

Barry County Board of Commissioners
July 27, 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:

Michael Brown commented on item 11c of the agenda. He presented a proposed resolution that incorporated the items in the previous motion of Commissioner Lyons at the August 20, 2010 Committee of the Whole. It was recommended to amend the agenda to reflect the motion to approve Resolution 10-24.

Moved by Callton seconded by Lyons to approve the written agenda as amended. All ayes; motion carried by voice vote.

5. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT:

George London commented on recycling. Barb Cichy requested a hard copy of Resolution 10-24. John Loftus commented on the Animal Control Director issue. Susan Bosma commented on the Animal Control issue. Ginger Hentz reported that the 4-H experience at the fair was a success. She thanked the commissioners, business and individuals for their participation and noted that the livestock sales increased 14% over last year, raising \$530,000. Craig Leathers, Charlton Park reported the director search was going well and they hoped to finalize the decision next week; the budget has been finalized and approved. Fox 17 aired three segments this morning about the park.

6. VARIOUS CORRESPONDENCES:

Chair Houtman submitted an email in favor of the Animal Control Advisory Board. Commissioner VanNortwick read from a Community Action Agency fly, providing information on the different Headstart Programs available.

7. CONSENT ITEMS

Moved by Gibson seconded by Bremer to approve the following consent items:

- a. The July 13, 2010 meeting minutes

- b. The attached letter to the United States Geological Survey, Geographic Names Office supporting the action taken by the Orangeville Township Board on April 6, 2010 naming the creek from Tamarack Lake on the North end, "Cave Creek" as identified on the attached map as Unnamed Creek
- c. The bid from DMC Technology Group and authorize spending up to \$28,000 for replacement/upgrade of the Trial Court AS400
- d. The bid from Lakewood Builders for 614 South Hanover Street, Hastings, MI 49058 in the amount of \$24,800 for home repairs to be paid out of CDBG Funds

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

8. PRESENTATIONS: None

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

10. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

- a. Moved by Nevins seconded by Stolsonburg to approve transfers and disbursements: claims in the amount of \$420,969.49. All ayes; motion carried by voice vote.
- b. Moved by Bremer seconded by VanNortwick to approve Resolution #10-23, Resolution of Recommitment to Full Implementation of the ADA. Roll taken. All ayes; no nays; motion carried.
- c. Moved by Lyons seconded by VanNortwick to approve Resolution 10-24, Resolution to Prepare Amendment to Animal Control Ordinance – Reassigning the functions of the Animal Control Agency. Discussion occurred. Sheriff Leaf provided a presentation that he developed following a meeting Megan LaValle.

Following the presentation, Nevins moved to place Resolution 10-24 on the agenda for August 10, 2010, seconded by Callton. Discussion occurred. Roll call. Ayes: Nevins, Stolsonburg, VanNortwick, Callton, Lyons, and Houtman. Nays: Bremer and Gibson. Motion passes.

- d. Moved by Stolsonburg seconded by Lyons to suspend the rules and allow the public to comment on the Sheriff's Proposal. All ayes; motion carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The following members of the public provided comments regarding the Sheriff's presentation and the Animal Control Advisory Committee: John Townsend; Mike Timmons; Heather Reid; Gordon Douglas, Ionia County Animal Control; Marcie Tepper, John Loftus; Barb Cichy; Teresa Burdick; Bill Page, Michigan Municipal Risk Management Association; and Barb Lyons.

11. OLD BUSINESS: None

12. NEW BUSINESS: None

13. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Michael Brown reported that the Farmland Preservation Ordinance had been submitted and he was forwarding it to the attorney. Discussion occurred. Chair Houtman indicated it should go to the townships first; their comments or changes incorporated into the document; and then, submitted to the attorney and the Committee of the Whole. Mr. Brown reported on the status of the War Monument. This matter is to be placed on the Committee of the Whole Agenda on August 3. Mr. Brown stated we are on track for the Board to start their budget process review in August.

14. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chair Houtman thanked everyone for their cooperative effort.

15. VICE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Vice Chair Stolsonburg echoed the Chair's comments.

16. MEMBER'S TIME: None.

17. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

Sheriff Leaf reported the boat for the Marine Division has been ordered. He thanked Aaron Staines who secured free air cards from Verizon for use in his department. Bill Page, MMRMA stated they give grants for new ideas to reduce liability. They have \$750,000 per year in grant funding. John Loftus requested the commissioners keep in mind programs for the youth.

18. OTHER BUSINESS: None

19. ADJOURNMENT: (10:45 a.m.)

Moved by Stolsonburg seconded by VanNortwick to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried by voice vote.

Robert Houtman, Chair
Barry County Board of Commissioners

Pamela A. Jarvis
Barry County Clerk