

Barry County Board of Commissioners
December 14, 2021; 9:00 a.m.; Commission Chambers
MINUTES

1. Chair Ben Geiger called the regular session of the Barry County Board of Commissioners to Order at 9:00 a.m.
2. Invocation led by Commissioner Jackson.
3. Those present stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
4. Roll Call was taken. The following members were present Bruce Campbell, Vivian Conner, Ben Geiger, Catherine Getty, Howard Gibson, David Jackson, and Jon Smelker. Also present: County Administrator Michael Brown, Luella Dennison and Clerk Pam Palmer.
5. Approval of Written Agenda (including consent items & items for discussion)

The written agenda was approved without objection as written.
6. REPORTS FROM STATE AND COUNTY OFFICERS: Dar Leaf gave the November 2021 jail statistics.
7. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT: (3 MINUTES PER PERSON)
 - Charles Hertzler thanked the commissioners for holding the ARPA meeting, but criticized them for not conducting a true forum with the public given the ability to ask questions.
 - Danny Quanstrom spoke in favor of the ARPA funds and all those funds can do to promote the needs of our community.
 - Adam Heikkila stated the ARPA funds will add to inflation. He stated the Federal Reserve will create debt out of debt, thus giving the government control over us. He stated that the people who have spoke in favor of the ARPA funds have something to gain from the funds.
8. VARIOUS CORRESPONDENCE: None.
9. CONSENT ITEMS: (voted upon at one time by roll call vote):
 - a. Approval of November 23, 2021 Board of Commissioners meeting minutes.
 - b. Approval of November 30, 2021 ARPA Public Forum, Committee of the Whole meeting minutes.
 - c. Approval of December 7, 2021, Committee of the Whole meeting minutes.
 - d. Approval to reappoint Holly Pineiro as recommended by the Barry County Humane Society to serve as the Humane Society representative for a one-year term on the Barry County Animal Shelter Advisory Board that begins on 1/1/2022 and expires on 12/31/2022.
 - e. Approval to reappoint Craig Stolsonburg to serve on the Barry County Transit Board for a three-year term that begins on 1/1/22 and expires on 12/31/24.
 - f. Approval to re-appoint Cynthia Vujea to serve on the Central Dispatch Board in a citizen at large position for a four-year term that begins on 1-1-22 and expires on 12-31-25.
 - g. Approval to re-appoint David Tripp to serve on the Barry County Building Authority for a three-year term that begins on 1/1/22 and expires on 12/31/24.

- h. Approval to re-appoint Mike Timmons to serve on the Barry County Veteran's Affairs Committee for a four (4) year term that begins on 1/1/2022 and expires on 12/31/25.
 - i. Approval to submit the attached 2022 Grant Application to the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA), Bureau of Medical Marijuana Regulation for the Barry County Substance Abuse Task Force to conduct education, communication and outreach regarding the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act in Barry County.
 - j. Approval of the 2022 agreement between Barry County and Michigan State University for access to MSU Extension programming.
 - k. Approval of the FY 2022 BJA Grant Contracts for Adult Drug Court and Sobriety Court, and authorize the Chairperson to sign the grant contracts via DocuSign.
 - l. Approval of the Audit Engagement Agreement with Walker Fluke & Sheldon, P.C. to perform the 2021 Barry County Road Commission annual audit.
 - m. Approval for Barry County to "opt in" to the National Opioid Settlement Agreement and authorize Benjamin Geiger, Barry County Board Chair to sign and submit the settlement participation form on behalf of Barry County.
- (roll call vote)**

Moved by Smelker, seconded by Gibson to approve the Consent Items listed above. Roll call vote. Ayes: Campbell, Conner, Geiger, Getty, Gibson, Jackson, and Smelker. Nays: None. Motion carried.

