

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 with Vicky Lovell, Bill Carlblom, John Froelich, and Shawn Olauson present. Cindy Schwehr was unable to attend. Chairman Carlblom called the meeting to order at 8:12 a.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the Agenda was reviewed.

County-Owned Property Lease-Letting

The County had several FEMA properties available for leasing. No interested parties appeared to bid on the lease properties.

Auditor – Minutes

Vicky Lovell moved to approve the November 3, 2020 minutes; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commission Discussion

Commissioners provided portfolio updates. Bill Carlblom presented a plaque to John Froelich in appreciation of his twelve years of service as Barnes County Commissioner.

Correctional Center - Kitchen

John Froelich moved to approve the kitchen alternate for the Correctional Center at a cost of \$204,267; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

AP – Construction Update

Madison Young, Adolfsen Peterson Construction, provided a construction update for the Correctional Center. It is on schedule to be fully enclosed by the second week in December.

Sheriff – 2021 Car Bids

Sheriff Randy McClafin recommended purchase of a 2021 Ford Interceptor with trade in of a 2014 Taurus, with a net cost of \$38,094. Shawn Olauson moved to approve the recommendation; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Valley City Fire – Building Funding

Valley City Fire Chief Scott Magnuson asked the County for a commitment of \$401,510 towards the \$500,000 firehall addition. The Commission asked Chief Magnuson to return at a future date with firmer numbers.

Highway Department – County Resolution for Bid Award

Shawn Olauson moved to approve signing of the Resolution to award the bid for Project CER-0221(079) to Gowan Construction Inc in the amount of \$772,695.23; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Buffalo Bridges Human Service Zone – Zone Plan

Emeline Burkett, Buffalo Bridges Human Service Zone Director, appeared via TEAMS and visited with the Commission regarding the Zone Plan and Social Service vehicles. Shawn Olauson moved to approve the Zone Plan; Bill Carlblom seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. Vicky Lovell moved to approve transfer of the vehicles from Barnes County to Stutsman County; Bill Carlblom seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

With no further business, Vicky Lovell made a motion, seconded by Bill Carlblom, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Bill Carlblom, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

Beth M Didier
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