

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 with Vicky Lovell, Bill Carblom, Pete Paulson, and Shawn Olauson present. Cindy Schwehr 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.

MIS – Cyber-Security Training

Jason Thiel, MIS Director, addressed the Commission about developing on-going cyber-security training. He would like to have one training required upon initial hiring during employee orientation, as well as an annual refresher training for all employees. Bill Carblom moved to have Mr. Thiel proceed with the training; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Auditor – Minutes

Vicky Lovell moved to approve the September 7, 2021 minutes; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sheriff - Intern

Sheriff Randy McClafin requested approval of an intern from VCSU for up to 19 hours a month at the rate of \$15 per hour. Shawn Olauson moved to approve the request; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Planning & Zoning – Variances / Grain Bin Set-back

Jessica Jenrich, Planning & Zoning Coordinator, presented an application for a Variance – Setback 10-12’ from north property line from David A Mielke (Ashtabula Township, Lot 13 Block 2 Martin’s Landing 32-142-58). Vicky Lovell moved to approve the application; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. Ms. Jenrich presented an application for a Variance – Setback for crossing of road and drain tile 50’ from center of township road from Bruce W Shanenko (Getchell Township, NE ¼ 10-141-58 and NE ¼ 9-141-58). Pete Paulson moved to approve the application; Bill Carblom seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. Ms. Jenrich presented an application for a Variance – Setback 134’ from township road from Rodney Sarbaum (Rosebud Township, SE ¼ 50-137-60). Shawn Olauson moved to approve the application; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Bill Carblom moved to allow Trevor Jacobsen until May 1, 2022 to move his grain bin that is non-compliant with the setback requirements, and that, if completed by May 1, 2022, the fines/fees would be waived, and if not removed by the deadline, the fines/fees would be assessed; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Commission Discussion

Commission discussion included multiple portfolio reports, recycling, and library roof repairs.

County Parks – Board Compensation

Bobby Koeplin, County Parks Manager, forwarded a request from the Park Board to increase park board member compensation from \$25 per meeting to \$45 per meeting, effective September 1, 2021. Vicky Lovell moved to approve the request; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Budget Discussion

There will be a public hearing tonight at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission chambers during which any taxpayer may appear and discuss with the Commission any item of proposed expenditures or may object to any item or amount in the 2022 budget proposal.

With no further business, Shawn Olauson made a motion, seconded by Vicky Lovell, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:59 a.m.

Bill Carblom, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

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