

BARRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – SPECIAL MEETING
July 16, 2018; 9:00 a.m.;
Tyden Center, 121 S Church St, Hastings
MINUTES

1. Chair Geiger called the special session of the Barry County Board of Commissioners to Order at 9:00 a.m. in the Tyden Center.
2. Those present stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
3. Roll Call was taken. The following members were present: Vivian Conner, Ben Geiger, Howard Gibson, David Jackson, Dan Parker, Jon Smelker and Heather Wing. Also present: Clerk Pam Palmer.
4. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT:
 - Gary Munson asked if there would be a time for public comment after the Drain Commissioner, Jim Dull, spoke.
 - Sharon Ritchie encouraged the board to pass the proposed resolution to advance and reimburse funds for emergency flood relief of Upper Crooked Lake residents.
 - Charles Krammin commented that he has been working with Jim Dull toward a resolution to the flooding situation on Upper Crooked Lake.
 - David Staley asked about the possibility of a passageway from Upper Crooked Lake to the Kalamazoo River, and also inquired about possible beaver damages.
5. DRAIN COMMISSIONER DULL - Resolution Authorizing the Advance and Reimbursement of Funds for Emergency Flooding Relief of Crooked Lake within the Watson Drain Drainage District

Moved by Conner, seconded by Jackson, for adoption of Resolution #18-11, Resolution Authorizing the Advance and Reimbursement of Funds for Emergency Flooding Relief of Crooked Lake within the Watson Drain Drainage District.

Recess at 9:09 a.m. Resume meeting at 9:11 a.m. with all commissioners present.

Discussion with Jim Dull, Attorney Doug Kelly, and Engineer Brian Cenci, as well as members of the Board of Commissioners. Roll call vote. Ayes: Conner, Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, Smelker and Wing. Nays: None. Motion carried.

6. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Gary Munson asked if this proposal would be a temporary fix, and continue to work toward a permanent fix.
- Charles Krammin commented that a permanent solution to the flooding of Upper Crooked Lake might be an outlet into the swamp of Glasby Lake, but will not work in flood conditions.
- Sharon Ritchie asked for clarification of the resolution and its immediate remedy to the needs of the residents of Upper Crooked Lake.
- Kathy Mutschler stated that she had never received any notification that water would be sent downstream causing flooding on her lot.
- Doug Kelly stated that a petition was mailed.
- Brian Cenci stated that the Watson Drain was established in 1899 and the Petition for the the extension was in 1908.
- Mitch Mutschler stated that in March or April of 2017 he received no notification of the Watson Drain opening.
- Mike O'Meara commented that several years ago the natural flow of the drain would have gone under Milo Road.

7. ADJOURNMENT: at 10:12 a.m.

Ben Geiger, Chair
Barry County Board of Commissioners

Pamela A. Palmer, Clerk

Approved: _____
Date & Initial