

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, August 20, 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.

Planning & Zoning - Variances

Jessica Jenrich, Planning & Zoning Coordinator, presented an application for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) – Utility and Variance – Setback 75’ from Barnes Rural Water (Svea Township, NW ¼ 5-138-60). John Froelich 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 Variance - Trees from Gary Gregoryk (Skandia Township, NE ¼ 34-138-59). Vicky Lovell 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 – Setback 43’ from center of subdivision road from Art Henjum (Ashtabula Township, 21 & 22 – 142-58). Cindy Schwehr 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 – Trees 50’ from the center of the road from Jason Ryan (Ashtabula Township, 32-142-58). John Froelich 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 Variance – Setback 40’ from subdivision road and 29’ from an easement road from James A Boyd (Ashtabula Township, SW ¼ 32-142-58). Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the application; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

New Employee Introduction

Sheriff Randy McClafin introduced Gunnar Tangen as the new Deputy Sheriff.

Jail Discussion with Architect

Scott Fettig, Klein McCarthy Architects, met with the commission to discuss the timeline, provided some construction management options, and answered questions.

Barnes County Census

The City of Valley City requested that Barnes County participate in a task force for the 2020 Census towards the purpose of educating the Barnes County citizens and to promote the 2020 Census. The Commission asked for additional information.

Treasurer – Cancel Outstanding Checks

Vicki Zinck-Metcalf, Treasurer, presented a list of checks to be cancelled, per North Dakota Century Code §11-25-05: Check #5349 dated 5/2/2018 payable to Alexis Wolf or Paul Cobb in the amount of \$17.06; Check #5350 dated 5/7/2018 payable to Daniel A McKenzie in the amount of \$483.66; and Check #138389 dated 5/2/2018 payable to Stacey Cox in the amount of \$25.00. Cindy Schwehr moved to cancel the checks; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. If the party entitled to any such warrant shall appear and give good and sufficient reason for the party's delay in calling for such warrant or in presenting the same for payment, the board may issue a new warrant in the amount to which the party is entitled, except for the statute of limitations.

Auditor – Minutes / NDACo Delegate Appointment / Recycling Request

Vicky Lovell moved to approve the August 6, 2019 minutes; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Bill Carlblom moved to appoint Jessica Jenrich as the NDACo County Delegate; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. Payment of the recycling request has been delayed, pending receipt of an Attorney General's opinion.

Commission Discussion

John Froelich reported that it appears that all of the Sanborn Lake outlet easements will be able to be obtained at a reasonable cost. Cindy Schwehr and Bill Carlblom updated the Commission on the duties and processes of the Sheriff's Office Deputy. Eckelson Lake Snagging and Clearing has improved the flowage and will continue to be monitored and cattails will be sprayed, as needed.

With no further business, Cindy Schwehr made a motion, seconded by John Froelich, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Bill Carlblom, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

Beth M Didier
Barnes County Auditor

