

Barry County Board of Commissioners
June 22, 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

4. APPROVAL OF WRITTEN AGENDA:

Moved by Bremer, seconded by Stolsonburg to approve the agenda. All ayes; no nays; motion carried by voice vote.

5. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT:

Keith Ferris, Charlton Park commented on the Father's Day Car Show. He reminded everyone that the Yard Sale is this weekend and the Fourth of July Veteran's BBQ will be on July 4.

6. VARIOUS CORRESPONDENCES:

Chair Houtman indicated he had three emails regarding the Animal Control Advisory Board. Commissioner VanNortwick reported there are emergency funds available through a Federal assistance program, Community Action Agency. Commissioner Lyons received an email expressing concerns about recycling. Chair Houtman reported he received additional correspondence requesting that the Civil War Monument be returned to the intersection.

7. CONSENT ITEMS:

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Lyons to approve the following consent items:

- a) The June 8, 2010 meeting minutes
- b) The Region 3B Area Agency on Aging, Annual Implementation Plan, Public Hearing Summary from October 1, 2010-September 30, 2011
- c) The renewal of the Liability, Vehicle Physical Damage and Property and Crime Insurance coverage through the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority for the period of July 1, 2010 to July 1, 2011 in the amount of \$322,538 and authorize the member representative to sign the agreement

- d) The appointment of Craig Stolsonburg, as Officer Delegate and Bob Houtman as Officer Alternate, to attend the 2010 Municipal Employees Retirement System Annual Meeting; September 15-17, 2010 at the Radisson Plaza Hotel

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

8. PRESENTATIONS:

Judge James Fisher presented in the 2009 Annual Report for the Barry County Trial Court, highlighting the community programs that save the County money. Discussion occurred.

Stephen Blann of Rehman provided an overview of the 2009 Audit. He reported that the drafts provided are the final document. Discussion occurred relative to the inclusion of the other various audits for different county entities. Moved by Nevins, seconded by Stolsonburg to accept the 2009 Audit as presented and have the document filed with the State. All ayes; no nays; motion carried by voice vote.

Further discussion regarding the audit process and inclusion of the other various audits will be held at the second Committee of the Whole in July.

(Recess 9:50 a.m.; Resume 10:00 a.m. All Commissioners present)

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None.

10. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

- a) Moved by Nevins, seconded by Gibson to approve claims in the amount of \$ 102,302.02. All ayes; no nays; motion carried by voice vote.
- b) Moved by Bremer, seconded by VanNortwick to approve Resolution #10-19, Resolution to Authorize Request for Bids for Sale of County Bonds on a Competitive Negotiated Basis for Finkbeiner/Crane Road Bridge Project. Discussion occurred. Roll taken. All ayes; no nays; motion carried.
- c) Moved by Callton, seconded by Stolsonburg to approve Resolution #10-18 Urging Amendment to Senate Bill 1072. Discussion occurred. Roll taken. Seven ayes; one nay; motion carried.

11. OLD BUSINESS:

Chair Houtman reviewed the reasons the budget discussion was on the agenda: mandated services vs. non-mandated supportive services necessary at some level vs. non-mandated services. Discussion occurred relative to the Umbrella Tax Fund and the appropriate balance. All items need to be on the table during the budget process this year. Moved by Nevins, seconded by Stolsonburg to direct the County Administrator to approach the budget discussion process with county department heads in three tiers and in order of funding priority: mandated

services, non-mandated services but some level of service required or expected and non-mandated services. All ayes; no nays; motion carried by voice vote.

12. NEW BUSINESS: None

13. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: None

14. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: None

15. VICE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: None

16. MEMBER'S TIME:

Commissioner Bremer thanked everyone for the cooperation for the 24-hour bike challenge this past weekend. Commissioner VanNortwick reminded everyone that in this budget crisis we also need to consider the natural resources and the amount of funds generated for minimal investment.

17. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT:

Keith Murphy of Charlton Park reminded everyone that the Gas and Steam Show Pancake Breakfast is July 10 and there is a horse-pulling event on July 9.

18. OTHER BUSINESS: None

19. ADJOURNMENT: (10:40 A.M.)

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

Robert Houtman, Chair
Barry County Board of Commissioners

Pamela A. Jarvis
Barry County Clerk