

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 with Cindy Schwehr, Vicky Lovell, Bill Carlbom, Pete Paulson, and Shawn Olauson present. Chairman Carlbom 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.

Madeline Luke – Legislative Changes re: Animal Feeding Operations

Madeline Luke, Valley City resident, discussed corporate concentrated animal feeding operation (CAFO) threats to North Dakota communities, as it relates to local control of Planning & Zoning decisions.

Library - Update

Hilde Van Gissel, Valley City – Barnes County Public Library board, updated the Commission on recent library happenings. The new library director is Anita Tulp.

Highway Dept – Overweight Fees / Bike Path Funding /

Foreman & Equipment Operator III Pay / Motor Grader Quotes

Jamie Smith, Road Superintendent, and Dan Anderson, Deputy Sheriff, discussed overweight fees and permits. This will be addressed at the July 18th meeting. Bill Carlbom moved to pay the \$64,000 local share for the bike path out of State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF); Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. Ms. Smith provided project updates. Cindy Schwehr moved to order a 2024 John Deere 772G motor grader from RDO Equipment at a cost of \$484,500.00; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. Cindy Schwehr moved to promote Ryan Metcalf to 2nd Foreman to be paid \$28.00 per hour; and to promote Jacob Piatz to Equipment Operator III to be paid \$26.53 per hour; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

MIS – CPT Replacement / Tyler Technologies

Jason Thiel, MIS Director, presented cost information for future replacement of the County’s current tax, payroll and payables software. Mr Thiel recommended purchasing from Tyler Technologies at a one-time cost of \$340,061 and annual on-going maintenance fees \$46,673. Cindy Schwehr moved to approve going ahead with the conversion; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Auditor – Minutes / May 16, 2023 Minutes Amendment

Shawn Olauson moved to approve the June 6, 2023 minutes; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Shawn Olauson moved to amend the May 16, 2023 minutes to read “Cindy Schwehr moved to purchase five chairs at a cost of roughly **\$1,200.00** for Social Services; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Commission Discussion

Commission discussion included portfolio updates. Vicky Lovell moved to approve purchase of a trailer for the park at a cost of \$3,909.00; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. Vicky Lovell moved to approve reimbursement of 80% of \$22,214.53 to the City of Oriska for purchase of a pump to be paid out of SLFR Funds; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. Bill Carlbom moved to approve paying Bruce Nielson \$11,634.00 for this summer’s concrete work; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with Vicky Lovell voting “no”.

With no further business, Cindy Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Shawn Olauson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

Bill Carlbom, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

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