

Barry County Board of Commissioners - Committee of the Whole
September 18, 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, Rebecca Pierce, Dep. Steve Pitsch, Rick Moore, Jack Miner, Sharon Zebrowski, Ron King, Joyce Snow, Bob Vanderboegh, Cathy Young Gramze, Larry Bass, Jim McManus, Mark Bonsignore, Jim Brown, Jim Dull, Jim Yarger, Doris Hale, Matt Houchlei, and David Shinavier.

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

Those present stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Jim Brown commented on a remark made at last week's commissioner meeting and indicated that the commissioners should be responsible for everyone in Barry County, not just the constituents that voted them into office.
- Jim Dull reported that the yearly payment for the excavator is being made today which will pay it up until January 1, 2019.

JIM YARGER – FY 2018 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG)

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Jackson, to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of grant number EMC-2018-EP-00002 State of Michigan FY 2018 Emergency Management Performance Grant, Grant Agreement and authorize the chairman and administrator to sign both copies of the grant agreement. All ayes. Motion carried.

JIM MCMANUS - 1) P.A. 116 Request #18-11 for Richard and Pamela Palmer

Moved by Parker, seconded by Jackson to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of the Michigan Department of Agriculture Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program application (more commonly known as PA 116) 18-11 for Richard and Pamela Palmer in section 29 of Irving Township. All ayes. Motion carried.

2) Text Amendment A-2-18 to the Barry County Zoning Ordinance

Moved by Jackson, seconded by Parker to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of Text Amendment A-2-18 of the Barry County Zoning Ordinance, which will allow Adult Foster Care Facilities in Rural Residential (RR) districts as Special Use Permits. All ayes. Motion carried.

CHAIR GEIGER – 1) Appointment/Re-appointments to the County Officers Compensation Commission

Moved by Conner, seconded by Jackson to recommend ratification of the Chairperson's re-appointment of Teri Enrietti and Steve Buehler to the County Officer's Compensation Commission for a four-year term beginning on 10-1-2019 and expiring on 10-1-2022. All ayes. Motion carried.

2) Discussion on Jail Facilitation Evaluation Form

The Board of Commissioners will meet next week at the 911 facility to interview five firms that have submitted qualifications to be our facility planner.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Bob Vanderboegh commented on benefits to the citizens of Barry County if the Barry-Eaton District Health Department are to be separated.
- Joyce Snow encouraged the commissioners to use a metric system and forced ranking when evaluating the facility firms next week.
- Sharon Zebrowski encouraged the commissioners to emphasize the Commission on Aging when considering new facility plans. She also added that the Fall Harvest Festival will be held this weekend at Charlton Park.

ADJOURNMENT: at 9:58 a.m.

Ben Geiger, Chair
Barry County Commissioners

Pamela A. Palmer, County Clerk

Approved: 9/25/2018 PPalmer
Date & Initials