

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 with Cindy Schwehr, Vicky Lovell, Bill Carlbom, and Shawn Olauson present. John Froelich was unable to attend. Chairman Carlbom called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the Agenda was reviewed.

Safety Committee – Update

Pat Sand, Debbie Magnuson, and Sue Lloyd, Barnes County Safety Committee members, informed the Commission that the safety buckets are nearly complete and ready for deployment. Grant funds have been received for the buckets, so there is no cost to the County.

Planning & Zoning – Drain Tile Setback Ordinance / CUP / Variance

Jessica Jenrich, Planning & Zoning Coordinator, presented a Drain Tile Setback Ordinance to be added to the 2020 Development Code. Shawn Olauson moved to approve the Ordinance, as corrected; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. Ms. Jenrich presented an application for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) and a Variance – Setback less than 2 miles from Enger Grain & Livestock (Meadow Lake Township, NW ¼ 32-138-61). Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the application; Shawn Olauson 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; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Auditor – Minutes

Vicky Lovell moved to approve the January 7, 2020 minutes; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Highway Dept – Bridge Inspection & Load Rating Agreement / Salaries

Kerry Johnson, Highway Superintendent, presented a Bridge Inspection & Load Rating Agreement for approval. Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the Agreement; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. The Hobart Lake Grade Raise project will be bid in February. Bill Carlbom moved to increase the pay for Jacob Piatz, Ryan Metcalf, Randy Earles, Dustin Suhr, and Kelly Everson by \$1.00 an hour; Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

NDWS – Manager Introduction & Update

Tesa Klein, North Dakota Winter Show Manager since July 2019, introduced herself, thanked the Commission for their continued support, and updated the Commission on upcoming projects and the big show in March.

Commission Discussion

Commission discussion included Water Resources update, and highway department assistance with signage at the Library.

Barnes County Jail & LEC – Revised Floor Plan & Estimate

Scott Fettig and Ken Koense, Klein McCarthy Architects, and Brian Kunz and Ryan Weber, Adolphson & Peterson Construction, met with the Commission via speakerphone to discuss a revised floor plan and estimate for the proposed Barnes County Jail & LEC. Public meetings will be scheduled for Tuesday, February 5th at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. at the Valley City Eagles Club.

Department Head Meeting

Cindy Schwehr congratulated Jamen Windish on receiving Weed Officer of the Year and thanked all the staff for their extra efforts during the recent winter storms. Department Heads provided updates on their respective departments. Other discussion included post-accident drug testing and salary study.

With no further business, Shawn Olauson made a motion, seconded by Vicky Lovell, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Bill Carlbom, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

Beth M Didier
Barnes County Auditor