

Barry County Board of Commissioners
December 27, 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 VanNortwick to approve the agenda (as amended). Motion carried.

6. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

7. VARIOUS CORRESPONDENCE: None.

8. CONSENT ITEMS:

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

- a. December 13, 2011 Board of Commissioners meeting minutes.
- b. December 20, 2011 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes.
- c. Re-appoint Eric Pessell to serve on the Solid Waste Oversight Committee for a three-year term beginning on 11-1-11 and expiring on 10-31-14 in the position representing the Barry-Eaton District Health Department.
- d. Re-appoint Tom Rook to serve on the Solid Waste Oversight Committee for a three-year term beginning on 11-1-11 and expiring on 10-31-14 in the position representing the Townships.
- e. The budget amendment for Charlton Park increasing expenditures to pay off the loan balance with Barry County Road Commission from fund balance as approved by the Charlton Park Board on 11/28/11.
- f. Accept and sign the Office of Community Corrections Service Contract for GED Instruction, for fiscal year 2011-2012, as written effective October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012.

- g. Enter into and sign the 2012 Grant Contract with the Michigan Supreme Court State Court Administrative Office for the Swift and Sure Sanction Pilot Program (SSSPP), and approval to hire for the new positions of a probation officer (pay grade 8) and an administrative assistant (pay grade 3) in conjunction with the SSSPP.

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

9. PRESENTATIONS: None.

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

11. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

Moved by Houtman seconded by Gibson to approve transfers and disbursements: claims in the amount of \$ 111,553.74. Roll call vote: Ayes: Geiger, Gibson, Houtman, Lyons, Nevins, Parker, Stolsonburg and VanNortwick. Motion carried

Moved by Houtman seconded by Geiger to approve Resolution #11-28 To Authorize the Auditors to Transfer 2011 Surplus Funds to various Internal Service Funds.

WHEREAS, the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, Public Act 621 of 1978, requires that each local unit of government adopt a balanced budget for all required funds, and

WHEREAS, the County Administrator prepared a recommended 2011 Budget and the County Board of Commissioners adopted the 2011 Budget and has approved numerous amendments to the 2011 Budget throughout the year, as required by the statute; and

WHEREAS, General fund County Departments have historically managed their budgets in such a fashion as to be able to return a portion of their budget at the end of the fiscal year as unspent because of good fiscal prudence; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has historically authorized the Auditors to transfer the unspent funds to the Vehicle Replacement, Data Processing and Building Rehabilitation Funds;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Barry County Board of Commissioners directs the Auditors to transfer any surplus general funds that might exist at the end of 2011 equally to the Vehicle Replacement, Data Processing and Building Rehabilitation Funds.

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

Moved by Houtman seconded by Parker to suspend the provision in Article I, Section A, item 1, of the Rules of Procedure and Regulations of the Barry County Board of Commissioners, to allow the 2012 Organizational Meeting of the Barry County Board of Commissioners to be held at 9:00 a.m. Discussion occurred. Roll call vote: Ayes: Geiger, Gibson, Houtman, Lyons, Nevins, Parker, Stolsonburg and VanNortwick. Motion carried.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

13. NEW BUSINESS: None.

14. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: None.

15. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

Chair Stolsonburg reported that Mr. Brown was out today due to an illness in the family. He wished everyone a happy holiday.

16. VICE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: None.

17. MEMBER'S TIME:

Commissioner VanNortwick wished everyone a Happy New Year and reported that the 2012 Family Farms Conference will be in Battle Creek on January 14. Commissioner Parker wished everyone a Happy New Year.

18. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

19. OTHER BUSINESS:

Moved by Geiger seconded by Lyons to go into closed session in accordance with Public Act 267 of 1976, the Open Meetings Act, Paragraph 15.268, Section 8, subsection (c), for strategy and negotiation session connected with the negotiation of the collective bargaining agreements. Roll call vote: Ayes: Geiger, Gibson, Houtman, Lyons, Nevins, Parker, Stolsonburg and VanNortwick. Motion carried.

(Closed session at 9:10 a.m.; returned to open session at 9:20 a.m.; all members present.)

Moved by Parker, seconded by Gibson to return to open session. Roll call vote: Ayes: Geiger, Gibson, Houtman, Lyons, Nevins, Parker, Stolsonburg and VanNortwick. Motion carried.

Moved by Gibson seconded by Houtman to approve the minutes from the closed session. Roll call vote: Ayes: Geiger, Gibson, Houtman, Lyons, Nevins, Parker, Stolsonburg and VanNortwick. Motion carried.

Moved by Geiger seconded by Gibson to ratify the tentative agreement reached with the GELC Barry County Corrections and Corrections Sergeants Divisions and to authorize the County's labor attorney to prepare the final bargaining agreements for signatures. Discussion occurred. Roll call vote: Ayes: Geiger, Gibson, Houtman, Lyons, Nevins, Parker, Stolsonburg and VanNortwick. Motion carried.

20. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Gibson seconded by Houtman to adjourn at 9:25 a.m. Motion carried.

Craig Stolsonburg, Chair
Barry County Board of Commissioners

Pamela A. Jarvis
Barry County Clerk

Approved: _____
Date and initial when approved