

Barry County Board of Commissioners - Committee of the Whole
January 4, 2022; 9:00 a.m.; Commission Chambers
MINUTES

Members Present: Commissioners Bruce Campbell, Vivian Conner, Ben Geiger, Catherine Getty, Howard Gibson, Dave Jackson, and Jon Smelker. Clerk Pam Palmer was also present.

Others present: Michael Brown, Luella Dennison, Greg Chandler, Posse Jack Ward, Jack Miner, Rick Moore, Charles Hertzler, Dan Allen, Michele Peltier, Elden Shellenbarger, Susanne Huebner, Jim Yarger, Ken Kirsch, Pat Jamison, Adam Heikkila, Roger Risner, Laura Brandt, and Dar Leaf.

Chair Geiger called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Those present stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Elden Shellenbarger commented on the Open Meeting Act violations committed by the Board of Commissioners.
- Charles Hertzler stated he would not acknowledge the three minute limited public comment time limit since the Board is not following the Open Meetings Act requirements in his opinion. He spoke about the ARPA funds being used wisely, and was asked to leave the podium by the chair for exceeding his time limit.

Recess at 9:07 a.m. Resume meeting at 9:08 a.m. with all commissioners present.

- Adam Heikkila questioned the formation of the ARPA committee, and stated they are socialist in nature and damaging all aspects of constitutional rights.

JIM YARGER – Request to Re-authorize 2021 Capital Budget Vehicle Purchase in 2022 Budget

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Smelker to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval to re-authorize funds approved in the 2021 Capital Budget, to the 2022 Capital Budget, and authorize expenditure of \$41,500.00 to replace the Emergency Management Department's truck. Discussion. All ayes. Nays: None. Motion carried.

MICHAEL BROWN (on behalf of Don Haney) – Amendment to Sewer Services Agreement

Moved by Getty, seconded by Smelker to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of the attached Sewer Agreement Amendment between the County of Barry, City of Hastings and Hastings Charter Township and to authorize the County Administrator to sign it. Discussion. All Ayes. Nays: None. Motion carried.

KEN KIRSCH JR. - 1. Two Seven Oh Grant for TNR

Moved by Jackson, seconded by Smelker to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval to accept \$10,000 from Two Seven Oh Inc. for the purpose of TNR. Discussion. All ayes. Nays: None. Motion carried.

2. Two Seven Oh Grant for Shelter Equipment

Moved by Jackson, seconded by Getty to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval to accept \$15,000 grant for Shelter Equipment from Two Seven Oh Inc. Discussion. All ayes. Nays: None. Motion carried.

SUSANNE HUEBNER - 1. Monumentation Surveyor Agreements

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Jackson to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval to enter into the attached 2022 Monumentation Surveyor Agreements for Arrow Land Surveys, Inc., Crane Land Surveying, P.C., Enger Surveying & Engineering, Exxel Engineering, Inc., Jonker Land Surveys P., Land and Resource Engineering (LRE), Pathfinder Engineering, Inc., RD Miller Land Surveying, and Wightman, and to authorize the Chairperson and Grant Administrator to sign the attached agreements on behalf of the County. Discussion. All Ayes. Nays: None. Motion carried.

2. Peer Review Board Appointments and Agreements

Moved by Smelker, seconded by Conner to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to appoint the following licensed surveyors to the Barry County Remonumentation Peer Review Board for 2022; Steven C. Koerber with Arrow Land Surveys, Inc.; Michael P. Pratt with Crane Land Surveying, P.C.; Cameron Reid Lear with Exxel Engineering, Inc.; Randall J. Jonker with Jonker Land Surveys, P.C.; Rodney Lee Bredeweg with Land and Resource Engineering (LRE); Cynthia M. Koster with Pathfinder Engineering, Inc.; Ryan Miller with RD Miller Land Surveying, and to authorize the Chairperson to sign the attached 2022 Agreements for Peer Review Services on behalf of the County. Discussion. All ayes. Nays: None. Motion carried.

MICHAEL BROWN – Re-appointment of Medical Examiner and Appointment of Deputy Medical Examiners

Moved by Getty, seconded by Conner to recommend to the Barry County Board of Commissioners approval to re-appoint Joyce L. deJong, D.O. to serve as the Medical Examiner for Barry County for a four-year term that begins on 1/1/22 and expires on 12/31/2025, and approval to appoint Dr. Patrick Hansma, D.O. and Dr. Jared Brooks, M.D., as Deputy Medical Examiners for Barry County. Discussion. All ayes. Nays: None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Charles Hertzler cautioned haste in spending the ARPA money. He encouraged the money be invested in an interest bearing account and don't rush to spend it. He again stated he will not abide by the three minute public comment time limit in the board rules.

- Adam Heikkila stated the system of political power with total disregard to the people is upsetting. The people will continue to come and make their voices heard.
- Dan Allen wished the commissioners courage, wisdom and reflection for all the decisions before them.
- Asa Potter stated our constitution is being shredded. Venezuela and Cuba are examples of new world order and hopes it does not happen to the United States. He also mentioned the feral cats in Hastings is a real problem.

ADJOURNMENT: at 9:51 a.m.

Ben Geiger, Chair
Barry County Commissioners

Pamela A. Palmer, County Clerk

Approved: _____
Date & Initials