

Barry County Board of Commissioners  
November 8, 2011; 9:00 a.m.; Commission Chambers  
Minutes

1. Chair Stolsonburg called the regular session of the Barry County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Barry County Commission Chambers.

2. Moment of Silence/Invocation

3. Those present stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

4. Roll was taken. The following members were present: Ben Geiger, Howard Gibson, Robert Houtman, Joe Lyons, Donald Nevins, Dan Parker, Craig Stolsonburg and Jeff VanNortwick. Clerk Jarvis was also present.

5. APPROVAL OF WRITTEN AGENDA:

Moved by Houtman seconded by Parker to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

6. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

7. VARIOUS CORRESPONDENCE:

Commissioner Gibson reminded everyone of the T.O.S.T meeting on November 9 at 7 p.m. at the Commission on Aging. Commissioner Nevins reminded everyone that it is Election Day for some individuals.

8. CONSENT ITEMS:

Moved by Parker seconded by Gibson to approve the consent items:

- a. October 25, 2011 Board of Commissioners meeting minutes.
- b. November 1, 2011 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes.
- c. Re-appoint Kathy Wiggins to serve on the Animal Control/Shelter Advisory Board for a two year term beginning on January 1, 2012 and expiring on December 31, 2013.
- d. Appoint Chuck Reid to serve on the Animal Control/Shelter Advisory Board for a two year term beginning on January 1, 2012 and expiring on December 31, 2013.
- e. Re-appoint Connie Dawe to serve on the Barry County Commission on Aging Board for a three-year term beginning on 1-1-12 and expiring on 12-31-14.
- f. Re-appoint Carole Wiggs to serve on the Barry County Commission on Aging Board for a three-year term beginning on 1-1-12 and expiring on 12-31-14.

- g. Appoint Lynne Anderson to serve on the Barry County Commission on Aging Board for a three-year term beginning on 1-1-12 and expiring on 12-31-14.
- h. Re-appoint Jim DeYoung to serve on the Parks and Recreation Board, citizen at large position, for a three-year term beginning on 1-1-12 and expiring on 12-31-14.
- i. Re-appoint David Kilmer to serve on the Charlton Park Village & Museum Board, citizen at large position, for a three-year term beginning on 1-1-12 and expiring on 12-31-14.
- j. Re-appoint Paul Wing to serve on the Agricultural Preservation Board, agricultural interest position, for a three-year term beginning on 1-1-12 and expiring on 12-31-14.
- k. Re-appoint Shirley Barnum to serve on the Agricultural Preservation Board, agricultural interest position, for a three-year term beginning on 1-1-12 and expiring on 12-31-14.
- l. The Policy for Use of the Animal Control Donation Fund and the Donor Recognition Letter recommended by the Barry County Animal Control/Shelter Advisory Board, with a change in the not to exceed amount for individual expenditures/purchases for authorized line items from \$500 to \$1,000.
- m. Barry County to be the official applicant for two United Way grants that will provide resources to support staff working with the MSUE 4-H Program and the Parenting program.
- n. Amend the 2012 Barry County Budget for Cooperative Extension by an increase of \$5,378 to allow Linda Fisher to continue her employment at .75 FTE through March 31, 2012 to meet pension vesting requirements, with funds to come from 2011 carryover from the Commissioners budget.
- o. Enter into a contract with Halifax Services to provide snowplowing and salting as per bid specifications for the contract period November 15, 2011 through November 14, 2014.
- p. Accept and sign the Office of Community Alternatives Community Corrections Contract for fiscal year 2012-2014, as written, effective October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2014.
- q. The Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program request commonly referred to as PA 116 request, (No. 11-13, 11-14, 11-15, and 11-16) for Brian and Debbra Henney in Sections 9, 8, 15, and 10 of Woodland Township.
- r. The Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program request commonly referred to as PA 116 request, (No. 11-17) for Regan and Alice Chase in Section 33 of Woodland Township.
- s. The Fund Balance Policy for Barry County in Accordance with the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 54.
- t. The 2012 health insurance plans as recommended by the Barry County Healthcare Cost Containment Committee.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Geiger, Gibson, Houtman, Lyons, Nevins, Parker, Stolsonburg and VanNortwick. Motion carried.

9. PRESENTATIONS:

JUDGE WILLIAM DOHERTY, CHIEF TRIAL COURT JUDGE – TRIAL COURT REORGANIZATION

Judge Doherty provided an overview of the Trial Court, past and present. Discussion occurred.

DR. PHILIP CROFT, MEDICAL EXAMINER – 2010 ANNUAL REPORT

Dr. Croft reviewed the Annual report and provided an overview of the services provided. Discussion occurred.

