

Barry County Board of Commissioners - Committee of the Whole
November 21, 2017; 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, Amy Kinyon, Dep. Steve Pitsch, Jack Miner, John Resseguie, Rick Moore, Dave Shinavier, Sharon Zebrowski, Larry Bass, Jim Dull, Tammy Berdecia, Ron King, Patricia Johns, Olivia Wing, Joyce Snow, Mark Noteboom, Mark Anderson, Doug Kelly, Dar Leaf, and Cynthia Vujea.

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

Those present stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Patricia Johns commented in support of applicants Cynthia Vujea and Joyce Snow.

JIM DULL/DOUG KELLY – Gun Lake Dam Update

Jim Dull and Dough Kelly indicated that the project will begin in January of 2018 and should be completed by April 30, 2018.

Interviews for Central Dispatch Administrative Board (1 position):

Cynthia Vujea interviewed from 9:09 am to 9:18 am.

Douglas Abraham was not present for his interview; however, he submitted a written letter with his resume attached, which Commissioner Parker read to the commissioners.

Joyce Snow withdrew her application for the Central Dispatch Administrative Board, but interviewed for the Parks & Recreation Board from 9:27 am to 9:33 am.

Moved by Smelker, seconded by Conner to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval to (re) appoint Cynthia Vujea to serve on the Central Dispatch Board in a citizen at large position for a four-year term that begins on 1-1-18 and expires on 12/31/21. All ayes. Motion carried.

The appointment to the Parks and Recreation Board was tabled to December to allow for collaboration with the Charlton Park Board.

CCAB – Christine Hiar (Service Area), David Tripp (Defense Attorney), Amy Graham (workforce Investment Board), and Frank Williams (Citizen at Lg.)

Moved by Wing, seconded by Jackson to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval to re-appoint the following members to serve on the Barry County Community Corrections Advisory Board for three-year terms that begin on 1-1-18 and expire on 12-31-20. Christine Hiar, Service Area Representative, David H. Tripp, Criminal Defense Attorney Representative, Amy Graham, Workforce Investment Board Representative, and Frank Williams, Citizen at Large. Ayes: Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker and Wing. Nays: Conner. Motion carried.

Recess at 9:40 am. Resume the meeting at 9:44 am with all commissioners present.

Michael Brown – Audit Engagement Letter for Road Commission

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Wing to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of the Audit Engagement Agreement with Walker Fluke & Sheldon, P.C. to perform the 2017 Barry County Road Commission annual audit. All ayes. Motion carried.

Appointments to Boards & Commissions:

Building Authority – Robert Vanderboegh (General Public)

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Wing to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval to re-appoint Robert Vanderboegh to serve on the Barry County Building Authority for a three-year term that begins on 1/1/18 and expires on 12/31/20. All ayes. Motion carried.

Solid Waste Oversight Committee – Sarah Nelson (General Public), Duane Weeks (Village of Middleville)

Moved by Parker, seconded by Jackson to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval to re-appoint Sarah Nelson to serve in a General Public position and to re-appoint Duane Weeks to serve in a representative of the Village of Middleville position, on the Solid Waste Oversight Committee for a three-year term that began on 11-1-17 and expires on 10-31-20. All ayes. Motion carried.

Veteran's Affairs Committee – Mike P. Timmons (Vietnam)

Moved by Wing, seconded by Smelker to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval to re-appoint Mike P. Timmons to serve on the Barry County Veterans Committee for a four (4) year term that begins on 1/1/18 and expires on 12/31/21. Discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Patricia Johns commented that she feels the Board of Commissioners is going in the right direction to look at the make up of volunteer boards and feels that the recreational land in Barry County is our biggest gift to the future.
- Commissioner Smelker commented that he heard that the DNR would be selling approximately 100 parcels of State land and will be purchasing more land with the proceeds.
- Commissioner Conner offered a possible explanation that some parcels may have been gifted to the State and may not be contiguous with other parcels of State land or a good fit.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Gibson, seconded by Wing to adjourn at 9:50 am. All ayes. Motion carried.

Ben Geiger, Chair
Barry County Board of Commissioners

Pamela A. Palmer, County Clerk

Approved: _____
Date & Initial