

Barry County Board of Commissioners - Committee of the Whole  
June 16, 2015; 9:00 a.m.; Commission Chambers  
Minutes

Members present: Commissioners Craig Stolsonburg, Vivian Conner, James Dull, Howard Gibson, Jon Smelker, and, Ben Geiger. Clerk Pam Palmer was also present.

Others present: Michael Brown, Luella Dennison, Doug VanderLaan, Jack Miner, Sharon Zebrowski, Rick Moore, Dep. Jack Ward, Mike Snyder, Dar Leaf, Robert Vanderboegh, Mick Barney, John Ressigue, George Cullers, Larry Neil, John McKenzie, Larry Risbridger, Pete Nevins, David Shinavier, Paul Wing and Larry Bass.

Chair Stolsonburg called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

Those present stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- John McKenzie from Caledonia – Coldwater Shed Counsel presented questions to the clerk for the closed session meeting.
- Bob Vanderboegh commented on the health board TOST regulations implemented in 2007.
- Rick Moore reported that there are two car shows coming up this weekend in Nashville and Charlton Park.
- Sharon Zebrowski reported on the Charlton Park barber shop.

Sheriff Dar Leaf – Letter of Understanding Re: Pension for Employees Promoted to Undersheriff.

Sheriff Dar Leaf and Michael Brown presented further information for the commissioners' consideration regarding the defined benefit retirement plan and the hybrid retirement plan. No decision was made at this meeting.

David Shinavier – 1) Request to Issue Bids to Replace Jail Security Cameras

Moved by Geiger, seconded by Smelker to authorize the IT department to seek bids to replace jail security cameras at the sheriff's department. Discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

## 2) Request to Hire a Temporary Employee for GIS/Mapping

Moved by Smelker, seconded by Dull to authorize hiring a temporary intern employee for the purpose of updating the county basemap layers not to exceed \$1,920.

Discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion amended by Smelker, seconded by Dull to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of the request to hire a temporary intern employee for the purpose of updating the county basemap layers not to exceed \$1,920. Discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Break at 10:02 am. Resume meeting at 10:12 am and all commissioners were present.

Paul Wing/George Cullers – Farmland Preservation Program Selection Criteria and Application Form

Moved by Gibson, seconded by Dull to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of the Farmland Preservation Program Selection Criteria and Application form. Discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Dull and Stolsonburg had a discussion regarding the Planning Commission processing of the Farmland Preservation applications on a timely basis.

Luella Dennison – Resolution #15-07 Establishing FOIA Procedures, Guidelines, etc.

Moved by Conner, seconded by Smelker to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of Resolution #15-07 establishing Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Procedures, Guidelines, Public Summary of Procedures and Guidelines and FOIA Operational Procedures for Barry County. Discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Commissioners Dull and Smelker – Request to Issue Bids for Agricultural Land Lease

Moved by Dull, seconded by Gibson to authorize the County Administration to solicit sealed proposals to lease the 35 acres located at the corner of M-79 and McKeown Road for agricultural purposes, as amended with the term of the agreement and the termination clause. Discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Michael Brown commented on the vacant position for Animal Control Director and the applications received after advertising for three weeks in the local paper. There were six applicants, however, only one applicant met all of the qualifications. Interviews are to be scheduled for the next COW meeting on July 7, 2015.

CLOSED SESSION: I move that the Board convene in closed session, pursuant to section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act, to consider the written opinion of legal counsel, Clark Hill PLC, and that the Barry County Drain Commissioner and deputy drain commissioner be included in closed session.

Moved by Dull, seconded by Gibson to go into closed session in accordance with the open meetings act, at MCL 15.268 to consider the written opinion of legal counsel, Clark Hill PLC, and that the Barry County Drain Commissioner and deputy drain commissioner be included in closed session. Discussion. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Adjourned to go into closed session at 10:46 am.

Resume meeting @ 12:24 pm and all commissioners were present.

Moved by Smelker, seconded by Conner to approve the minutes of the closed session. All ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Smelker, seconded by Dull to continue to retain Clark Hill PLC and authorize Doug Kelly to proceed as outlined in closed session. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBIC COMMENT: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Geiger to adjourn at 12:26 pm.

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Craig Stolsonburg, Chairman

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Pamela A. Palmer, Barry County Clerk

Approved: 6/23/15 PPalmer  
(Date Approved & Initials)