

Barry County Board of Commissioners
June 8, 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, Stolsonburg, and VanNortwick. Absent: Nevins.

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

3. Invocation

4. APPROVAL OF WRITTEN AGENDA:

Commissioner VanNortwick requested the removal of item 7b from the consent items: the request for the City of Hastings/DDA to fund (with the public's help), design and construct a War Memorial on the NW corner of the Courthouse lawn, to be patterned from the existing fountain area, with the War Monument currently located at Tyden Park as the main focal point, as depicted in the concept drawings and site plan and subject to final approval by the Board, of the site design prior to creating construction drawings and beginning construction.

Moved by Bremer, seconded by Gibson to approve the agenda with item 7b removed from the consent items. All ayes; no nays; motion carried by voice vote.

Discussion occurred relating to the City/DDA request for creation of the War Memorial. Moved by Bremer, seconded by Stolsonburg to approve the City of Hastings/DDA to fund (with the public's help), design and construct a War Memorial at the NW Corner of the Courthouse property with the War Monument currently located at Tyden Park as the main focal point, subject to final approval by the Board, of the site design prior to creating construction drawings and beginning construction. All ayes; no nays; motion carried by voice vote.

5. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT:

Keith Ferris reminded everyone that the Charlton Park Father's Day Car Show is on Father's Day. There will be a yard sale the following Saturday, June 26 with arts and crafts vendors. The park is now open daily from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

6. VARIOUS CORRESPONDENCES: None

7. CONSENT ITEMS:

Moved by VanNortwick, seconded by Callton to approve the following consent items:

- a. The May 25, 2010 regular meeting minutes and the June 1, 2010 special meeting minutes.

- b. Adoption of the change in the Policy for Sales of Fixed Assets and Other Supplies, from EBay, Inc. as auction provider to Biddergy.com as auction provider.
- c. The Michigan Department of Agriculture Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program Applications for Farmland Agreement #10-03, 10-04, 10-05, and 10-06 (more commonly known as PA116) for Linda Campbell.
- d. Laying-off of the OCC GED Instructor from June 14 through August 31 due to a shortfall in grant funding.
- e. The bid from Lakewood Builders for 455 Hillside Park, Lake Odessa in the amount of \$26,950 for home repairs to be paid for from the CDBG fund.
- f. The bid from Fox Building Service for 527 Clinton, Hastings from Fox Building Service in the amount of \$34,000 for home repairs, to be paid for from the CDBG fund.
- g. The bid from Schilz Construction and Remodeling for 511 W. Walnut Hastings in the amount of \$17,500 for home repairs, to be paid for from the HOME fund.

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

8. PRESENTATIONS

Don Lehman, District 8 Coordinator, provided an update on the redesign of Michigan State University Extension.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

10. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- a. Moved by Stolsonburg, seconded by VanNortwick to approve transfers and disbursements: claims in the amount of \$109,984.56; pre-paid invoices in the amount of \$2,846,452.23; Commissioners payroll in the amount of \$7,898.86. Roll taken. All ayes; no nays; motion carried.
- b. Moved by Callton, seconded by VanNortwick to approve Resolution #10-16 Resolution to approve the 2009 Homeland Security Grant Program Intergovernmental Funding Agreement between County of VanBuren and the County of Barry. Roll taken. All ayes; no nays; motion carried.

11. OLD BUSINESS: None

12. NEW BUSINESS: None

13. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Michael Brown reported that we are in the budget cycle. He has requested budget cut scenarios of three, five and ten percent from the departments. He is meeting with Departments on June 14.

He requested the Board provide direction for creation of the proposed budget. Discussion occurred.

14. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

Chair Houtman reported that he will be presenting a study and proposal for setting compensation for the next term for the Board of Commissioners on June 29. On June 15, the Committee of the Whole will review the operating procedures.

15. VICE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: None

16. MEMBER'S TIME:

Commissioner Bremer reminded everyone that the 24-hour Bike Challenge in Barry County will occur Father's Day weekend, with approximately 500 cyclers participating.

Commissioner Gibson reported that Mayor May is currently at Pennock Hospital.

Commissioner VanNortwick thanked the media for the transparency they are providing to the public reporting on the Committee of a Whole and Board of Commissioner Meetings.

17. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT: None

18. OTHER BUSINESS:

Moved by Stolsonburg, seconded by Gibson to go into closed session in accordance with Public Act 267 of 1976, the Open Meetings Act, Section 8, 15.268(e) to consult with our attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with pending litigation. Roll call, all ayes; no nays; motion carries.

(9:45 a.m. Board recesses to closed session)

19. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION (10:45 A.M.)

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

Moved by Callton, seconded by Bremer to approve the minutes from the closed session. All ayes; no nays; motion carries.

Moved by Bremer, seconded by Stolsonburg to allow the attorneys to move forward with the proposals presented in the closed session. All ayes; no nays; motion carries.

20. ADJOURNMENT (10:47 a.m.)

Moved by Callton, seconded by Gibson to adjourn. All ayes; no nays; motion carries by voice vote.

Robert Houtman, Chair
Barry County Board of Commissioners

Pamela A. Jarvis
Barry County Clerk.