

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, March 20, 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

Jessica Jenrich, Planning & Zoning Coordinator, presented an application for a Variance – Setback 160' from the center of County Road #11 from WBI Energy Transmission, Inc. (Potter Township, SW ¼ 23-140-60). Mike Metcalf moved to approve the application; Rodger Berntson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. Ms. Jenrich presented an application for a Zoning District Amendment (Agricultural to Residential) and Subdivision from Lake View 2nd Subdivision / Robert Eggert (Ashtabula Township, SW ¼ 15 & SE ¼ 16-142-58). Mike Metcalf moved to approve 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 – Height 197 feet tall + 8 inches for two MET towers from Katherine D Randklev for RES America Developments (Grand Prairie & Noltimier Townships, NE ¼ 26-142-57 & NE ¼ 27-141-57). Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the application; Mike Metcalf seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. Ms. Jenrich presented an application for a Variance – Setback 38' from the center of County Road #22 from Ottertail Power Company (Potter Township, 17&18-140-60). Rodger Berntson moved to approve the application; Mike Metcalf seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Social Services – ND Heart Gallery / Upcoming Events

Dana Lindemann, Social Worker, requested permission to have the North Dakota Heart Gallery on display in the Courthouse rotunda April 23rd – 27th. Mike Metcalf moved to approve the request; Rodger Berntson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. Social Services will be sponsoring a Diaper, Wipes and Formula drive throughout the month of April. April 6th is Nationwide “Wear Blue Day” in support of child abuse prevention. April 28th is the 5K Superhero Fun Run, Walk & Stroller Roll at 10 am at Pioneer Park. Proceeds benefit Barnes County Foster Care Recruit & Retention.

Auditor – Minutes

Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the March 6, 2018 minutes; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Initial Resolution (2018-1) for the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds

Rodger Berntson moved to approve the Initial Resolution for the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds, to place the measure on the 2018 Primary Election ballot; Mike Metcalf seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

BARNES COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA INITIAL RESOLUTION (2018-1) FOR THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

WHEREAS, Barnes County, North Dakota, a North Dakota political subdivision organized pursuant to and existing under the provision of North Dakota Century Code Title 11 COUNTIES (the “County”) finds it necessary and in the public interest to institute proceedings for the issuance of its General Obligation Bonds (the “Bonds”) pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Chapter 21-03 as follows:

RECITALS

1. The maximum amount of Bonds proposed to be issued is \$500,000.
2. The public purpose for which the Bonds are proposed to be issued is to provide funds to construct, enlarge or repair bridges and to pay costs incidental to such construction, enlargement or repair and Bond Issuance.
3. The assessed valuation of all taxable property in the County, being fifty percent of the true and full value of all taxable property in the County, is \$808,338,308.
4. The County has outstanding General Obligation Bonded Indebtedness in the amount of \$105,000.
5. The County has outstanding General Obligation Bonds issued for a similar purpose in the amount of \$105,000.
6. One percent (1%) of the assessed valuation of all taxable property in the County is \$8,083,383.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the governing body of the County that the County issue its General Obligation Bonds in a maximum amount of \$500,000 pursuant to and in accordance with the laws of the State of North Dakota.

Dated at Valley City, North Dakota, this 20th day of March, 2018.

BARNES COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA

ATTEST:
Beth M Didier
Barnes County Auditor

Bill Carblom, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

Social Services – County Burials

Wanda Larson, Social Services Director, and Gwen Coit, Eligibility Worker, discussed the requirements for County burials with the Commission. Carl Martineck, State's Attorney, will work with Ms. Larson and Ms. Coit to develop some guidelines to be presented to the Social Services board at a future date.

Highway Department – Tile Drainage

Kerry Johnson, Highway Superintendent, and Carl Martineck, State's Attorney, presented a Drainage/Ditch Cleaning Permit Application for approval. Mike Metcalf moved to require a permit and to approve use of the document, effective 30 days from today, and that permit applications be brought before the County Commission for approval; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes". Road restrictions will most likely go into effect on Monday, March 26, 2018, and the Highway Department has already requested Highway Patrol assistance in enforcing the restrictions. Ryan Metcalf was recently hired as Equipment Operator.

VC-BC Development Corporation – Grant Request (Park Lane Homes – Litchville)

Jennifer Feist, Valley City – Barnes County Development Corporation Director of Development, and Carrie Foss, Property Manager, presented a request for \$10,000 to assist Park Lane Homes, Inc. in Litchville to access Flex PACE, an interest reduction program through the Bank of North Dakota. Rodger Berntson moved to approve the request; Mike Metcalf seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Corrections – Leave Requests

Julie Forsman, Chief Correctional Officer, requested a time extension to allow Jesse Burchill to use his accrued vacation time. John Froelich made a motion to give him a 3 month extension; Mike Metcalf seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes". Rodger Berntson made a motion to hire a part-time person at 19 hours per week; Mike Metcalf seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Commission Discussion

Mike Metcalf informed the Commission that there will be a multi-jurisdictional meeting (Barnes County, Valley City, Valley City Schools) on Tuesday, March 27 from 5:30 to 6:30 pm at the Valley City Country Club. Topics to be discussed include law enforcement, emergency response, mental health, and jail. John Froelich informed the Commission that there will be a meeting of the Upper Sheyenne at the Valley City Eagles on Wednesday at 9 am. Bill Carblom reported on the organizational jail committee meeting last week. The Active Shooter training for the Courthouse employees will be held on Friday, April 13th from 3–5 pm, during which time the Courthouse will be closed to the public.

With no further business, John Froelich made a motion, seconded by Rodger Berntson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Bill Carblom, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

Beth M Didier
Barnes County Auditor