

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, July 16, 2019 with Cindy Schwehr, Vicky Lovell, Bill Carlblom, John Froelich, and Shawn Olauson present. Chairman Carlblom called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the Agenda was reviewed.

City-County Health – Leadership Project

Dr. Art Chen presented information about the Center for Health Leadership and Practice's National Leadership Academy for the Public's Health, which is a program through which City-County Health, in conjunction with other local partners, has developed a local project involving harm reduction services with the ultimate goal of decreasing incarceration costs by decreasing recidivism.

Planning & Zoning – Variances / CUP

Jessica Jenrich, Planning & Zoning Coordinator, presented an application for a Variance - Setback of 160' from the center of the township road from Matt Buttke (Norma Township, NE ¼ 30-138-57). Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the application; Shawn Olauson 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) to construct a new ground substation in Hobart Township along the north side of County Highway #22 from Otter Tail Power Company (Hobart Township, 17-140-59). Cindy Schwehr 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 - Trees from Jason M Ryan (Ashtabula Township, 32-142-58). Cindy Schwehr moved to deny the application and have him reapply under the subdivision rules; John Froelich seconded the motion. John Froelich moved to amend the motion, adding that Mr. Ryan be fined \$500 per P&Z regulations; Cindy Schwehr seconded the amended motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes". Ms. Jenrich presented an application for a Variance – Lot Size from Mike Metcalf (Valley Township, N ½ SE ¼ 23-140-58). John Froelich moved to deny the application; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Mabel Morton Cemetery Complaint

The Commission received an email from Bob Faust of Sartell MN regarding concern over the Mabel Morton Cemetery in the SW ¼ of Minnie Lake Township being overgrown with bushes. The Commission requested that Kerry Johnson, Highway Superintendent, and Jamen Windish, Weed Officer, work together with Darrel Brudevold to get the brush under control.

Highway Department – Approach Application & Highway Updates

Kerry Johnson, Highway Superintendent, presented an Approach Application from Devin Piehl for an approach at 36-137-61 on the Eckelson road north of Highway #46 and recommended approval of the application. John Froelich moved to approve the application; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes". Mr. Johnson updated the Commission on road issues and discussed water trouble across the entire county.

Auditor – Minutes

Shawn Olauson moved to approve the July 2, 2019 minutes; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Social Services – Zone Board Representatives

Wanda Larson, Social Services Director, and Tom Overn, Social Services board president, appeared before the Commission to provide a time-line on the Social Services redesign and requested that the Commission decide who will represent Barnes County on the zone board. The Commission would like to see two commissioners and the current Social Service board president, Tom Overn, represent Barnes County on the zonal board.

Recycling Center

Adam Faul, Valley Recycling, would like to add a full-time employee to maintain and possibly grow the recycling business. Cindy Schwehr moved to support recycling in Barnes County in the amount of \$20,000 to subsidize his operation, to be revisited on a yearly basis; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Commission Discussion

Commissioners provided portfolio reports. Meeting for the jail proposals will be on July 23, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

Department Head Meeting

Department heads reported on departmental happenings. North Dakota Association of Counties annual conference will be October 6 – 8, 2019.

City-County Health District shared the following information: Our ROPES project/harm reduction services which includes peer support, medication supported therapy, syringe services, nursing assessments/education is coming together. Adam Martin with the F5 project out of Fargo is getting the peer support office ready today, our soft start date for syringe services is August 6. A Family Healthcare provider, Brittany Michels, PA, is at CCHD every

Wednesday 9-4:30 and is open for any type of clinical services. Family Healthcare also sends an insurance application assistant 1-2 x/month who helps people get the best health insurance for them. Shingles vaccine is still in short supply, but we continue to get small shipments. If you are on the waiting list, we will get a dose for you as soon as possible. Call Angie if you are unsure if you are on the list. Setting up school and community flu clinics for the fall. Fitted bike helmets for about 50 children at the bike rodeo. Continue to work with nursing students from various colleges, primarily from the Dakota Nursing Program at VCSU and the NDSU program. Katie Beyer presented at a national conference in Dallas yesterday, on the campaign that she and a colleague from Jamestown developed. This program is being utilized in areas across the nation. Let's Walk Valley City event on 7/22 5-8pm, runs from Hirschberger Park to Chautauqua Park. Many nice prizes, good food and fun activities. Finishing up the Community AED project; currently have requests for 18 AED's in various facilities. Sheyenne Valley Community Foundation granted us \$5000 to help decrease the cost of each AED. The AED's that we are able to get retail for \$1800, but with the grant funds and the bulk order, we are able to get them for around \$600 (depending on the total number we end up ordering). Please contact me ASAP if you are aware of any other facility needs. Continue to teach Adult Mental Health First Aid within our 8-county public health region, this has been well received, giving participants the skills to recognize concerns and intervene appropriately. We will be holding a Youth Mental Health First Aid train the trainer course July 29-August 2. This course will teach skills to adults who work with or frequently interact with youth.

With no further business, Vicky Lovell made a motion, seconded by Bill Carblom, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Bill Carblom, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

Beth M Didier
Barnes County Auditor