

Barry County Board of Commissioners - Committee of the Whole
November 20, 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. Sr. Deputy Clerk Sarah VanDenburg was also present.

Others present: Michael Brown, Luella Dennison, Jean Gallup, Rebecca Pierce, Dep. Ginger Helmus, Rick Moore, Jack Miner, Sharon Zebrowski, Cathy Young Gramze, Mark Bonsignore, Mark Jankovic, Ben Eastman, Deana Powell, Brad Lamberg, Jim and Teri Enrietti, Frank and Jerrie Fiala, Ron Welton, Dan Patton and Undersheriff Matt Houchlei.

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

Those present stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

-Ron Welton thanked Frank Jesenek and Douglas Klein for service on the Parks and Recreation Board. He also spoke about their qualifications as candidates for the board.

Interviews for Parks & Recreation Board (2 Citizen at Large positions)

**Denotes incumbent*

- Frank Jesenek* did not attend for interview.
- Douglas Klein* (unable to attend), a letter from the candidate was read.
- Robert Ritchie (unable to attend), a letter from the candidate was read.
- Mark Jankovic (also applied for Charlton Park Village & Museum Board), Interviewed from 9:05 a.m. to 9:10 a.m.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, MICHAEL BROWN:

Short Term Disability TPA Annual Renewal

Moved by Jackson, seconded by Gibson, to recommend approval of the attached Administrative Rate Addendum to the agreement between Barry County and VARIPRO of Grand Rapids, Michigan, effective January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 for Short Term Disability Administration and authorize the County Administrator to sign it. All ayes. Motion carried.

Budget Amendment B-18

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Jackson, to recommend to the Board of Commissioners Approval of Budget Amendment B-18. All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution to Authorize Auditor to Make Final Year-end Appropriations

Moved by Conner, seconded by Wing, to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of Resolution #18-15 to authorize the Auditor to make final Year-End Appropriations. All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution to Transfer 2018 General Fund Surplus

Moved by Wing, seconded by Conner to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of Resolution #18-16 To Authorize the Auditor to Transfer 2018 General Fund Surplus Funds to Various Internal Service Funds. All ayes. Motion carried.

The board recessed at 9:39 a.m.

The board resumed at 9:45 a.m.

Interviews for Charlton Park Village & Museum Board (2 Citizen at Large positions)

**Denotes incumbent*

- Ben Eastman interviewed from 9:46 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.
- Rick Moore* interviewed from 9:51 a.m. to 10:01 a.m.
- Deana Powell interviewed from 10:01 a.m. to 10:07 a.m.
- Sharon Zebrowski* interviewed from 10:08 a.m. to 10:23 a.m.

Undersheriff Houchlei left at 10:22 a.m.

BRAD LAMBERG – Resolution Opposing Senate Bill 396

Moved by Smelker, seconded by Gibson to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of Resolution #18-17 Opposing Senate Bill 396. All ayes. Motion carried.

Drain Commissioner Jim Dull and Deputy Drain Commissioner entered at 10:33 a.m.

DRAIN COMMISSIONER JIM DULL – Wall Lake Drain Easements – Release of Right of Way Transfers

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Conner to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval to transfer the Release of Right of Way from the Barry county Board of Supervisors to the Barry County Drain Commissioner for the attached parcels located in Hope Township. All ayes. Motion carried.

Lamberg left the meeting at 10:33 a.m.

The board recessed at 10:35 a.m.

The board resumed at 10:46 a.m.

The board cast their votes for representatives for the Parks and Recreation Board and the Charlton Park Board. The most votes were for Douglas C. Klein and Frank Jesensek for the Parks and Recreation Board, and for Rick Moore and Deana Powell for the Charlton Park Board.

By consensus of the board, moved by Jackson and seconded Wing to send the report of the nominations to the Board of Commissioners to be appointed as a consent agenda item. All ayes. Motion carried.

Powell left the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, MICHAEL BROWN:

MERS DB Plan Adoption Agreement Amendment

Moved by Conner, seconded by Smelker to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of the attached MERS Defined Benefit Plan Adoption Agreement amendment to increase the required employee contribution for Division #01-BCCEA – Courthouse by 1.5% to 7.49% effective 1/1/19 per Article 23, Section 2, of the collective bargaining agreement for the Barry County Courthouse Employee Association. All ayes. Motion carried.

Facility Projects (Jail and COA) Consulting Agreement

Moved by Jackson, seconded by Wing to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of the attached Professional Services Agreement with Tower Pinkster for the Sheriff's Department/Jail and Commission on Aging Projects. Roll call vote: Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker and Wing. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Zebrowski left the meeting at 11:18 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ben Eastman congratulated Commissioner Geiger on winning the election. He commented regarding a newspaper article about Crooked Lake expenditures and the lack of results.

Commissioner Conner requested mileage reimbursement for meetings that are attended by herself and Commissioner Jackson pertaining to the Upper Crooked Lake Task Force meetings. Moved by Conner, seconded by Jackson. All ayes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Parker invited the Board of Commissioners and a guest to his home for a Christmas Party on Friday, December 14th. Parker will supply meat and asked everyone bring a dish to pass.

ADJOURNMENT: at 11:24 a.m.

Ben Geiger, Chair

Barry County Board of Commissioners

Sarah VanDenburg, Sr. Deputy Clerk

Approved: 12/18/2018 PPalmer
Date & Time