

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 with Cindy Schwehr, Vicky Lovell, Bill Carblom, John Froelich, and Shawn Olauson present. Chairman Carblom called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the Agenda was reviewed.

Valley City-Barnes County Development Corp

Jennifer Feist discussed funding for Rural Barnes County Projects & Educational Enhancement Program.

Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Randy McClafin made the recommendation to purchase a 2021 Tahoe Police Package with the trade-in of a 2016 Charger for net price of \$35,964. Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the request; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes". Sheriff McClafin requested redacting software for body cams from WatchGuard. Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the request; Bill Carblom seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes". Sheriff McClafin requested approval to purchase more portable radios and in-car repeaters. Shawn Olauson moved to approve the request; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Planning & Zoning - Variances

Jessica Jenrich, Planning & Zoning Coordinator, presented an application for a Conditional Use Permit from Verizon Wireless for installation of a 29' Wireless Tower. Vicky Lovell moved to approve the application; Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes". Ms. Jenrich presented an application from Charles and Sheree Bowen to rezone (Getchell Township Auditor Lot 2 of NE ¼ 18-141-58) to Recreational with a two-camper limit. 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 from Kent Sortland for Drain Tile Variance (Svea Township, NE ¼ 22-138-60). Shawn Olauson 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 to Rezone to Recreational Zone and Conditional Use Permit for Commercial Operation from Mike Heinze (Sibley Trail Township, portions of the NW¼ and NE ¼ 13-143-58). Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the application; Bill Carblom seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

911 Dispatch

Holly Neuberger requested a pay increase for Sarah Miller. The request was tabled.

Auditor – Minutes / Beer-Liquor License

Bill Carblom moved to approve the September 1, 2020 minutes; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried. Bill Carblom presented an update on Crossroads. Crossroads is planning to re-open and is requesting a pro-rated Beer/Liquor License for the remainder of 2020. Commission took no action.

Commission Discussion

John Froelich reported that the Museum is still closed due to the COVID-19 situation. John commended the Highway Department for completing the work on River Road. Shawn Olauson reported the Hobart water is coming in faster than it is going out. The Sanborn Drain caused damage to the culverts in Stewart Township and to the Texas Crossing located at Jorissens and Offners. Barnes County Water Board is requesting Barnes County for some financial support. South Central Regional meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 16th. Cindy Schwehr discussed Courthouse Closure due to the rising COVID-19 cases and making it by appointment only. General feelings were that we are taking good precautions to keep our employees safe and closure is not needed at this time. DOT is concerned about the troubled areas on Kathryn Road. The signage does not suffice for the road problems that are present. Bill Carblom will talk to Kerry Johnson about the signage in the troubled spots. Vicky Lovell stated the Library is looking at repairing the roof or possibly installing a new roof. Bill Carblom asked that we keep a safe environment by following the guidelines of keeping a safe distance apart and wearing face masks. The Budget hearing is tonight at 6:00 pm in the Commission Chambers.

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 9:14 a.m.

Bill Carblom, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

Julie Mindt
Deputy Auditor