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

11. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

Moved by VanNortwick seconded by Geiger to approve transfers and disbursements: claims in the amount of \$ 125,231.35; pre-paid invoices in the amount of \$ 7,479,119.61 and the Commissioners payroll in the amount of \$ 8,223.46. Roll call vote: Ayes: Geiger, Gibson, Houtman, Lyons, Nevins, Parker, Stolsonburg and VanNortwick. Motion carried.

VanNortwick moved and Houtman seconded a motion to approve Resolution #11-24, Resolution Regarding Extension of Duration of Renaissance Zone Designation. Geiger offered an amendment to include language that Barry County would act as an official applicant for the extension of the Renaissance Zone Designation. VanNortwick and Houtman both agreed to the amendment.

Moved by VanNortwick seconded by Houtman to approve Resolution #11-24, Resolution Regarding Extension of Duration of Renaissance Zone Designation and authorize the County to serve as the applicant for the Application Extending the Life of the Renaissance Zone for the ChemQuest project property.

WHEREAS, the Middleville Renaissance Sub-Zone is currently designated as a Renaissance Zone pursuant to the Michigan Renaissance Zone Act, Public Act 376 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1996, as amended (“Act 376”);

WHEREAS, this Renaissance Zone is slated to expire December 31, 2011, with real and personal property located within the Renaissance Zone becoming fully taxable in 2012;

WHEREAS, Act 376 has been subsequently amended by Act 440 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 2006, and Act 116 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 2008, to permit the extension of the duration of time for one or more portions of or properties located within a Renaissance Zone;

WHEREAS, Chem Quest, Inc., a Michigan corporation (“Chem Quest”), has acquired the real property located at 8675 Crane Road, Middleville, which includes an approximately 44,000 square foot manufacturing/industrial building and approximately 5.3 acres of land, located in the Middleville Renaissance Sub-Zone (Parcel # 08-041-126-001-20), as legally described on the attached Exhibit A (the “Parcel”);

WHEREAS, Chem Quest has requested that the duration of the Renaissance Zone designation on the Parcel be extended for an additional five years, so that the new expiration date of the Renaissance Zone designation on the Parcel would be December 31, 2016;

WHEREAS, the extension of the Renaissance Zone duration on the Parcel is necessary to increase economic development and expand business and employment opportunities in the Village of Middleville, Barry County, and the surrounding communities;

WHEREAS, Barry County is the “qualified local governmental unit” that originally applied for the Middleville Renaissance Sub-Zone designation; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Act 376, as amended, the Village of Middleville approved Resolution 11-27 supporting Barry County’s application for a five-year extension of time of the Renaissance Zone designation for Chem Quest’s Parcel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Barry County Board of Commissioners hereby approves Chem Quest’s request for a five-year extension of the Renaissance Zone designation for the Parcel to extend the designation from January 1, 2012 through and including December 31, 2016.
2. The Barry County Board of Commissioners hereby approves a five-year extension of the Renaissance Zone designation for Chem Quest’s Parcel to extend the designation from January 1, 2012 through and including December 31, 2016.
3. The County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to provide a certified copy of this Resolution to the Barry County Economic Development Alliance, the Village of Middleville, and if necessary, any agency of the State of Michigan including, but not limited to, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.
4. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith shall be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Geiger, Gibson, Houtman, Lyons, Nevins, Parker, Stolsonburg and VanNortwick. Motion carried.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

13. NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Geiger questioned the status of the security matter.

14. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Brown reminded the Board to review the MAC Legislation Report. He further indicated that the KCC Luncheon following the November 22, 2011 Board Meeting will be at the Walldorff Ballroom at 11:30 a.m.

15. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

Chair Stolsonburg reminded everyone about the T.O.S.T. meeting at the Commission on Aging at 7:00 p.m. on November 9. He thanked everyone for all the hard work on the Budget.

16. VICE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

Vice Chair Geiger thanked the Register of Deeds and Clerk for their cooperation and the professionalism displayed while the Board reviewed the combination of offices.

17. MEMBER'S TIME:

Mr. Parker indicated that you can be an organ donor by indicating such on your driver's license. Chair Stolsonburg reported you could register online at Gift of Life Michigan.

18. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT:

Valerie Byrnes, Economic Development Authority and Chamber President reported there is a Legislative Coffee at the Delton Library on Monday November 14. She also indicated there is a meeting with Connect Michigan on the broadband initiative on November 9, 2011 from 4:00-5:00 p.m. at the Barry County Enrichment Center. Ms. Byrnes introduced David Scharphorn, President and founder of ChemQuest.

Theron Carter commented on Judicial Council, candidates for office and the Register of Deeds office.

19. OTHER BUSINESS: None.

20. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Parker seconded by Nevins to adjourn at 10:13 a.m. Motion carried.

Craig Stolsonburg, Chair  
Barry County Board of Commissioners

Pamela A. Jarvis  
Barry County Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date and initial when approved

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