

**BARRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION – JANUARY 26, 2010**

1. The regular session of the Barry County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Houtman in the Barry County Commission Chamber. Roll was taken. The following members were present: Bremer; Callton; Gibson; Lyons; Nevins; Stolsonburg; VanNortwick; Houtman.
2. All those present stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.
3. Invocation.

APPROVAL OF WRITTEN AGENDA:

4. Moved by Bremer, seconded by Stolsonburg that the agenda as written be approved. All Ayes. Motion carried by voice vote.
5. Limited public comment was called for. There was no response.

VARIOUS CORRESPONDENCE:

6. Stolsonburg stated he received an invitation from the American Red Cross. There will be a grand opening from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with ribbon cutting at noon. Address for event is 149 W. State St., Suite B, Hastings, MI.

CONSENT ITEMS:

7. Moved by Callton, seconded by Stolsonburg to approve the consent items. Roll call. All members present. All Ayes. Nays: None. Motion carried.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

8. Moved by Stolsonburg, seconded by Gibson to approve the 2009 Chargebacks in the amount of \$338,446.16. All Ayes. Motion carried by voice vote.
9. Moved by Stolsonburg, seconded by Gibson to approve claims in the amount of \$134,590.44. All Ayes. Motion carried by voice vote.
10. Moved by Callton, seconded by Stolsonburg to approve Resolution #10-04, Resolution of Intent to Apply for State Operating Assistance for Fiscal Year 2011 Under Act 51 of the Public Acts of 1951, as Amended, and Appoint Joseph Bleam as the Transportation Coordinator For All Public Transportation Matters and Authorize Him to Sign and Execute Contracts and Agreements With the State and Federal Transportation Departments. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: VanNortwick; Bremer; Callton; Gibson; Lyons; Nevins; Stolsonburg; Houtman. Nays: None. Motion carried.
11. Moved by Bremer, seconded by VanNortwick to approve Resolution #10-01 To Approve Ballot Proposal for Renewal of Charlton Park Millage to Appear on the May 4, 2010 Ballot. Roll call vote taken. Keith Ferris spoke on the issue. Discussion followed. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Stolsonburg; VanNortwick; Bremer; Callton; Gibson; Nevins; Houtman. Nays: Lyons. Motion carried.
12. Moved by Stolsonburg, seconded by Bremer to approve Resolution #10-05, To Call Upon The Michigan Legislature To Bring House Bill 5114 To a Vote. Discussion was called for. Roll call vote

taken. Ayes: Nevins; Stolsonburg; VanNortwick; Bremer; Gibson; Lyons; Houtman. Nays: Callton. Motion carried.

13. Moved by Gibson, seconded by Stolsonburg to approve Resolution #10-02 Approving Fees For Barry County Animal Control. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Lyons; Nevins; Stolsonburg; VanNortwick; Bremer; Callton; Gibson; Houtman. Nays: None. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

(9:50 a.m.) Chairman Houtman called for a ten minute break.

(10:00 a.m.) Return to regular session.

NEW BUSINESS:

14. Brad Lamberg, Director, Barry County Road Commission was present to give a power point presentation to the Board. Discussion followed.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: None.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

15. Houtman stated that currently 7 out of 8 libraries serving Barry County are receiving agendas for the Committee of the Whole and Board of Commissioners meetings. It was decided the townships would be included with the current email group. Houtman gave condolences to Deb Newhouse, Prairieville Twp. Treasurer, on the passing of her husband. Houtman reminded the Board members that the MAC Conference is coming up in March. Houtman also stated that today is the State of Michigan's 173rd birthday.

VICE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

16. Stolsonburg stated there is an Extension Workshop being held on March 17, 2010 and encouraged Board members to attend the half day or whole day sessions.

MEMBER'S TIME:

17. Bremer stated he attended an energy workshop January 13, 2010 at the Kent County MSU Extension office regarding alternative energy that focused on planning for township and county residents to become more energy efficient, Bremer also attended an Agriculture and Tourism workshop at MAC Headquarters showcasing Emmett County actively promoting tourism and seeing positive results from this; VanNortwick stated the Potawatomi Resource Conservation Development Consult that sponsored Michigan Family Farms conference last weekend at Lakeview High School in Battle Creek that was well attended which also showed a back to roots effort, also, regarding the trails committee for the Barry County Parks & Recreation Board is getting grounded and thanked Rose Anger in Mapping for her efforts on documentation she put together for the proposed Paul Henry Trail system, Brad Lamberg will be speaking next month regarding the trails and MDOT; Callton expressed his concerns on TOST, how it's administrated, and that an evening public hearing should be considered.

18. Holly Steiner, Veteran's Affairs spoke regarding Agent Orange List, the difficulties facing veterans today and benefits being offered.

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(10:45 a.m.)

19. Moved by Nevins, seconded by Stolsonburg to adjourn. All Ayes. Motion carried by voice vote.

Robert A. Houtman, Chairman
Barry County Board of Commissioners

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