

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 with Cindy Schwehr, Mike Metcalf, Bill Carblom, John Froelich, and Rodger Berntson present. Chairman Carblom called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the Agenda was reviewed.

#### **Planning & Zoning – Variances / Public Notice**

Jessica Jenrich, Planning & Zoning Coordinator, presented an application for a Variance – Trees 75 feet from road center from Dwight C Steffen (Baldwin Township, NE ¼ 8-143-57). Mike Metcalf moved to deny the application; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. Ms. Jenrich presented an application for a Variance – Grain bins 120 feet from center of township road from Brian Roehrich (Sibley Trail Township, SW ¼ 22-143-58). John Froelich moved to approve the application; Mike Metcalf seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. Ms. Jenrich presented the proposed updated Planning & Zoning Public Notice. Mike Metcalf moved to approve the over-sized postcard notice, as presented, and to add it to the Code; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

#### **VC-BC Development Corporation – Funding Requests**

Jennifer Feist, Valley City – Barnes County Development Corporation Director of Development, along with Wade Bruns and Paige Bjornson, requested approval of \$50,000 for year 3 (of 5 years) for the Gaukler Family Health, Wellness & Physical Education Center from the Barnes County Economic Development Mill Levy Fund, to be applied to construction bond costs. Mike Metcalf moved to approve the request; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with Rodger Berntson voting “no”. Ms. Feist requested approval of \$70,000 from the Barnes County Economic Development Mill Levy Fund to support infrastructure developed for the ND National Guard and the I-94 Regional Development Corridor. Mike Metcalf moved to approve the request; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with Rodger Berntson voting “no”.

#### **Veterans Services – Van Request**

Angela Hunt, Veterans Services Officer, requested approval to purchase a 2018 Chrysler Pacifica Touring 7-passenger van at a cost of \$22,932 from Miller Motors. Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the request; Mike Metcalf seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

#### **Treasurer – Pledge of Assets**

Vicki Zinck Metcalf, Treasurer, presented the Pledge of Securities. Cindy Schwehr moved to accept the report as presented; Rodger Berntson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

#### **Auditor – Minutes / Raffle Permit Application / Board Appointment**

Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the December 19, 2017 and January 2, 2018 minutes; Mike Metcalf seconded the motion. Motion carried. Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the application for a Local Permit (Raffle) from Page Fire Department for an event on 2/10/2018 at Ashtabula Crossing; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. Cindy Schwehr moved to appoint Scott Legge to the Water Board to fill Dale Jorissen’s unexpired term; Mike Metcalf seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

#### **Valley City Fire Department – Fire Station Expansion**

Gary Retterath, Valley City Fire Department Fire Chief, requested funding from the County to build a stand-alone addition to the current station, in order to house the rescue equipment, at an estimated cost of \$800,000. It was the general consensus of the Commission not to support this at this time.

#### **Commission Discussion**

The Contractor’s Application for Payment No. 1 on Hobart Lake was discussed. The issue with the Courthouse/Jail heating system last week was handled; replacement in the future was discussed. The Highway Department’s skid steer is being built this week. Thank you to Stan Horst for his dedication in keeping an eye on the Courthouse during the cold weather weekends. Mike Metcalf presented an idea for a multi-jurisdictional meeting about jail options, and will follow up to see what interest there is, and what works. Cindy Schwehr moved to proceed with the retrofit for energy savings up at the airport at the cost of \$2,655.38; Rodger Berntson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. County burials were also discussed. A list of County positions up for election in 2018 will be published.

#### **Department Head Meeting**

Veterans Services has been extremely busy. Tax Director is finalizing things with Sidwell and preparing for assessment season. Dispatch has been very busy, due to the weather. They have been working on the mapping, as well. The Jail is working on addressing the compliance issues identified by the State. Recorder’s Office just recertified for Passports, and has been busy issuing those. Sheriff’s Office will be getting certified on the drone in February. Live Shooter exercise is still in the works. Weed Control is working on grant funding, and is preparing for booths at the ag show in Jamestown, as well as the Winter Show. Social Services has received the first half of their funding for the year. They also have an intern working from January through May, and are looking to hire a parent

aide. City-County Health discussed CPR for mental health training, pursuing grant funding for schools to decrease childhood obesity, Narcan distribution, Cardiac –Ready Community to increase AED's, blood pressures, and hands-on CPR training, upcoming health fair, vacancy in a nursing position since October, healthcare facility options, the window replacement project is nearly complete, On the Move registration is open. Highway Department has been busy, and with the cold, doing a lot of inside maintenance. They also have an opening for an Operator.

Jamie Smith presented training - Drug Testing 101, and will be having a class for Department Heads on Reasonable Suspicion in the spring.

With no further business, Mike Metcalf made a motion, seconded by John Froelich, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

Bill Carblom, Chairman  
Barnes County Commission

Beth M Didier  
Barnes County Auditor