

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 with Cindy Schwehr, Vicky Lovell, Bill Carblom, John Froelich, and Shawn Olauson present. Chairman Carblom called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the Agenda was reviewed.

City-County Health District – ROPES Project

Theresa Will, City-County Health District Administrator, and Ricky Pallay, F5 Project Peer Specialist, presented an update on the ROPES (Rural Opioid Prevention Education & Support) Project. The goals of the project are to prevent/reduce the progression of substance misuse and infectious disease, to create opportunities for better health by reducing the stigma surrounding addiction, and to strengthen harm reduction, treatment and recovery capacity/infrastructure at the community level. Project initiatives include peer support, medication-supported recovery, syringe services/harm reduction, and building community readiness.

City of Valley City – Renaissance Zone

Jim Knutson, Chairman of the Valley City Renaissance Zone committee, asked for the Commission's support for the Renaissance Zone. Cindy Schwehr moved to support the Valley City Renaissance Zone for another five years; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Commission Discussion

The Hobart Lake Drain project is complete; the County Share of the costs was \$117,526.93. John Froelich suggested that the County provide similar support for the 10-Mile Lake project, if it does end up being a legal drain. Other discussion included Weed Control, elevator repairs, keypads for Social Service doors, and jail funding possibilities. County Government week preparations are on hold, for the time-being.

Accessible Parking Spaces

Cindy Schwehr moved to designate the spots along the east driveway "handicapped"; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Quilter's Request

Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the Valley Quilter's request to use the Barnes County Courthouse and basement on Saturday, August 1, 2020 for their annual quilt show, contingent upon the end of the COVID19 response; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Auditor – Minutes

Vicky Lovell moved to approve the March 3, 2020 minutes, with corrections; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Klein McCarthy Architects – Jail Project Scope

Scott Fettig, Klein McCarthy Architects, and Brian Kunz and Ryan Weber, Adolphson & Peterson Construction, met with the Commission in person and via speakerphone to discuss a revised floor plan and updated estimate for the proposed Barnes County Jail & LEC. The Commission deferred making a decision on the Jail Project to a future date, pending receipt of updated plans and figures.

Cindy Schwehr left the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Gallagher – Compensation & Classification Q&A

Megan Olson, Greg Mangold, Elishka Correa, and Mike Verdoorn from Arthur J Gallagher & Co. presented information and answered the Commission's questions about their proposals for study of the County's compensation and classification system. No action was taken.

Highway Dept – Design Engineering Selection

Kerry Johnson, County Road Superintendent, presented a contract for the Hobart Lake Grade Raise for approval. Total project cost is estimated at \$1,299,359.81, with the County's share being 10 percent. John Froelich moved to approve the contract; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes". The Consultant Interview Committee met to interview four engineering firms for Design Engineer for the two Emergency projects on County Road #21 (the Kathryn Road - hill slide and erosion site), and recommends that Kadmas, Lee & Jackson be selected for both projects; Vicky Lovell moved to approve the recommendation; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Auditor – SCDRC Joint Powers Agreement

John Froelich moved to approve the South Central Dakota Regional County Joint Powers Agreement; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Health Emergency Declaration

Shawn Olauson moved to approve Health Emergency Declaration; Bill Carblom seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

HEALTH EMERGENCY DECLARATION
BARNES COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA
March 17, 2020

WHEREAS, Barnes County, North Dakota continues to monitor the COVID-19 activity; and WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex M. Azar II declared a public health emergency for the United States to aid the nations Health care community responding to COVID-19; and WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 President Trump declared a National Emergency, WHEREAS, the impact of COVID-19 and cascading events threatens the health, well-being, and safety of citizen of Barnes County; and WHEREAS, Barnes County Departments are undergoing efforts to mitigate activity through employee education, reviewing continuity of services, and purchasing supplies for increased cleaning efforts and virus protection; and WHEREAS, the mitigation efforts may have a serious financial effect in excess of Barnes County resources due to the unknown COVID-19 duration. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Barnes County Commissioners declare a state of health emergency exists in Barnes County, North Dakota.

DATED at Valley City, North Dakota this 17th day of March, 2020.

Bill Carblom, Chairman
Barnes County Board of Commissioners

Emergency Flood Assistance Declaration

John Froelich moved to approve a Resolution declaring Emergency Flood Assistance; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

RESOLUTION DECLARING EMERGENCY FLOOD ASSISTANCE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF BARNES, VALLEY CITY NORTH DAKOTA: WHEREAS, Public Law 84-99, as amended, (33 U.S. Code Section 701n) provides a means of preparing for and combating damage by floods and flood waters; and WHEREAS, the County of Barnes has exhausted all resources available to it for flood fighting and rescue operations; and WHEREAS, on the date of this Resolution, flood-fighting and emergency assistance is required for the purpose of preserving life and public property. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of the Army, acting by and through the District Engineer, St. Paul District, U.S. Army Corp of Engineers (USACE), is hereby requested to furnish assistance in the flood fighting and rescue operations. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in consideration of such assistance the County of Barnes agrees to:

- a) Provide to the USACE all lands, easements, right-of-way, relocations, borrow material, and borrow and dredge or excavated material disposal areas, determined to be necessary by the USACE for purposes of providing the requested assistance.
- b) Hold and save the United States free from all claims for damages attributable to the flood fighting and rescue assistance provided by the USACE (to include construction, operation, maintenance, repair, replacement, and rehabilitation of emergency work), except for damages due to the fault or negligence of the USACE or its contractors.
- c) Operate, maintain, repair, replace and rehabilitate all completed emergency work in a manner satisfactory to the USACE for the duration of the flood emergency, as determined by the USACE.
- d) Provide common labor
- e) Provide, as required under the applicable provisions of Public Law 91-646, relocation assistance payments to those eligible because of permanent relocation of persons or property from their dwellings, farms, or businesses due to the acquisition of rights-of way for emergency work.
- f) Remove, after the flood emergency, without cost to the USACE, any temporary emergency works constructed for the flood emergency, with the initiation of the removal within 30 days of the conclusion of the flood event as determined by the USACE.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chairman of the Board of County Commission, be authorized to enter into agreements with the USACE in furtherance of this Resolution, as a means of supplementing the local floor emergency preparation and flood fighting and rescue operations, and that such agreements shall be binding upon the County of Barnes.

Passed, adopted and approved this 17th day of March, 2020.

By: Bill Carblom
Chairman, Barnes County Commission

ATTEST:
Beth Didier, Barnes County Auditor
Valley City, Barnes County North Dakota

The Policy Committee met with the Commission regarding COVID19, and will reconvene on Friday at 1:00 p.m. for an update.

With no further business, Bill Carblom made a motion, seconded by Vicky Lovell, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Bill Carblom, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

Beth M Didier
Barnes County Auditor