

**BARRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION – MARCH 9, 2010**

1. The regular session of the Barry County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Vice-Chairman Stolsonburg in the Barry County Commission Chamber. Roll was taken. The following members were present: Bremer, Callton, Gibson, Lyons, Nevins, Stolsonburg, and VanNortwick. Absent: Houtman.

2. All those present stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

3. Invocation

APPROVAL OF WRITTEN AGENDA:

4. Moved by Callton, seconded by VanNortwick to approve the agenda. All Ayes; motion carried by voice vote. Houtman absent.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT:

5. George Hubka made comments regarding the appropriateness of purchasing the church property and the T.O.S.T. Keith Murphy from United Way extended an invitation to the “Soup”er Celebration this Friday at noon at the Commission on Aging. Don Bradstreet commented on the use of the Red Cross of Hastings and the Barry County Transit. Joanne Barnard from the Barry Conservation District reminded everyone that their annual meeting is March 20 in Nashville with a program at 9:00 a.m. and lunch and elections at noon. Also, Barnard encouraged everyone to vote electronically for the grant for the Thornapple River Watershed that will be awarded to one of eight finalists. The orders for the purchase of trees is due March 26, with pick up in April.

VARIOUS CORRESPONDENCES: None

6. Moved by Callton, seconded by Gibson to approve the following consent items:

- a. February 23, 2010 meeting minutes
- b. The agreement between the County of Barry and the Village of Nashville, for a three-year period, for the appropriation of funds not to exceed \$5,000.00 for the Parks & Recreation Grant, and authorize the Chair to sign it
- c. The Michigan Department of Agriculture Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program Applications for Farmland Agreement #10-01 and 10-02 (more commonly known as PA116) for Paul and Alma Wing
- d. The Engagement Letter with Rehman Robson for the preparation of the annual audit for the year ended December 31, 2009 in the amount of \$26,400.00 and authorize the County Administrator to sign it

Discussion occurred. Roll Call taken. All ayes, no nays; motion carried. Houtman absent.

PRESENTATIONS: None

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

7. Moved by Lyons, seconded by Gibson to approve of the Michigan Department of Transportation, Hastings City/Barry County Airport Commission, Contract for a Federal/State/Local Airport Project under the Block Grant Program Contract #2010-0137) to complete the Rehabilitation of the Beacon and the Development Engineering Plans for the rehabilitation and expansion of the Apron. All ayes; motion carried by voice vote. Houtman absent.

CLAIMS AND DISBURSEMENTS:

8. Moved by Nevins, seconded by Bremer to approve the claims in the amount of \$76,006.96. All ayes; motion carried by voice vote. Houtman absent.

9. Moved by Nevins, seconded by Bremer to approve the pre-paid invoices in the amount of \$2,846,941.80. All ayes; motion carried by voice vote. Houtman absent.

10. Moved by Nevins, seconded by Lyons to approve the Commissioner payroll in the amount of \$7,772.86. Discussion occurred. All ayes; motion carried by voice vote. Houtman absent.

11. Moved by Bremer, seconded by Gibson to approve Resolution #10-08 Resolution Designating A "Recovery Zone" for Recovery Zone Facility Bonds and Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds. Roll call taken. All ayes; no nays; motion carried. Houtman absent.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

12. Moved by VanNortwick, seconded by Gibson to approve of the request from the County Clerk to have the Courthouse open on Saturday March 27, 2010 from 10 am to 3 pm to participate in National Passport Day. Discussion occurred. All ayes; motion carried by voice vote. Houtman absent

13. Moved by Gibson, seconded by Bremer to approve the sale of the following surplus equipment: a 1999 Chevrolet Tahoe, VIN #1GNEC13R0XR148224 to Dan Smith in the amount of \$375.77 and to deposit the funds in the Vehicle Replacement Fund. All ayes; motion carried by voice vote. Houtman absent

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: None

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: None

VICE-CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

14. Stolsonburg requested that everyone review the county policy regarding the use of email, sign and return the acknowledgement to the Administrator's Office or the IT Department.

MEMBER'S TIME:

15. Lyons commented on the T.O.S.T. Bremer commented on the old library and making plans for the future. VanNortwick indicated he had just returned from a Leadership Conference in Washington DC. Callton made comments regarding the T.O.S.T. and discussion occurred.

LIMITED PUBIC COMMENT:

16. George Cullers made comments regarding recycling and the need for the county to work with the city. George Hubka spoke regarding recycling. Keith Ferris provided information on Charlton Park Day, May 1. Rick Moore commented on the savings to the county with the utilization on the Committee of a Whole and thanked the commissioners for the grant for the boat launch in Nashville.

OTHER BUSINESS:

17. Moved by Nevins, seconded by Gibson to go into closed session in accordance with Public Act 267 of 1976, Subsection 15.268, Sec. 8 (d) to consider the purchase of real property. All ayes; motion carried by voice vote. Houtman absent.

(Moved to closed session at 9:50 a.m.)

(Open session resumed 10:15 a.m.)

18. Roll call taken: The following members were present: Bremer, Callton, Gibson, Lyons, Nevins, Stolsonburg, and VanNortwick. Absent: Houtman.

19. Moved by Gibson, seconded by Lyons to approve the minutes from the closed session. Roll call taken; all ayes; no nays. Motion carried. Houtman absent.

ADJOURNMENT: (10:19 a.m.)

20. Moved by Callton, seconded by VanNortwick to adjourn. All ayes; motion carried by voice vote. Houtman absent.

Craig Stolsonburg
Vice-Chair, Barry County Board of Commissioners

Pamela A. Jarvis
Barry County Clerk