner, Ben Geiger, Howard Gibson, David Jackson, Dan Parker, and Jon Smelker. Commissioner Heather Wing arrived at 9:15 a.m. Clerk Pam Palmer was also present.

Others present: Michael Brown, Luella Dennison, Jean Gallup, Rebecca Pierce, Dep. Tim Allen, Jack Miner, Rick Moore, Sharon Zebrowski, Ben Eastman, Tim VanderMark, Jim & Teri Enrietti, Larry Bass, Ron King, Bob Vanderboegh, Mark Jankovic, Joe Sancimino, Christine Caron, Jack Miner, Sarah Nelson, Tammi Price, Frank Fiala, Autumn Christenson, Mark Bonsignore, Cathy Young-Gramze, Sager Miller, Dave Courttler, Dave Shinavier, Joel & Isaac Ibbotson, Bob Shaffer, Jan Otto, Ron Welton, and Jim McManus..

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

Those present stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Geiger announced the cancellation of the public hearing tonight on the 5-year Parks Plan due to a meeting notice error, and he added deliberation and recommendation of budget appeals to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Recess at 9:03 a.m. Resume meeting at 9:10 with all commissioners present.

INTERVIEW OF BOARD APPLICANTS:

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Applying For</u>
William Gatchell	Ag. Promotion, Parks & Recreation
- Was unable to attend the scheduled interview.	
Mark Jankovic	Parks & Recreation
Interviewed from 9:13 a.m. to 9:20 a.m.	
Joe Sancimino	Planning Commission, Ag. Promotion, Parks & Recreation
Interviewed from 9:20 a.m. to 9:40 a.m.	
Christine Caron	Planning Commission
Interviewed from 9:40 a.m. to 9:47 a.m.	
Jack Miner	Planning Commission

Interviewed from 9:47 a.m. to 10:01 a.m.

<u>Designee</u>	<u>Board</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Jerry Czarnecki	Solid Waste Oversight	City of Hastings
Steve Essling	Solid Waste Oversight	Recycling Industry
Sarah Nelson	Parks & Recreation	Conservation District

By consensus of the board, it was agreed that Steve Essling be re-appointed to serve in a position representing the recycling industry and to appoint Jerry Czarnecki to serve in the position representing the City of Hastings on the Barry County Solid Waste Oversight Committee for three-year terms that begin on 11/1/18 and expire on 10/31/21.

Sarah Nelson interviewed from 10:05 a.m. to 10:10 a.m.

Break at 10:10 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

TIM VANDERMARK – 2018 Barry County Apportionment Report

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Conner to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of the Barry County 2018 Apportionment report. All ayes. Motion carried.

TAMMI PRICE – FY 2019 Grants for OCC, Drug Courts, and Specialty Courts
Moved by Smelker, seconded by Gibson to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of the FY 2019 Grant Contracts for Adult Drug Court, Sobriety Court, Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation Program, OCC, and Juvenile Drug Court and to authorize the Chairperson to sign the grant contracts, and to sign the OCC contract following review by legal counsel. All ayes. Motion carried.

JIM MCMANUS – PA 116 Request for Boyd and Lydia Endsley

Moved by Jackson, 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) 18-12 for Boyd and Lydia Endsley in Section 18 of Castleton Township. All ayes. Motion carried.

Deliberation and Recommendation to the Board of Commissioners regarding appointments. Chair read the recommendation for board appointments report (attached). The consensus of the committee was the report was accurate. Motion by Jackson, second by Wing to send the report to the commissioners with the recommendation that the reported applicants be appointed under consent agenda.

Deliberation and recommendation of 2019 budget appeals.

There was consensus to continue to investigate the possibility of adding part time court security staff and to review the impact that longer shifts have had on staffing levels. There was consensus that Commissioner Geiger would follow up with Tyler Technologies regarding a software patch to resolve the issues relating to the Register of Deeds appeal for 2 part-time positions. There was consensus to add \$1,000 to the Conservation District appropriation for vehicle maintenance.

COMMISSIONER GIBSON – Study Regarding the Barry Eaton District Health Department

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Smelker to establish a committee to look at three comparable sized health department budgets and state requirements for health departments. Discussion.

Motion by Smelker, seconded by Parker, to appoint 3 commissioners, including one commissioner assigned to the health department board to look into the Health Department budget and report back in one month. The motion was amended to report by the end of the year, 2018.

Moved by Smelker, seconded by Parker to move to appoint a committee with three commissioners to review and evaluate the Barry-Eaton District Health Department budget with three other comparable counties and report their findings to the Board of Commissioners by the end of calendar year 2018. Discussion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Parker, Smelker and Wing. Nays: Jackson. Motion carried. Chairperson Geiger appointed Commissioners Parker, Smelker and Wing.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Joel Ibbotson volunteered to assist with research into the health department budget.
- Cathy Young-Gramze commented on the demographic differences between Barry and Eaton Counties.
- Jim Enrietti responded to the comment that there are only a few people concerned about the Health Department.
- Sharon Zebrowski advised that the Parks and Recreation meeting originally scheduled for tonight will be rescheduled to a later date due to a printing error in the paper.
- Larry Bass commented on the Barry-Eaton District Health Department and the difficulty in getting any information from them. He mentioned that there are 9 programs mandated by the State of Michigan for the health department.
- Jack Miner thanked the commissioners for his re-appointment to the Planning Commission and also commented that he would like answers to the questions surrounding the Barry-Eaton District Health Department.
- Joe Sancimino thanked the commissioners for their appointment recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Board and Ag Board.

ADJOURNMENT: at 11:50 a.m.

Ben Geiger, Chairman
Barry County Board of Commissioners

Pamela A. Palmer, County Clerk

Approved: 10/23/2018 PPalmer
Date & Initials