

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 with Cindy Schwehr, Vicky Lovell, Bill Carblom, Pete Paulson, and Shawn Olauson present. Chairman Carblom 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.

Planning & Zoning – Variances and CUP / Grain Bin Zoning Violation

Jessica Jenrich, Planning & Zoning Coordinator, presented an application for a Variance – Setback 160' from center of township road from Bob and Kristi Wieland (Sibley Trail Township, NE ¼ 29-143-58). Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the application; Pete Paulson 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) – campground in Residential and a Variance – to allow for three campers, rather than the maximum of two, from Cathy A Kangas (Ashtabula Township, Jewett Beach 2nd Subdivision 22-142-58). Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the application for the Conditional Use Permit, limiting it to only two campers; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Cindy Schwehr moved to go into Executive Session to discuss possible fines and fees on the Jacobsen bin site; Bill Carblom seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes". The Commission went into Executive Session at 8:10 a.m. and came out of Executive Session at 8:30 a.m. Pete Paulson moved to extend the deadline for removal of the grain bin and cement until June 1st, 2022 and if removal is not complete at that time, all fines will be applied and will continue until the project is complete; Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with Vicky Lovell voting "no".

VC-BC Development Corporation – Funding Requests

Jennifer Feist, Valley City – Barnes County Development Corporation Director of Development, appeared, along with Mary Lee Nielsen, and presented information on the upcoming Valley City Sales Tax Extension advisory vote, as well as the Return on Investments (ROI) from January 1, 2004 through February 28, 2022. Ms. Feist requested approval of \$25,000 per year for two years to support workforce development, specifically an EKG instructor position located on the Valley City State University campus, with funds to be sourced from the Barnes County mill levy fund dedicated to economic development. Bill Carblom moved to approve the request; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion failed upon roll-call vote, with Shawn Olauson, Vicky Lovell and Pete Paulson voting "no". Ms. Feist requested approval of \$30,000 to assist with the hill slide issue that is impacting Malach USA's main manufacturing facility, with funds to be sourced from the Barnes County mill levy fund dedicated to economic development. No action was taken at this time.

Dick Monson – Walking Path

Dick Monson, Valley Township resident, presented a plan for Barnes County Parks to take on the public walking trail on his property. Mr. Monson would gift 43 acres of former railroad right-of-way. Vicky Lovell moved to accept the quit-claim deed from Dick Monson and to follow through with the plan, contingent upon the title opinions coming back clear and any legal concerns being resolved; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Highway Dept – Engineering Contracts

Kerry Johnson, Highway Superintendent, provided road updates. Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the engineering contract with Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson for paving project in the amount of \$170,500; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Auditor – Minutes / Prisoner Boarding Contract / Local Permit – Ashtabula Fireworks Association

Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the May 3, 2022 minutes, as well as the May 12, 2022 Special Meeting minutes; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the Contract(s) for Prisoner Boarding with Ransom, Sargent and Steele County; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes". Cindy Schwehr moved to approve an Application for a Local Permit from Ashtabula Fireworks Association; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes". Bill Carblom moved to notify the Bank of North Dakota that all payments for construction of the jail have been completed, and they can close out the construction account and transfer the money to the rental payment account, which will reduce the next payment due by more than \$300,000; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes". Vicky Lovell moved to close the Synovus Commercial Checking account # 000-224-603-1; Bill Carblom seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Commission Discussion / SLFRF Fund Use

Commission discussion included portfolio updates.

Bill Carblom moved to give the City of Litchville \$29,012.10 from the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

(SLFRF) for a pump; Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes". Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes". Bill Carblom moved to approve contracting with Gallagher to perform a Compensation Study and Classification Structure Evaluation at a cost of approximately \$50,000 from the SLFRF; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote with all members voting "yes".

With no further business, Shawn Olauson made a motion, seconded by Pete Paulson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Bill Carblom, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

Beth M Didier
Barnes County Auditor