

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 with Cindy Schwehr, Vicky Lovell, Bill Carlbom, John Froelich, and Shawn Olauson present. Chairman Carlbom 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 drainage tile crossing from Fred D Schroeder (Noltimier Township, 36-141-57). 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 for a Variance – Setback 150' from center of township road from James A Cookman (Springvale Township, S ½ SE ¼ 11-139-56). 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 - Setback from Cass County Electric Cooperative (Uxbridge Township, 34-142-61). John Froelich moved to approve the application; Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Highway Department –Approach Application / Annual Maintenance Certification

Kerry Johnson, Highway Superintendent, presented an Approach Application from Bruce Muncy for an approach in the E ½ of 25-143-60. 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 the Annual Maintenance Certification for Federal Aid; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes". Mr. Johnson provided an update on the Federal Aid meeting, as well as project updates. John Froelich moved to sign the Federal Program sheet; Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Corrections – Possible New Hire

Jeremy Wolff, Chief Correctional Officer, requested permission to offer \$22.00 an hour to a possible new hire with extensive corrections experience. Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the offer; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes". Cindy Schwehr moved to offer Tristan Meier \$21.50 an hour to come back full-time; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Adolfson & Peterson Construction – Construction Update

Brian Kunz and Madison Young, Adolfson & Peterson Construction. Construction is now 10% complete and about one week ahead of schedule. All underground work has been completed. Walls will start going up next Tuesday, with full building enclosure scheduled for the 2nd week in November.

Auditor – Minutes / New Employee Introduction

Vicky Lovell moved to approve the October 6, 2020 minutes; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried. Tiffany Smith was introduced as the new Payroll/Human Resources employee in the Auditor's Office. She started October 7th.

Commission Discussion

John Froelich reported that the Barnes County Museum is now open by appointment. Shawn Olauson reported on Water Resources. Social Services will continue, as is, for the foreseeable future. Cindy Schwehr relayed a request from Valley City Rural Fire Department for a funding commitment. Vicky Lovell reported that the Veterans Park in Sanborn is still taking engraving requests and construction is progressing.

With no further business, Vicky Lovell made a motion, seconded by Shawn Olauson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

Bill Carlbom, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

Beth M Didier
Barnes County Auditor