

**BARRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION – OCTOBER 27, 2009**

1. The regular session of the Barry County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Callton in the Barry County Commission Chambers. Roll was taken. The following members were present: Nevins; Gibson; Bremer; Houtman; Lyons; Stolsonburg; Callton. Absent: VanNortwick.
2. All those present stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.
3. Invocation.
4. Limited public comment was called for. Tom Wilkinson spoke regarding county budget and suggested transparency; Administrator, Michael Brown, explained how the budget process works; Commissioner Callton also spoke regarding the budget and fiduciary accounts.
5. Moved by Houtman, support by Stolsonburg to approve the new format of agenda.
6. Moved by Houtman, support by Gibson to approve the following consent items:
 - A: Approval of the minutes from October 13, 2009
 - B: Approval of claims in the amount of \$331,947.31Roll call vote. Ayes: 8; Nays: None. Motion carried.
7. NEW BUSINESS – ANNUAL PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2010 BUDGET:

(Open public hearing)

- A. Administrator, Michael Brown, explained the 2010 budget. Fred Jacobs, Vice-Chair of Economic Development; Gene Haas, Treasurer; Chairperson; Susan Vlietstra were present to address budget issues and the impact of Economic Development in Barry County; Keith Ferris, former Commissioner, Board member of Economic Alliance and involved in the tourism council, spoke regarding budget and asked the Board to look deeper before adopting the current budget. Discussion followed. It was agreed the 2010 Budget should be further discussed at the next Finance meeting which will be a Committee of the Whole on November 5, 2009.

(Close public hearing and return to regular session)

- B. Moved by Stolsonburg support by Bremer to table item B, Resolution 09-36 To Adopt the Barry County Budget, General Appropriations Act and Millage until next Board of Commissioners meeting. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Nevins; Gibson; Bremer; Houtman; Lyons; Stolsonburg; Callton. Nays: None. Absent: VanNortwick. Motion carried.
- C. Moved by Houtman, support by Gibson to approve the 2008 Homeland Security Grant Program Intergovernmental Funding Agreement between County of VanBuren and County of Barry. Roll call vote. Ayes: 7; Nays: None. Motion carried.

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- D. Moved by Houtman, support by Stolsonburg to approve the Sheriff's Department application for the Barry County United Way Allocation for the Barry County Sheriff's Department-School Liaison Officer Program for calendar funding year 2010-2011. Roll call vote. Ayes: 7; Nays: None. Motion carried.
- E. Moved by Nevins, support by Houtman to approve Resolution #09-37 To Adopt the 2009 Apportionment Report. Discussion followed. Moved by Bremer, support by Stolsonburg to table Resolution #09-37. Roll call vote. Ayes: 7; Nays: None. Motion carried.

10:20 a.m.

(Chairman Callton called for a 5 minute recess)

10:37 a.m.

(Return to regular session)

Moved by Nevins, support by Stolsonburg to adopt Resolution #09-39 Resolution to Adopt 2010 Millage. Roll call vote. Ayes: 7; Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Bremer, support by Gibson to take Resolution #09-37 off the table, Resolution to Adopt the 2009 Apportionment Report. Roll call vote. Ayes: 7; Nays: None. Motion carried.

- F. Moved by Nevins, support by Bremer to approve Form L-4029, 2009 Tax Rate Request and authorization for the Chair to sign. Roll call vote. Ayes: 7; Nays: None. Motion carried.
- G. Moved by Nevins, support by Houtman to approve the proposal from Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company in the amount of \$13,600.00 for the actuarial valuation of the Barry County Retiree Health Care Plan. Roll call vote. Ayes: 7; Nays: None. Motion carried.
- H. Moved by Nevins, support by Bremer to approve Resolution #09-38 Opposing a Veto of MSUE and MAES Funding from the State of Michigan. Don Leman, MSUE Regional Director was present to talk about possible cuts to these programs. Chairman Callton made an addition to the last sentence that will read...Now Therefore be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be submitted to Governor Jennifer Granholm, Michigan State Senators, Michigan State Representatives, and the other 82 Michigan Counties. Roll call vote. Ayes: 7; Nays: None. Motion carried.

8. SECOND PUBLIC LIMITED COMMENT:

A. Keith Ferris, Director of Charlton Park reported on the All Hollow's Eve event, that despite the inclimate weather over 200 people were in attendance; the next event will be Christmas Past on December 12 & 13 2009; Keith Murphy reported on the United Way and asked for everyone's support.

9. OTHER BUSINESS:

A: Commissioner Gibson stated Barry County Commission on Aging received a star provider service award from the Area Agency on Aging, Region III B Annual meeting. Commissioner Gibson also reported on the final step from the Leach and Middle Lakes Sewer Project, the Carlton Township Board voted to accept the sewer district which is the final step and will begin in February 2010, 85% of the residents have signed for the sewer. Commissioner Bremer reminded everyone of the Economic Development Summit on November 5, 2009 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Ever After Banquet Facility; November 6, 2009 is an Asset Based Community Development Program that the Economic Alliance Board in conjunction with the Barry Community Foundation along with several other groups in the county have received a one year grant for assistance in changing the face of Barry County, this will take place at the Midvilla, lunch from 11:30 a.m. and an interactive program will follow, cost will be \$15.00. Commissioner Houtman stated an item will be coming before the Planning & Development Committee concerning the phosphorus resolution which is two letters that were sent out to different groups regarding not using or purchasing fertilizers. First letter would go to property owners and the second would go to retailers and lawn care companies.

10. Moved by Nevins, support by Stolsonburg to adjourn to November 10, 2009 or a call of a request of 1/3 of the Board of Commissioners. Roll call vote. Ayes: 7; Nays: None. Motion carried.

Michael Callton D.C., Chairman
Barry County Board of Commissioners

Pamela A. Jarvis
Barry County Clerk