10. PRESENTATIONS –
- 1. Chair Geiger - Barry County Employee Service Awards
 - Chairman Geiger presented a certificate to Joshua Carter for 5 years of service with the Prosecutor's Office;
 - Chairman Geiger presented a certificate to Jessica Payne for 15 years of service with the Prosecutor's Office;
 - Chairman Geiger presented a certificate to Ines Straube for 20 years of service as the Barry County Trial Court Administrator;
 - Chairman Geiger also had a certificate of service for Jan Otto for 5 years of service with the Barry County Trial Court, however, she was absent.
 - 2. Michelle Williams, CEO Community Action – Community Action Programs & Services
11. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None
12. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION: (roll call vote indicated)
- Approval of transfers and disbursements:
- a. Approval of pre-paid invoices in the amount of \$5,921,300.12
 - b. Approval of claims in the amount of \$45,092.27
 - c. Approval of Commissioner Reimbursements (mileage) in the amount of \$57.46 **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Conner, seconded by Smelker for approval of pre-paid invoices in the amount of \$5,921,300.12, claims in the amount of \$45,092.27, and Commissioner Reimbursements (mileage) in the amount of \$57.46. Roll call vote. Ayes: Campbell, Conner, Geiger, Getty, Gibson, Jackson, and Smelker. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- d. Adoption of Resolution #21-27, Pledging the Full Faith and Credit to Crooked Brook Intercounty Drain Bonds. **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Conner, seconded by Gibson for adoption of Resolution #21-27, Pledging the Full Faith and Credit to Crooked Brook Intercounty Drain Bonds. Roll call vote. Ayes: Campbell, Conner, Geiger, Getty, Gibson, Jackson, and Smelker. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- e. Adoption of Resolution #21-28, Resolution of Intent to File for State Operating Assistance for Fiscal Year 2023. **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Conner, seconded by Jackson to approve the adoption of Resolution #21-28, Resolution of Intent to File for State Operating Assistance for Fiscal Year 2023. Roll call vote. Ayes: Campbell, Conner, Geiger, Getty, Gibson, Jackson, and Smelker. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- f. Adoption of Resolution #21-29 to adopt the 2021 Barry County Hazard Mitigation Plan and authorize the chair and emergency management coordinator to sign. **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Conner, seconded by Gibson to approve the adoption of Resolution #21-29 to adopt the 2021 Barry County Hazard Mitigation Plan and authorize the chair and emergency management coordinator to sign. Roll call vote. Ayes: Campbell, Conner, Geiger, Getty, Gibson, Jackson, and Smelker. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- g. Adoption of Resolution #21-31 To Authorize Auditor to Make Final Year-End Appropriations. **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Conner, seconded by Gibson to approve the adoption of Resolution #21-31 to Authorize Auditor to Make Final Year-End Appropriations. Roll call vote. Ayes: Campbell, Conner, Geiger, Getty, Gibson, Jackson, and Smelker. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- h. Adoption of Resolution #21-32 To Authorize the Auditor to Transfer 2021 General Fund Surplus Funds to Various Internal Service Funds. **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Conner, seconded by Getty for adoption of Resolution #21-32 to Authorize the Auditor to Transfer 2021 General Fund Surplus Funds to Various Internal Service Funds. Roll call vote. Ayes: Campbell, Conner, Geiger, Getty, Gibson, Jackson, and Smelker. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- i. Approval to confirm the reappointment of Frank Fiala for the year 2022 to serve as the Barry County Road Commissioner on the Barry County Solid Waste Oversight Committee, as recommended by the Barry County Road Commission. **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Conner, seconded by Jackson for approval to confirm the reappointment of Frank Fiala for the year 2022 to serve as the Barry County Road Commissioner on the Barry County Solid Waste Oversight Committee, as recommended by the Barry County Road Commission. Roll call vote. Ayes: Campbell, Conner, Geiger, Getty, Gibson, Jackson, and Smelker. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- j. Approval to authorize the addition of a third Kennel Worker position working 18 hours per week, with funds to come from General Fund Contingency. **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Conner, seconded by Jackson for approval to authorize the addition of a third Kennel Worker position working 18 hours per week, with funds to come from General Fund Contingency. Roll call vote. Ayes: Campbell, Conner, Geiger, Getty, Gibson, Jackson, and Smelker. Nays: None. Motion carried.

k. Approval of Budget Amendment 21-E. **(roll call vote)**

Moved by Conner, seconded by Gibson for approval of Budget Amendment 21-E. Roll call vote. Ayes: Campbell, Conner, Geiger, Getty, Gibson, Jackson, and Smelker. Nays: None. Motion carried.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

14. NEW BUSINESS: None.

15. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: None.

16. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Chairman Geiger asked the Board of Commissioners about consolidating the Committee of the Whole on December 21, 2021 and the Board of Commissioner meeting on December 28, 2021 to December 21, 2021.

Moved by Jackson, seconded by Getty to cancel the Committee of the Whole on December 21, 2021 meeting and reschedule the Board of Commissioner meeting from December 28, 2021 to December 21, 2021. All ayes. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Chairman Geiger also discussed setting up a meeting for the ARPA Task Force Committee to attend so commissioners could ask further questions regarding a few of the applications. This meeting will be scheduled toward the end of January, 2022. Rachel Frantz, recycling coordinator, has given a presentation to every township in Barry County.

17. VICE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Commissioner Conner reported that the Solid Waste Oversight Board will be requesting a RFP for the 2023 Hazardous Waste pickup at the Barry County fairground.

18. COMMISSIONER REPORTS (FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA): Each commissioner reported on their various committees, boards, events and meetings.

19. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT: (3 MINUTES PER PERSON)

- Adam Heikkila stated his comments are based on personal experience, and we are just a cog in the wheel based on political decisions.
- Jim Dull thanked the commissioners for seeking advice from lawyers regarding the use of ARPA funds. He also indicated that the Cloverdale Lake project has been completed.
- Danny Quanstrom stated he believes the ARPA funds are for the benefit of our community, whose needs are great.
- Charles Hertzler stated that the ARPA funds do not need to be spent until 2024. He believes the funds are intended to be spent on people first, then infrastructure.

20. OTHER BUSINESS: Chair Geiger, along with Ines Straube informed the board that the State of Michigan has given an extension of the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) grant to complete the acoustic panel project in the Circuit Courtroom. There was consensus from the Committee to agree to the grant extension.

21. ADJOURNMENT: at 10:18 a.m.

Ben Geiger, Chair
Barry County Board of Commissioners

Pamela A. Palmer, County Clerk

Approved: _____
Date & Initials

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