

Barry County Board of Commissioners
March 23, 2010; 9:00 a.m.; Commission Chambers

1. The regular session of the Barry County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Houtman in the Barry County Commission Chamber. Roll was taken. The following members were present: Bremer, Callton, Gibson, Houtman, Lyons, Nevins, Stolsonburg, and VanNortwick. 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 to approve the agenda. All Ayes; motion carried by voice vote.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT:

5. Keith Ferris reported that the Charlton Park 2010 Event Season Poster is available for distribution and that Charlton Park Day is May 1, 2010.

VARIOUS CORRESPONDENCES: None

CONSENT ITEMS:

7. Moved by Lyons, seconded by Stolsonburg to approve the following consent items:
 - a. March 9, 2010 meeting minutes
 - b. The following changes to the 2010 Board Rules as follows: (1) adding under Article IV (B) the following two additional agenda items: Presentations & Public Hearings and removing from l. 1. the words "Recommendation for"; (2) removing from Article VII (D) (1) the following language: The item "Review of Transfers and Disbursements" shall automatically be placed on each agenda
 - c. Appointment of Sanford Burrill to the Building Authority to fill the remainder of a three year term that began January 1, 2009 and expires December 31, 2011.
 - e. Re-appointment of Larry Neil to the Agriculture Preservation Board, Real Estate or Developmental Interest position, for a three year term that began January 1, 2010 and expires December 31, 2012
 - f. Appointment of Lynne Anderson, to the Mental Health Authority, General Public Position, for a three year term that begins April 1, 2010 and expires on March 31, 2013
 - g. Appointment of Don Bowers to the Mental Health Authority, General Public Position, for a three year term that begins April 1, 2010 and expires on March 31, 2013

- h. Re-appointment Don Groendyk to the Mental Health Authority, General Public Position, for a three year term that begins April 1, 2010 and expires on March 31, 2013
- i. Becoming a member with the West Michigan Strategic Alliance

Roll call taken. All ayes; no nays; motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS:

8. Eric Pessell, Barry/Eaton District Health Department presented information on the T.O.S.T. Discussion occurred.

(Recess at 10:16; resumed 10:26, all members present)

9. An update on the Barry County Substance Abuse Task Force and the Drug Free Community Grant was presented by Liz Lenz. Ms. Lenz introduced Stacey Graham, the Drug Free Communities Coordinator.

10. Joanne Barnard presented the Semi Annual Report of the Barry Conservation District, with John Warren, Conservation Board Treasurer. Barnard reported that Scott Hanshue is the new Board member and Dave Keitzmann retired from the Board.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

11. Moved by Gibson, seconded by Bremer to authorize the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney to spend up to \$21,724.00 to purchase a paperless office system with funds to come from the Forfeiture Fund and Data Processing Budget; and to stay the policy for bids and award it to General Code, LLC. Discussion occurred. All ayes; motion carried by voice vote

12. Moved by Gibson, seconded by Stolsonburg to approve the transfers and disbursements in the amount of \$ 245,618.50. Roll call taken. All ayes; motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

13. Michael Brown reported he had reviewed the request for the Board to support a proposal for a Wi-Max Broadband through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Moved by VanNortwick, seconded by Bremer that the Chair be authorized to sign a letter providing support for any Comprehensive Community Application for funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 through the USDA's Broadband Initiatives Program (BIP) that brings broadband into Barry County. All ayes; no nays; motion carries by voice vote.

Brown further indicated that the Michigan Association of Counties reports are provided to the commissioners and that a cut may occur in revenue sharing. The county is currently under the reserve process, but that will end in 2012. The State is also looking to transfer funds from Secondary Road Patrol provided to the Sheriff and redirect those funds to the Michigan State Police.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

14. Houtman noted that all the interviews at the next Committee of a Whole are scheduled to occur at the same time. This will create less down time between interviews. Further, future Committee of a Whole meetings will be at 9:00 a.m. instead of 4:00 p.m.

VICE CHAIR PERSON'S REPORT

15. Stolsonburg reported that the bids for fire communication at Central Dispatch came in at less than budgeted and the bid was awarded to Communication Specialists. Part of the funds will come from the wireless funds. The system should be up and running in 90-120 days.

MEMBER'S TIME:

16. VanNortwick reported he would be attending the state-wide conservation conference in Detroit this week. Barry County plays a key roll in water conservation in the State.

17. Nevins reported the auditors had requested a meeting or conference with him. Brown reported that he was scheduled to meet with the auditors on Friday to review the final draft.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

18. Mark Doster spoke regarding the T.O.S.T. discussion.

19. Sheriff Leaf provided information on the L.E.I.N. fees.

20. Regina Young, from the Health Department, addressed statements made by Doster.

21. Chuck Reid thanked Joanne Barnard for all the work she does and made comments regarding the soil erosion problem.

ADJOURNMENT: (11:37 A.M.)

22. Moved by Stolsonburg, seconded by Gibson to adjourn. All ayes; motion carried by voice vote.

Robert Houtman, Chair
Barry County Board of Commissioners

Pamela A. Jarvis
Barry County Clerk