

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, August 21, 2018 with Cindy Schwehr, Bill Carblom, John Froelich, and Rodger Berntson present. Mike Metcalf was unable to attend. Chairman Carblom called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the Agenda was reviewed.

Planning & Zoning – Variances / Preliminary Subdivision

Jessica Jenrich, Planning & Zoning Coordinator, presented an application for a Variance – Setback 100' from township road from Scott Stanford (Valley Township, NE ¼ 3-140-58). Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the application; Rodger Berntson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes". Ms. Jenrich presented an application for a Variance – Setback 15' from property line from Dick Gulmon (Ashtabula Township, Auditor's Lot 8 NW ¼ 22-142-58). Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the application; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes". Cindy Schwehr moved to approve a preliminary subdivision, JTS Subdivision in the NW ¼ of the SW ¼ of 35-143-58 in Sibley Trail Township; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Building & Grounds – Roof Repair / Replacement

Stan Horst, Building & Grounds, along with Joe Malloy from TectaAmerica, presented options for Courthouse roof replacement. The preliminary estimate is \$115,000 to \$150,000; they are working on a firm estimate. This will be revisited at the next Commission meeting on September 4th.

Policy Committee – Social Services Policy Change Request

Jamie Smith, Barnes County Employee Policy Committee Chairman, presented the policy committee's recommendation to not approve the change request. John Froelich made a motion to pay an extra \$1 per hour for those people who are specified on-call (a designated person at the Sheriff's Department, the IT Department, and Social Services); Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion failed upon roll-call vote, with Cindy Schwehr, Bill Carblom and Rodger Berntson voting "no". This may be addressed during upcoming budget discussions.

Highway Dept – Approach Application

Kerry Johnson, Highway Superintendent, recommended approval an Approach Application from Pederson Farms for an approach in 1-139-59. Rodger Berntson moved to approve the request; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes". Mr. Johnson would like to replace the forklift, and will look into options. The Highway Department will be putting on a training in conjunction with LTAP on September 25th.

Highway Department – Uxbridge Township Road

Discussion continued regarding possibly making 3 ½ miles of township road in Barnes County (1 ½ miles) and Stutsman County (2 miles) an "improved gravel road", to take some pressure off the Urbana road. State's Attorney Carl Martineck recommended that the Commission pass a Resolution, if this is to be pursued, which would need to take place at a future meeting. Rodger Berntson moved to drop this discussion; Bill Carblom seconded the motion. Motion failed to pass with a majority upon roll-call vote, with John Froelich and Cindy Schwehr voting "no". The Commission asked that the State's Attorney prepare a Resolution for approval at the next meeting.

Auditor – Minutes / Special Event Permit

Rodger Berntson moved to approve the April 5, 2018 minutes; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried. John Froelich moved to approve a request from Trails End Bar & Grill for a Special Permit to Sell Alcoholic Beverages at a Special Event at Designated Premised for a wedding reception at Riverbend Farm on 9/8/2018; Cindy seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Commission Discussion

The State Water Commission has indicated that the Local Share on the Kathryn Dam project will be approximately \$30,000. Library parking lot was discussed.

Jail Renovation Report

Alan Dostert, EAPC, presented his findings from the inspection of the jail for rehab purposes. It would cost approximately \$2.3 - \$2.5 million to renovate the jail, and that would not address the fundamental issues. This does not include design fees and engineering, which would be an additional 10%.

With no further business, Cindy Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Rodger Berntson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

Bill Carblom, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

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Barnes County Auditor

