

Barry County Board of Commissioners - Committee of the Whole
April 25, 2017; 1:00 p.m.; Commission on Aging
Minutes

Members Present: Commissioners Vivian Conner, Ben Geiger, Howard Gibson, David Jackson, Jon Smelker, and Heather Wing. Absent: Dan Parker. Clerk Pam Palmer was also present.

Others present: Michael Brown, Jean Gallup, Amy Kinyon, Jack Miner, Shirley Barnum, Colette Scrimger, Dave Shinavier, Sharon Zebrowski, Jim Brown, Tammy Pennington, Lois Bowers, Sandy Kozan, Jan Geukes, Tim Neeb, Bob VanPutten, Diane Neeb, Dave Tossava, Junior Miller, Marlin Walters, Bob Nelson, Kent VanBuren, Ines Straube, and Elaine Brill.

Chair Geiger called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Those present stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Chair Geiger gave an explanation of the reason for this special informational meeting to discuss options for the Commission on Aging building. The Master Facility Plan incorporates renovations to the Commission on Aging building, as well as the Health Department.

Sandy Kozan gave a brief description of the Commission on Aging's building problems.

PRESENTATION: Bob VanPutten gave a presentation of the Master Facility Plan that was prepared approximately 4 years ago which included the Commission on Aging, Friend of Court and Health Department Buildings. The proposal is to relocate Friend of the Court in the old MSU office in the Courts & Law Building, relocate the Health Department in the Friend of Court Building and relocate the Commission on Aging in the current Health Department.

Michael Brown and Bob VanPutten answered questions from those in attendance regarding implementation of the Master Facility Plan with regard to the Commission on Aging Building and the Health Department.

Michael Brown handed out an example of the 2016 schedule of debt service requirements for an idea of a taxable millage rate based on taxable values. The millage rate for the owner of a \$150,000 home would calculate to approximately \$11.85 per year per homeowner.

Discussion continued regarding the financial impact of a millage proposal to implement

the Master Facility Plan, which includes gathering updated millage information and updated building cost information for a new facility.

Tammy Pennington spoke about the limited space in the Commission on Aging Building and the programs offered to senior citizens that include educational needs, health and wellness programs, the adult daycare program & Meals on Wheels.

Break at 1:50 p.m.

Resume meeting at 2:05 p.m. with all commissioners previously in attendance present.

Michael Brown confirmed that debt schedule would equal approximately \$11.85 per year based on a home valued at \$150,000.

The Friend of Court program allows us to recapture a portion of the expenses through the cooperative reimbursement program which includes facility costs. The Friend of Court Building has a debt levy against the building until 2021 and it is a single use building, which allows us to maximize the reimbursement, or approximately \$35,000/year. The FOC building has debt costs that can be allocated, while the Courts and Law Building has security costs to be allocated.

Cost of adding a millage proposal to the ballot in August was discussed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Jim Brown commented that the commissioners should look into a millage for a new facility rather than renovating 3 facilities and still have old facilities.

ADJOURNMENT at 3:32 pm.

Ben Geiger, Chair
Barry County Board of Commissioners

Pamela A. Palmer
Barry County Clerk

Approved: 5/9/2017 PPalmer
Date & Initial when approved