

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 with Cindy Schwehr, Vicky Lovell, Pete Paulson, and Shawn Olauson present. Bill Carlblom attended via phone. Vice-Chairman Schwehr called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the Agenda was reviewed.

**MIS – Panic Buttons / Phone System**

Jason Thiel, MIS Director, presented a proposal for a courthouse panic button system upgrade, with a cost of \$600 for the upgrade and a monthly monitoring fee of \$34.95. Shawn Olauson moved to approve the proposal; Bill Carlblom seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. Mr. Thiel presented a proposal to upgrade our current phone system at a cost of \$5,648.00. Vicky Lovell moved to approve the proposal; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

**Planning & Zoning - Variances**

Jessica Jenrich, Planning & Zoning Coordinator, presented an application for a Variance from Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative (Springvale Township, Sections 13, 14, 15, 16 & 17). Shawn Olauson moved to approve the application; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. Ms. Jenrich presented an application for a Variance - Setback from BEK Communications (Ellsbury Township, SW ¼ Section 33). Pete Paulson moved to approve the application; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

**Sheyenne River Valley Chapter of North Country Trail Association - Easement**

Bobby Koeplin appeared representing the Sheyenne River Valley Chapter of the North Country Trail Association and requested approval of an Easement & Maintenance Agreement for a re-route of the Martin’s Landing segment of the North Country Trail, due to land slumping that has occurred. Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the request, contingent upon State’s Attorney review; Bill Carlblom seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

**AP – Construction Update**

Madison Young, Brian Kunz, and Ryan Weber, Adolfson Peterson Construction, provided construction updates for the Correctional Center. Construction is 75% complete, in good shape and still on schedule.

**Auditor – Minutes**

Shawn Olauson moved to approve the May 4, 2021 minutes; Bill Carlblom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Highway Dept – Construction Engineering Selection / Project Updates**

Kerry Johnson, Highway Superintendent, and Jamie Smith, Highway Admin Asst, presented the bid letting results for the box culvert (low bid from Gladen Construction of \$285,933) and the County Road #11 grade raise (low bid from Border States of \$1,626,743). Pete Paulson moved to approve the resolutions to accept both bids; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

**RESOLUTION 2021-5**

WHEREAS, the bid in the amount of \$1,626,743.46 from Border States Paving Inc. received in the bid opening of May 14, 2021 for Project CER-0211(058) was the low bid received. WHEREAS, this bid is considered reasonable. NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of BARNES County will award to Border States Paving Inc. the contract for Project CER-0211(058) and hereby authorizes the Chairman of the Board to sign said contract. It is further understood that the County shall reimburse the North Dakota Department of Transportation for any payments made under this contract, which are not collectible from the Federal Highway Administration.

ATTEST:  
County Auditor

Chairman, Board of County Commissioners  
County: BARNES

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**RESOLUTION 2021-6**

WHEREAS, the bid in the amount of \$285,933.70 from Gladen Construction Inc. received in the bid opening of May 14, 2021 for Project CER-0219(057) was the low bid received. WHEREAS, this bid is considered reasonable. NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of BARNES County will award to

Gladden Construction Inc. the contract for Project CER-0219(057) and hereby authorizes the Chairman of the Board to sign said contract. It is further understood that the County shall reimburse the North Dakota Department of Transportation for any payments made under this contract, which are not collectible from the Federal Highway Administration.

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Requests for proposals for construction engineers were previously reviewed; Mr. Johnson recommended awarding the hillside and grade raise to Kadrmass, Lee & Jackson and the box culvert to Interstate Engineering. Vicky Lovell moved to approve the recommendations; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

**Commission Discussion**

Commission discussion included portfolio updates and reports, Legislative Wrap-up, and federal Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, as well as jail staffing needs (jail nurse, correctional officers and Building & Grounds person).

With no further business, Shawn Olason made a motion, seconded by Pete Paulson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

Bill Carlblom, Chairman  
Barnes County Commission

Beth M Didier  
Barnes County Auditor