

Barry County Board of Commissioners – Special Committee of the Whole
April 11, 2019; 7:00 p.m.; Tyden Center Community Room
121 S. Church Street, Hastings, MI 49058
MINUTES

Members Present: Commissioners Vivian Conner, Ben Geiger, Howard Gibson, David Jackson, Dan Parker, Jon Smelker, and Heather Wing. Clerk Pam Palmer was also present.

Others present: Michael Brown, Jean Gallup, Rebecca Pierce, Dep. Tina Smelker, Larry Neil, Paul Wing, Stacy Byers, Christian Smith, Lori Schrauben, Jim Wickham, George Cullers, Joyce Skedgell, Scott Atkinson, Joe Sancimino, Jim and Kelly Dull, Max Thiele, Gordon Endsley, Joan Bosserd-Schroeder, and George Hubka.

Chair Wing called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Those present stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

STACY BYERS from Sheridan Land Consulting gave a detailed presentation regarding Farmland Preservation and Open Space Preservation, and then answered several questions from the commissioners and audience.

1) Amendments to the Barry County Farmland Preservation Ordinance

Moved by Geiger, seconded by Jackson to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of amendments to the Barry County Farmland Preservation Ordinance. Discussion. Ayes: Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, and Wing. Nays: Conner and Smelker. Motion carried.

2) Barry County Open Space Preservation Ordinance

Moved by Geiger, seconded by Parker to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of the attached Barry County Space preservation Ordinance. Discussion. Ayes: Geiger, Gibson, Jackson, Parker, and Wing. Nays: Conner and Smelker. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Gordon Endsley commented on zoning issue in the Northeast corner of Hastings Township.
- Larry Neil thanked the commissioners.

- Jim Wickham commented that Stacy Byers did a great job with her presentation to the commissioners and audience.
- George Hubka commented that the roads should be fixed prior to the State allocating money for these programs.

ADJOURNMENT at 8:45 p.m.

Heather Wing, Chair
Barry County Board of Commissioners

Pamela A. Palmer, County Clerk

Approved: 4/23/19 PPalmer
Date & Initials