

Barry County Board of Commissioners - Committee of the Whole  
October 2, 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, Rebecca Pierce, Dep. Tim Allen, Rick Moore, Jack Miner, Sharon Zebrowski, Bob Vanderboegh, Cathy Young Gramze, Larry Bass, Mark Bonsignore, Jim Dull, Doris Hale, Matt Houchlei, Ron Welton, Mike Snyder, Catherine Getty, Barb Hurless, Ken Kirsch, Jim Cary, Bob Shaffer, Casey Smith, Frank Fiala, Don Hutchens, Travis Alden, Tim Neeb, Frank Jesensek, Ines Straube and David Shinavier.

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

Those present stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Jim Dull handed out an updated report on Crooked Lake from Brian Cenci.
- Sharon Zebrowski spoke in support of the Parks & Recreation appeal.

**MICHAEL BROWN - Overview of 2019 Proposed Barry County Budget**

Moved by Jackson, seconded by Gibson to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval to schedule a public hearing during the regular meeting of the Barry County Board of Commissioners on October 23, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. regarding the 2019 Barry County Proposed Budget, and to recommend approval of Resolution #18-13 to adopt the 2019 Barry County Budget, General Appropriations Act and Millage after holding a public hearing. Motion tabled for consideration after the appeals have been heard.

**APPEALS:**

Matt Houchlei – New Position Request for Court Officer

Recess at 10:00 a.m. Resume meeting with all commissioners present at 10:07 a.m.

Catherine Getty – Parks and Recreation Appropriation and Increase in Hours for PT Administrator  
Barb Hurless – New Positions – 2 Special PT Indexer, 1 PT Abstractor and operating line item increases.

Recess at 11:10 a.m. and resume meeting with all commissioners present at 11:15 a.m.

Barb Hurless – continued appeal regarding Abstractor position and line items.

Commissioner Conner requested a \$1,000 increase in the appropriation for the Conservation District for vehicle maintenance. Commissioner Wing requested an increase of \$4,000 to bring the appropriation to the Ag Preservation Fund to \$10,000 to allow them to hire a contractor to assist with Applications for the Purchase of Development Rights.

Deliberation & discussion regarding appeals by commissioners. Commissioner Jackson gave his thoughts on the appeals and left the meeting at 11:45 a.m. It was determined by the remaining commissioners to further investigate the Sheriff Appeal by Matt Houchlei and the Register of Deeds Appeal by Barb Hurless, and discuss the items again no later than October 23, 2018.

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Wing to grant the Parks and Recreation appeal request for the Parks and Recreation Board. All ayes. Motion carried.

TRAVIS ALDEN AND CASEY SMITH – Application for US EPA Assessment Grant

Moved by Parker, seconded by Smelker to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval to authorize application for a US EPA Assessment Grant to fund environmental assessment projects for potential Brownfield redevelopment sites in Barry County. All ayes. Motion carried.

TIM NEEB – Request to Issue a RFP to Replace 2 Boilers in the Courts & Law Building

Moved by Parker, seconded by Wing to request approval to issue a Request for Proposals to purchase 2 boilers for the Courts and Law Building for a total cost of up to \$70,000. All ayes. Motion carried.

MICHAEL BROWN – 1) Financial Auditing Services Bid Award\*

Moved by Conner, seconded by Wing, to recommend to the Board of Commissioners awarding the auditing services for Barry County to Gabridge & Co. for a maximum not to exceed fee of \$26,060 per year for years ending December 31, 2018, 2019 and 2020, with an optional extension for years ending December 31, 2021 and 2022 for a maximum not to exceed fee of \$26,060 per year. All ayes. Motion carried.

2) Request to Purchase MERS Service Credit (Rob Horrmann)

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Wing to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of the attached Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) Application for Additional Service Credit Purchase requested by Robert Horrmann to allow him to purchase 1 year, 0 months of Generic Service with MERS. Roll call vote: Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, and Wing. Nays: Smelker and Conner. Motion carried.

Continued Discussion – Special Projects Facilitator – Moved to the Board of Commissioner meeting on October 9, 2018.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Bob Shaffer commented on the Barry-Eaton District Health Department and suggested appointment of an Ad Hoc Committee to look at the possibility of a separate health department for Barry County.

- Bob Vanderboegh commented on the facility plan which recommended better utilization of our existing county buildings by moving the Friend of Court to the Courts & Law Building, He suggested moving the Barry-Eaton District Health Department move into the Friend of the Court building, and the Commission on Aging be moved into the Barry-Eaton Health Department Building.

ADJOURNMENT: at 12:40 p.m.

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Ben Geiger, Chair  
Barry County Commissioners

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Pamela A. Palmer, County Clerk

Approved: 10/9/2018 PPalmer  
Date & Initials