

**BARRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR SESSION – DECEMBER 8, 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 Chamber. Roll was taken. The following members were present: VanNortwick; Nevins; Gibson; Bremer; Houtman; Lyons; Callton. Absent: Stolsonburg.
2. All those present stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.
3. Invocation.
4. Moved by Bremer, support by VanNortwick to approve the November 24, 2009 minutes as printed. Roll call vote. Ayes: 7; Nays: None. Motion carried.
5. Moved by Lyons, support by VanNortwick to approve the December 8, 2009 agenda as amended: Commissioner Gibson stated that under County Development, item #4, the dollar amount should be \$17,800.00; Also, item #5, the dollar amount should be \$48,800.00. Roll call vote. Ayes: 7; Nays: None. Motion carried.
6. Limited public comment was called for. There was no response.

**FORMAL PRESENTATIONS & REQUESTS:**

7. Valerie Byrnes presented the Economic Development report. Included was 2009 overview Board comments.

**COUNTY DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE – GIBSON**

8. Moved by Gibson, support by VanNortwick to approve Resolution #09-40 To Approve and Authorize Execution of Leach and Middle Lakes Area Sanitary Sewer System Bond Contract, Attorney Jim White gave the overview. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: VanNortwick; Nevins; Gibson; Bremer; Houtman; Lyons; Callton. Nays: None. Absent: Stolsonburg. Motion carried.
9. Moved by Gibson, support by VanNortwick to approve Resolution #09-41 To Authorize Issuance of Bonds for Leach and Middle Lakes Area Sanitary Sewer System, Attorney Jim White gave the overview. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Nevins; Gibson; Bremer; Houtman; Lyons; VanNortwick; Callton. Nays: None. Absent: Stolsonburg. Motion carried.
10. Moved by Gibson, support by VanNortwick to approve the Application for Farmland Agreement, formerly known as PA116, for David and Celia DeMond, 1131 Wellman Rd., Woodland, MI. 48897 in Castleton Township. Roll call vote. Ayes: 7; Nays: None. Motion carried.
11. Moved by Gibson, support by VanNortwick to authorize Michigan State University Extension to apply for funds from Barry County United Way in the amount of \$17,800.00 for the Building Strong Families Program for calendar funding year 2010 – 2011. Discussion followed. Roll call vote. Ayes: 7; Nays: None. Motion carried.
12. Moved by Gibson, support by VanNortwick to authorize Michigan State University Extension to apply for funds from Barry County United Way in the amount of \$48,800.00 for the 4-H Program, for

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calendar funding year 2010 – 2011. Discussion followed. Roll call vote. Ayes: 7; Nays: None. Motion carried.

**FINANCE – NEVINS**

13. Moved by Nevins, support by Houtman to authorize a transfer within the Adult Probation budget (101-151) from Payroll Expenditures to Operating Expenditures in the amount of \$2,972.00. Roll call vote. Ayes: 7; Nays: None. Motion carried.

14. Moved by Nevins, support by Bremer to approve payment of claims from the following funds: #101 General fund \$177,400.53; #215 Friend of Court \$388.59; #231 C-Snip Donation \$80.00; #232 Animal Shelter Donation \$48.00; #235 Abstract fund \$5,021.00; #248 Building Rehab \$4,001.50; #256 Register of Deeds Automation fund \$4,927.24; #260 Victim Services \$186.12; #282 Job Skills Training Program \$1,507.94; #285 Adult Drug Court \$3,365.99; #595 Commissary \$150.00; #637 Data Processing \$735.46; #660 Telephone \$110.00. Roll call vote. Ayes: 7; Nays: None. Motion carried.

15. Moved by Nevins, support by VanNortwick to approve Commissioner's payroll in the amount of \$9,466.41. Roll call vote. Ayes: 7; Nays: None. Motion carried.

16. Moved by Nevins, support by Gibson to approve the November 2009 pre-pays in the amount of \$2,204,808.21. Roll call vote. Ayes: 7; Nays: None. Motion carried.

**PERSONNEL/HUMAN SERVICES – BREMER**

17. Moved by Bremer, support by Gibson to participate with Eaton County in having a smoke-free ordinance, and proceed with public hearing process. Discussion followed. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Gibson; Bremer; VanNortwick. Nays: Houtman; Lyons; Nevins; Callton. Absent: Stolsonburg. Motion failed.

**FACILITIES & PROPERTY – VANNORTWICK**

18. Moved by VanNortwick, support by Gibson to approve Resolution #09-43 Resolution for Management, Oversight and Budgeting of the Norris Road Forest Property. Ginger Hentz and Kathy Walters-Surratt explained the Resolution. Discussion followed. Roll call vote. Ayes: 7; Nays: None. Motion carried.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY & COURTS COMMITTEE – HOUTMAN** [Nothing to report at this time]

**SECOND LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT:**

19. Ross Brown spoke regarding septic and well codes; Keith Ferris, Director of Charlton Park stated Christmas Past will be held this coming weekend; Sheriff Leaf stated they have been approved for a snowmobile grant through the DNR; Rick Moore from Parks & Recreation stated Valerie Byrne's experience has been an asset to them; Keith Murphy reported on the United Way having reached 67% of their goal; raffle tickets are available and there will be four winners who will receive propane gas from Ferrell Gas.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

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20. Moved by Bremer, support by Gibson to adopt Resolution for Changing MERS Benefits for Command Division- 22. Roll call vote. Ayes: 7; Nays: None. Motion carried.

(10:37 a.m.)

21. Moved by Gibson, support by Lyons to adjourn to December 22, 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