

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 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.

Highway Department – ER Sites

Kerry Johnson, Highway Superintendent, discussed possible Emergency Repair Sites – hill slides, grade raise, shoulder & rip-rap – that could be submitted. The Commission instructed Mr. Johnson to begin the application process. Jamie Smith wrote a grant for funds from the Volkswagon Emissions Settlement and the County was awarded \$135,000 for replacement of old, inefficient equipment. Cindy Schwehr moved to order a new truck, to be partially paid for with this grant money; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Corrections & Dispatch – CAD System

Holly Neuberger, Dispatch Coordinator, requested replacement of the current CAD public safety software with CentralSquare for Dispatch, Corrections, and the Sheriff, to be purchased using State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds at a cost of \$349,321.81 over three years. The Commission postponed a decision until the July 5th meeting.

Judge’s Request for Resources

Sheriff Randy McClafin presented a request from the judge that a list of businesses willing to take on parole, work release or probation candidates be put together. The Commission suggested that the Community Service Coordinator would be the logical source to compile a list, since she probably already has a pool of businesses that she currently works with.

Auditor – Minutes / Board Appointments

Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the June 7, 2022 minutes; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Cindy Schwehr moved to re-appoint the incumbents to the open positions on the City-County Health District board and the School Annexation, Reorganization, and Dissolution Committee (Districts 2 and 5), namely Tom Overn, Shawn Olauson, and Luke Trapp, respectively; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Little Dam – Joint Powers Agreement

Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the Little Dam Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Valley City, upon receipt of the final version; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Commission Discussion

Commission discussion included portfolio updates.

With no further business, Shawn Olauson made a motion, seconded by Bill Carlbom, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

Bill Carlbom, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

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