

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 with Cindy Schwehr, Vicky Lovell, Bill Carlbom, Pete Paulson, and Shawn Olauson present. Chairman Carlbom called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m., roll-call was taken, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the Agenda was reviewed.

Highway Dept – Project Bid Award

Kerry Johnson, Highway Superintendent, and Bryan Tykwinski, Kadrmars, Lee & Jackson, presented the tabulation of bids for the Highway 7 Milling & RAP – Hot Mix Asphalt Overlay project. Vicky Lovell moved to accept the bid of \$2,634,928.58 from Border States Paving, Inc.; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

VC-BC Development Corporation – SCDRC Membership & JPA

Jennifer Feist, Valley City – Barnes County Development Corporation Director of Development, requested approval of \$22,040 for membership in the South Central Dakota Regional Council funded through the Barnes County mill levy fund for economic development, as well as approval of the Joint Powers Agreement. Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the request; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Planning & Zoning – Variance

Jessica Jenrich, Planning & Zoning Coordinator, presented an application for a Variance - Trees 120' from center of State Highway #26 from Jeremy J Nauman (Baldwin Township, SW ¼ 8-143-57). Shawn Olauson moved to approve the application at 120'; Bill Carlbom seconded the motion. Motion failed upon roll-call vote, with Pete Paulson, Cindy Schwehr and Vicky Lovell voting “no”.

Dispatch – Time Sheets

Holly Neuberger, Barnes County Dispatch, requested a change in policy to address inequities in the policy. Vicky Lovell moved to leave the policy, as is, and have the Policy Committee meet to address the situation; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion failed upon roll-call vote, with Pete Paulson, Cindy Schwehr and Bill Carlbom voting “no”. Bill Carlbom moved to pay those who worked on Christmas Day and New Year’s Day for Corrections, Dispatch and Sheriff, for this year only, and have the Policy Committee meet to address the situation; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with Vicky Lovell voting “no”.

Auditor – Minutes / Fraud Detection Service / 2nd Floor Water Cooler

Bill Carlbom moved to approve the January 8, 2023 minutes; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Bill Carlbom moved to approve subscription to Dacotah Bank Positive Pay Services at a cost of \$50/month to protect customer account funds and reduce risk of fraud by monitoring the checks being presented for payment on the account and suggested we ask to waive the fee; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. Vicky Lovell moved to remove the stand-alone water cooler on second floor of the Courthouse; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Local Emergency Planning Committee - Membership

Vicky Lovell moved to approve the Executive Board membership of the LEPC; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. The Executive Committee is made up of DuWayne Didier, Chairman; Scott Magnuson, Vice-chairman; Sue Lloyd, Treasurer; and Sarah Miller, Secretary.

Commission Discussion

Commission discussion included portfolio updates.

With no further business, Pete Paulson made a motion, seconded by Shawn Olauson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

Bill Carlbom, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

Beth M Didier
Barnes County Auditor