

Barry County Board of Commissioners - Committee of the Whole
September 5, 2017; 9:00 a.m.; Commission Chambers
Minutes

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

Others present: Michael Brown, Luella Dennison, Jean Gallup, Amy Kinyon, Dep. Tim Allen, Jack Miner, Rick Moore, Dave Shinavier, Sharon Zebrowski, Matt Houchlei, Robert Vanderboegh, Ron King, Tammi Dickinson, Olivia & Errin Wing, Don Lehman, Jim Brown, Jerry Jaciewicz, Tammy Berdecia, Jim Dull, Ines Straube, Joyce Snow, Tim VanderMark, Patricia Johns and Jan Otto.

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

Those present stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Jim Brown commented on the pros & cons of TOST, and also commented on Broadband for Barry County.

TIM VANDERMARK: – 2017 L-4029 Report

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Parker to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of the attached 2017-L-4029 form for Barry County to collect winter taxes and authorize the chairperson to sign it. All ayes. Motion carried.

INES STRAUBE – Trial Court Special Revenue Fund Budget Amendment

Moved by Parker, seconded by Jackson to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to approve the Trial Court Special Revenue Fund Budget Amendment for 2017 according to Attachment A. All ayes. Motion carried.

DAVID SHINAVIER – Request to Transfer/Sell Surplus Vehicles

Moved by Jackson, seconded by Wing to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval to transfer use of a 2009 Dodge Grand Caravan, VIN 2D8HN44E79R617658 from Family Court to Charlton Park, and to sell the following surplus vehicles via highest sealed bid: 1986 Chevrolet Bus, VIN 1GBJP32W3G3322275; 2006 Chevrolet Tahoe, VIN IGNEC13Z06R146469; 2007 Chevrolet Tahoe, VIN 1GNEC03097R427148.

Moved by Jackson, seconded by Wing to amend the original recommendation to the Board of Commissioners approval to transfer use of a 2009 Dodge Grand Caravan, VIN 2D8HN44E79R617658 from Family Court to Building & Grounds, and to sell the following surplus vehicles via highest sealed bid: 1986 Chevrolet Bus, VIN 1GBJP32W3G3322275; 2006 Chevrolet Tahoe, VIN IGNEC13Z06R146469; 2007 Chevrolet Tahoe, VIN 1GNEC03097R427148. All ayes.

Motion carried.

DON LEHMAN – Request to Expend Grant Funds for a 4-H .25 FTE Support Position

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Parker to recommend to the Board Of Commissioners approving the payment of the attached invoice from Michigan State University Extension in the amount of \$40,982 from the Cooperative Extension Grant Fund to pay for .25 FTE 4-H Program Coordinator position in Barry County. All ayes. Motion carried.

JIM DULL – Request to Purchase Drain Maintenance Equipment

Moved by Conner, seconded by Gibson to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval to spend up to \$43,000 from the capital budget for the purchase of a mini excavator. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker & Wing. Nays: None. Motion carried.

MICHAEL BROWN – Public Act 2 Intergovernmental Contract for Substance Abuse Disorder Oversight Policy Board

Moved by Parker, seconded by Wing to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of the attached Intergovernmental Contract between the southwest Michigan Behavioral Health Regional Entity and the Counties of Barry, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Kalamazoo, St Joseph and Van Buren for the purpose of setting forth the terms and conditions for the establishment of a Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Oversight Policy Board pursuant to MCL 330.1287(5) and authorize the Board Chair to sign. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER PARKER – Request to set 2018 Salaries for Elected Officials

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Parker to recommend to the Board of Commissioners setting the annual salaries for the following Elected Officials effective January 1, 2018: Sheriff - \$76,867.27, Register of Deeds - \$60,414.52, County Clerk - \$65,317.79, County Treasurer - \$61,390.73, County Surveyor - \$8,763.76, Drain Commissioner - \$60,414.52, Prosecutor - \$99,219.14, County Commissioner - \$9,786.90 and County Commission Board Chairman - \$10,817.10.

Break at 9:55 am. Resume meeting at 10:08 am with all commissioners present.

Discussion. Moved by Jackson, seconded by Smelker to amend the original motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners setting the annual salaries for the Elected Officials as stated above, excluding the County Commissioners and County Commission Board Chairman. Roll call vote. Ayes: Geiger, Jackson, & Smelker. Nays: Conner, Gibson, Parker & Wing. Motion denied.

Discussion as to the original motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker & Wing. Nays: Conner & Geiger. Motion carried.

Break at 10:26 am. Resume meeting at 10:35 am with all commissioners present.

ANIMAL SHELTER DIRECTOR INTERVIEW: – (via video conference) - Ken Kirsch Jr.
Interviewed from 10:35 to 11:15 am.

Moved by Jackson, seconded by Wing to recommend to the Board of Commissioners the appointment of Kenneth Kirsch as Animal Shelter Director and authorize the County Administrator to negotiate the beginning salary up to the one-year pay step of the pay range for the position.

Discussion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker, & Wing. Nays: Conner. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Bob Vanderboegh commented on TOST and the constitutional rights of the property owners.
- Sharon Zebrowski reminded everyone that this weekend is Youth Day at Charlton Park.
- Jack Miner inquired as to how to get on the agenda with regard to questions he has about the Barry-Eaton Health Department budget.
- Dan Parker reminded everyone of the SMART meeting tomorrow at 9:30 am.

ADJOURNMENT: at 11:35 am

Ben Geiger, Chairman
Barry County Board of Commissioners

Pamela A. Palmer
Barry County Clerk

Approved: 9/12/17 PPalmer
Date & Initial when approved