

Barry County Board of Commissioners - Committee of the Whole
February 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. Clerk Pam Palmer was also present.

Others present: Michael Brown, Luella Dennison, Jean Gallup, Doug VanderLaan, Dep. Tim Allen, Jack Miner, Rick Moore, Sharon Zebrowski, Larry Bass, Ron King, Patricia Johns, Joyce Snow, Jim and Teri Enrietti, Travis Alden, John Resseguie, Tim McGavin, Cliff & Kathy Ward, Dar Leaf, Jim Brown, Tammy Berdecia, Ines Straube, Dan Patton, Judge Michael Schipper, Doug Kelly, and Jim McManus.

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

Those present stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Patricia Johns announced that the Parks & Recreation Board approved the 2018 grant program at a special meeting. The deadline to submit applications is April 13, 2018.
- Dar Leaf announced that the Church Security meeting was a huge success last week.
- Jim Brown suggested moving the commissioner meetings to the Tyden Center.
- Cliff Ward submitted the Johnstown Township resolution to repeal TOST to each of the commissioners.

JIM DULL/DOUG KELLY – RESOLUTION FOR UPPER CROOKED LAKE, LAKE LEVEL REPAIR/MAINTENANCE

Moved by Conner, seconded by Parker to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to approve Resolution #18-04, Resolution – Upper Crooked Lake, Lake Level Repair/Maintenance; Excess Spending Authorization. Discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

INES STRAUBE – RAP GRANT APPLICATION TO MMRMA FOR COURT SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Jackson to request the Board of Commissioners authorize the submission of the Risk Avoidance Program Application and Funding for court security improvements. Discussion. Ayes: Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker, and Wing. Nays: Conner. Motion carried.

Recess at 9:45 a.m. Resumed meeting at 9:52 a.m. with all commissioners present.

JIM MCMANUS/TRAVIS ALDEN – BROWNFIELD APPLICATION FOR STICKMANN BAECKEREI

Moved by Conner, seconded by Jackson to recommend to the Barry County Board of Commissioners approval of the attached Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Brownfield Grant Application for Stickmann Baeckerei, located in Section 20 of Yankee Springs Township. Discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

DAN PATTON – BIDS FOR REPLACEMENT OF MULTIPLE ROOFS AT CHARLTON PARK

Moved by Parker, seconded by Wing to recommend to the Barry County Board of Commissioners approval of a one-time expenditure of up to \$107,657.25 from the Building Rehabilitation Fund for roof replacement on the Carlton Center Church, Upjohn House/Office, Upjohn Carriage House, and Main Street Complex (General Store, Hardware Store, Print Shop.) Discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

JIM CARY/PATRICIA JOHNS – RE-APPOINTMENT OF VOTING STAKEHOLDER TO PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

Moved by Parker, seconded by Smelker to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval to re-appoint Catherine Getty to serve as the Thornapple Area Parks & Recreation representative on the Parks and Recreation Board for a three-year term that began on 1/1/18 and expires on 12/31/20, as requested by the Chairperson of the Thornapple Area Parks and Recreation Commission. Discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

MICHAEL BROWN – PROPOSAL FROM CBIZ FOR OPEB VALUATION

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Jackson to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of the proposal from CBIZ Retirement Plan Services in the amount of \$11,000 to complete the December 31, 2017 Actuarial Valuation of Other Post Employment benefits (health and life insurance) for Barry County in compliance with GASB Statement No. 45). Discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Recess at 10:27 a.m. Resumed meeting at 10:36 a.m. with all commissioners present.

CHAIR GEIGER – 2018 APPOINTMENTS REFORM PLAN Presentation

Discussion. The commissioners volunteered to serve as follows: Geiger & Wing – Writing; Conner & Smelker – Research; Gibson, Jackson & Parker – scouting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Sharon Zebrowski likes Commissioner Geiger's 2018 Appointments Reform Plan and encouraged orientation for each specific board as well.
- Jim Brown commented on TOST and encouraged getting younger people involved in volunteering on county boards.

- Jim Enrietti commented on younger board recruitments for Barry County.
- Rick Moore stated that he has served on several boards & feels it is an excellent idea to improve the county website with more information for persons wanting to apply to serve on a county board.
- Dan Parker invited all to attend the Smart Meeting at the Marshall Regional Law Enforcement Center on March 7, 2018 from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

ADJOURNMENT: at 11:36 a.m.

Ben Geiger, Chair
Barry County Board of Commissioners

Pamela A. Palmer, County Clerk

Approved: 2/27/2018 PPalmer
Date & Initial