

Barry County Board of Commissioners - Committee of the Whole
May 2, 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, Jean Gallup, Amy Kinyon, Dep. Matt Dougherty, Jack Miner, Rick Moore, Dave Shinavier, Sharon Zebrowski, Jim Brown, Ron King, Tim Vandermark, Bob Nelson, John Resseguie, Bob VanPutten, Jim & Teri Enrietti, Don & Alice Hunt, Larry Bass, Patricia Johns, Elden Shellenbarger, Doris Hale, Tammy Pennington, Dave Tossava, Sandy Kozan, Dawn Karfonta, Tammy Berdecia, Doug Kelly, Daisy Cherniawski, Mark Englerth, Jim Dull, Mark Nettleton, and Matt Houchlei.

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

Those present stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Bob Nelson apologized to the Board of Commissioners for his unavailability for his telephone interview in March for the Barry County Mental Health Board and thanked the Commissioners for appointing him. He is attending today to hear comments regarding the Gun Lake Dam and Commission on Aging as he is a member of the board..
- Patricia Johns commented on the value of volunteers for Barry County, and in particular, the Parks and Recreation Board.
- Elden Shellenbarger commented on the Commission on Aging millage proposal and stressed that the money for the special election was taxpayer dollars.
- Sharon Zebrowski commented on the work involved in preparation to open Charlton Park.

DAWN KARFONTA: - FY2018 OCC Grant Application

Moved by Jackson, seconded by Smelker to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of the FY 2018 OCC Grant Application. Discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

TIM VANDERMARK – Taxable Values for 2017, L-4046 Report

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Conner to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of Taxable Value Report L-4046. Discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

UNDERSHERIFF HOUCHEI – Purchase of Speed Radar Equipment for Tahoes

Moved by Parker, seconded by Conner to recommend to the Board of Commissioners authorization for the purchase of ten Kustom Signals Raptor RP-1 Dual Ka-Band speed radar detectors to equip the recently purchased 2017 Chevrolet Tahoes, and to replace & upgrade

current equipment that is not working and/or outdated, to be paid for out of the vehicle fund, for the total purchase price of \$17,420.00. Discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER CONNER/DRAIN COMMISSIONER JIM DULL – Gun Lake Dam Replacement

Moved by Conner, seconded by Smelker, to recommend to the Barry County Board of Commissioners approval of Resolution Number 17-07, Resolution to approve Replacement of the Gun Lake Dam on Marsh Road in Orangeville Township. Discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

MICHAEL BROWN – 2018 Budget Calendar

Moved by Parker, seconded by Gibson to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of the 2018 budget Calendar. Discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

CHAIR GEIGER - 1) Review of Public Input on Building Name

Moved by Jackson, seconded by Gibson, to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval, based on the rename public poll input, to rename the currently named Cabinet Building to the Tyden Center. All ayes. Motion carried.

Recess at 9:46 am.

Resume meeting at 9:56 am with all commissioners present.

2) Resolution to Approve Ballot Language for New COA Building Millage

Moved by Conner, seconded by Wing to schedule a special Board of Commissioners meeting on May 16, 2017 to discuss ballot language for a new Commission on Aging building millage. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Patricia Johns asked Commissioners to encourage the submission of mini grant applications to the Parks & Recreation Board before the deadline of May 15. Also, she encouraged the residents in the county to support our seniors in their quest for a new Commission on Aging Building.
- Jim Enrietti commented on the various imposed millages and indicated that the taxpayers are getting tired of constantly paying on millages.
- Larry Bass commented that there are a number of local and county millages, and that the State levied the road tax even though the citizens of Michigan voted it down in May of 2015.

- Jim Brown commented that the Commission on Aging building and jail were in need of repairs and the Commission on Aging renovation cost was more than the building was worth, and feels that the Friend of Court should be moved into the previous MSU Extension office space, and that would open the Friend of Court building for possible resale.

ADJOURNMENT: at 10:44 am.

Ben Geiger, Chair
Barry County Board of Commissioners

Pamela A. Palmer
Barry County Clerk

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