

**BARRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION – FEBRUARY 9, 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. Absent: None.
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. Mark Hewitt expressed some of his concerns regarding TOST; Rick Moore spoke regarding Podunk Lake and the possibility of a sewer system there.

VARIOUS CORRESPONDENCE:

6. Gibson invited everyone to the legislative luncheon on Wednesday, February 17, 2010 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. first floor, at the State Capital, concerning Area Agency on Aging; Drug Court graduation is February 11, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.; Nevins stated he has tickets for the Green Gables auction and dinner being held February 13, 2010; Houtman stated he received a memo from Brad Lamberg concerning 3 House Bills regarding motor fuel taxes and that the road commission is in favor of increasing the gas and diesel tax in the state of Michigan.

CONSENT ITEMS:

7. Moved by Gibson, 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 Nevins, seconded by Stolsonburg to approve claims in the amount of \$309,426.57. All Ayes. Motion carried by voice vote.
9. Moved by Nevins, seconded by Gibson to approve pre-paid invoices in the amount of \$3,722,414.25. All Ayes. Motion carried by voice vote.
10. Moved by Nevins, seconded by Lyons to approve Commissioner's payroll in the amount of \$8,042.36. All Ayes. Motion carried by voice vote.
11. Moved by Stolsonburg, seconded by Nevins to approve Joint Plan Amendment #2. Roll call vote taken. Ayes: Nevins; Stolsonburg; Bremer; Callton; Gibson; Houtman. Nays: VanNortwick; Lyons. Motion carried.

12. Moved by VanNortwick, seconded by Gibson to approve Resolution #10-03 In Support of the Final Report of the Legislative Commission on Statutory Mandates (December 2009). All Ayes. Motion carried by voice vote.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

13. Michael Brown gave an update on the library purchase, the auditors will be here February 26, 2010, we will have a better financial understanding on how we may proceed with renovations after their report is submitted; Correspondence has been received from the Village of Middleville LDFA regarding a public hearing that will be held February 23, 2010 on the Crane/Finkbeiner Road Bridge project; Veterans Affairs Director, Holly Steiner, will be on medical leave beginning February 18, 2010, Martha Wieland has been hired to work on Mondays until Holly returns; the Presbyterian Church is for sale and will be discussed at a committee of the whole meeting; The DNR is developing a strategic plan for a long term and effective management of our state’s wildlife, they are holding focus groups around the state, the closest will be held in Kalamazoo on February 16, 2010 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT:

14. Houtman stated all townships, except Woodland, are now on the email list for receiving the county’s agendas, copies to the public will be available upon request from all 8 libraries.

VICE CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT:

15. Stolsonburg spoke regarding TOST and extended an invitation to area realtors to voice their concerns on this issue to him.

MEMBER’S TIME:

16. Callton stated he is in favor of how the TOST ordinance is written, it is a matter of how it is interpreted and implemented and that the Health Dept. would be helpful in providing answers to any questions; VanNortwick stated the Barry Conservation District is having their annual meeting March 20, 2010 at the Masonic Hall in Nashville, MI., one position on their board is being balloted for three contenders, absentee ballots are available now, a waterfront landscape workshop will also be taking place along with a luncheon. On March 27, 2010 the annual Walk for Warmth will be held starting at the Courthouse at 10:00 a.m., contact Bev Newton for more information. The 4-H Conservation Council is developing on the parcel of land owned by the county that is going to be converted into a living laboratory on South Norris Rd., a learning session will be held February 13, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and they are seeking new members to join the 4-H, Environmental Science and Conservation Club for youth ages 5 to 19.

SECOND LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT:

17. Jim Brown Supervisor, Hastings Township, thanked the Board for their support on the Joint Planning Amendment and supports further discussion on TOST; Rick Moore thanked the county for purchasing the old library and preserving its integrity.

(9:45 a.m.)

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18. Moved by Lyons, seconded by Stolsonburg to adjourn. All Ayes. Motion carried by voice vote.

Robert A. Houtman, Chairman
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