

Barry Township

Regular Meeting/Barry Town Hall

March 17, 2026 @ 7 p.m.

Chair Ed Hattenberger opened the meeting at 7 p.m., followed by the Pledge.

Present were: Supervisors Hattenberger, Kim Crow and Al Moon, Clerk Sue Dutcher, Treasurer Dick Prenovost, residents and visitors including Ailene Croup, Evan Mohrbacher, Keith Kappauf, Kathy Horbacz, Tammy Schmeling, Paul S., Bobbi Butley, Brian Mulholland, Jim Bramstedt and Todd Crow.

Hattenberger made a motion to appoint Ailene Croup as clerk, seconded by Kim Crow and unanimously approved.

Outgoing clerk, Sue Dutcher, administered the oath of office to Croup and Croup took over the duties at that time. Dutcher will be removed from the Barry Township signatory list at Northview Bank.

A motion was made by Crow to pay Sue Dutcher's final paycheck, seconded by Hattenberger and unanimously approved.

Crow made a motion to add Croup to the signatory list at Northview Bank, seconded by Moon and unanimously approved.

Public Forum

Kathy Horbacz asked if the board would be paying the planning committee members since the treasurer reported a healthy balance in the township's account.

Horbacz also asked if the board would be taking care of the freezer sitting by shoulder on Darling Lane.

Croup read the minutes of the February meeting with Hattenberger making a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Crow and unanimously approved.

Treasurer Prenovost said he did not want to see an increase in the levy stating the township funds were sufficient. He said the current levy was about \$138,000 when Croup asked.

Hattenberger said the township can look at the state of the township's funds at the second half of the annual meeting in September. He said if a disaster occurs over the next few months and the township has to use additional expenses to cover it, they have time to review the township's financial needs.

The treasurer's report was approved on a motion from Crow, seconded by Hattenberger.

Crow made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Moon and unanimously approved.

Crow talked about the planning committee's discussion of the smaller lots on the airport property for hanger use. He said he talked to County Administrator Kelly Schroeder about the county's minimum subdivision split which is one-and-one quarter acres.

Crow said the conditions on the airport property, which would be in Zone 3, would include no apartments, residences, or living spaces. The subdivided properties could be used only for aviation and never for mini storage.

Moon said the option he was in favor of was the Zone 3 option with one-and-one quarter acre lots.

Hattenberger made a motion to hold the Public Hearing on the updated zoning ordinance during the April 16, 2026, planning committee meeting, at 7 p.m., at the Barry Town Hall.

He instructed Croup to place the notice in the North Pine County News.

Road Report

Moon reported that grader operator Keith Kappauf had spent some time on Government Road and he's done all he can for the time being. Moon also said River Chase Road is in rough condition.

The board agreed to set the date for the Road Review at the next meeting.

Hattenberger won the supervisor's seat at the annual election and will be sworn in on March 21, 2026, at 10 a.m.

Both Al Moon and Kim Crow are certified to conduct the Board of Appeal and Equalization on April 15, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Barry Township Supervisors will be attending the April 3, 2026 Spring Short Course Training at Black Bear Casino.

Croup swore in her Deputy clerk, Evan Mohrbacher.

Hattenberger made a motion to include Evan Mohrbacher on the signatory list for Barry Township's accounts at Northview Bank, Hinckley. It was seconded by Crow and unanimously approved.

Al Moon made a motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m., seconded by Hattenberger and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted on April 21, 2026 by:

Ailene Croup, clerk

Ed Hattenberger, Chair