

Barry County Board of Commissioners - Committee of the Whole  
December 4, 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: Rebecca Pierce, Jean Gallup, Tim Allen (Posse), Rick Moore, Sharon Zebrowski, Jack Miner, Ben Eastman, Cathy Young-Gramze, Mark Bonsignore, Frank and Jerrie Fiala, Joyce Snow, Russ Yarger, Larry Neil, Paul Wing, Mike Snyder, Craig Stolsonburg, Frank Williams, Tim McGavin, Ron Felder, Ron King, Erin Moore, Tim McKay, Shannon Szukala, Patrrick Jansens, Doris Hale, Sally Shuster-Shoff, Ken Kirsch, Ines Straube and Luella Dennison

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

A moment of silence was observed to honor of the life and legacy of George Herbert Walker Bush.

Those present stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

-Sharon Zebrowski, Charlton Park Board Chair invited everyone to "Of Christmas Past" to be held December 8 and 9<sup>th</sup> at Charlton Park.

-Cathy Young-Gramze thanked the Board for their consideration of amendments to make the TowerPinkster Agreement more specific. She also requested that the Board seek a legal opinion whether the money spent is for campaign assistance.

Interviews of Board Applicants

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| • Craig Stolsonburg | Road Commission/<br>Transit Board | Interviewed from 9:04 a.m. to 9:12 a.m. |
| • Frank Fiala       | Road Commission                   | Interviewed from 9:12 a.m. to 9:35 a.m. |
| • Joyce Snow        | Road Commission                   | Interviewed from 9:35 a.m. to 9:52 a.m. |



Voting commenced for recommendations to the Board of Commissioners.

Transit Board:

A motion was made by Smelker, seconded by Conner to nominate Craig Stolsonburg for the Transit Board. Gibson made a motion to nominate Shawn Winters. Voting proceeded by show of hands. Votes for Stolsonburg were Parker, Conner, Jackson, Geiger, Smelker and Wing. Gibson voted for Winters. By consensus of the Board, Stolsonburg was selected as the nominee for recommendation to the Board of Commissioners.

Veteran Affairs and Road Commission:

A motion was made by Smelker, seconded by Gibson to send the attached report to the Board of Commissioners for the recommendation that the reported applicants be appointed under consent agenda.

Re-Appointments to Boards and Commissions:

<u>Individual:</u>	<u>Board/Commission:</u>	<u>Representing:</u>
Paul Wing	Agricultural Promotion Board	Ag Interest
Larry Neil	Agricultural Promotion Board	Real Estate
Tim McGavin	Animal Shelter Advisory Board	Citizen at Large (4 positions)
David Tripp	Building Authority	Attorney/Legal (1 position)
Kristen Cove	Central Dispatch Administrative Board	General Public (1 position)
Don Bowers	Commission on Aging	Citizen at Large (4 positions)
Sally Shuster Shoff	Commission on Aging	Citizen at Large (4 positions)
Michelle Newton	Community Corrections Advisory Board	Probation Agent

Moved by Geiger to recommend Re-Appointment to Boards and Commissions under consent agenda. Discussion occurred, no objections. All ayes. Motion carried.

LUELLA DENNISON - Audit Engagement Letter for the Barry County Road Commission

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Jackson, to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of the Audit Engagement Agreement with Walker Fluke & Sheldon, P.C. to perform the 2018 Barry County Road Commission annual audit. Discussion occurred. All Ayes. Motion carried.

CHAIR GEIGER AND COMMISSIONER SMELKER – Appointment of Chief Public Defender

Moved by Smelker, seconded by Gibson, to recommend to the Board of Commissioners appointing Kerri Selleck as the Chief Public Defender in accordance with Barry County’s Compliance Plan for Indigent Defense Standards 1 through 4 of the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission Act. Discussion occurred. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment

-Frank Fiala thanked the Board for the opportunity to continue serving on the Road Commission Board. He also discussed a tree removal project in a township that he forgot to discuss in his interview.

-Ken Kirsch, Director of the Animal Shelter gave a report on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Bissell Empty the Shelter Event that was held on Saturday, December 1, 2018. It was very successful. Nine dogs and 18 cats were adopted. They also had a booth at the Craft Show selling baked goods that raised \$1700. In conjunction with the Humane Society, free straw was provided to those in need on Saturday. Kirsch also shared background information about "Sully", late President Bush's service dog. He also shared a story of meeting late President and Mrs. Bush at a barbecue in Lima, OH.

-Rick Moore, Charlton Park Board and Stakeholder on the Parks & Recreation Board, announced that on Wednesday, December 5, 2018, the Parks & Recreation and Charlton Park will be holding 5 year planning meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to gather input from the community. He offered an invitation to the Old Fashioned Christmas at Charlton Park on Saturday, December 8 and Sunday, December 9 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. He also thanked the Board for their perseverance.

-Sally Shuster-Shoff, Commission on Aging Board commented that the COA is available for everyone. Senior age starts at 60 years old. She commented on the need for more space and a roof that does not leak. Offerings for seniors include daily lunch, gatherings, entertainment and classes. A grant was awarded to the COA for continuing Art in Action. A trip to the Detroit Museum of Art is being planned with this funding.

Adjournment @ 11:36 a.m.

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Ben Geiger, Chair  
Barry County Board of Commissioners

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Sarah VanDenburg, Sr. Deputy Clerk

Approved: 12/11/2018 PPalmer  
Date & Time