

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, November 20, 2018 with Cindy Schwehr, Mike Metcalf, Bill Carblom, John Froelich, and Rodger Berntson present. Chairman Carblom called the meeting to order at 8:27 a.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the Agenda was reviewed.

Planning & Zoning - Variances

Jessica Jenrich, Planning & Zoning Coordinator, presented proposed 2019 Development Code Changes. Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the changes; Mike Metcalf seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Christmas Eve Day Closure

Mike Metcalf brought up giving the employees four additional hours of paid leave on Christmas Eve. No action was taken. It was later determined that, per Barnes County Policy and Governor Doug Burgum's Executive Order 2018-06, all offices of Barnes County shall be closed from 8 a.m. to noon on December 24, 2018 to permit employees an opportunity to spend uninterrupted time with family and friends during the holiday season.

VSO – Job Description / Veteran Suicide Training

Veterans Service Officer Angela Hunt presented an updated Veterans Service Officer job description for approval. The only change is a required accreditation. Mike Metcalf moved to approve the updated job description; Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes". Ms. Hunt has arranged for a veteran's suicide training for emergency personnel, first responders, etc., at no cost.

Auditor – Minutes / Agenda Publication Deadlines & Costs

Rodger Berntson moved to approve the November 6, 2018 minutes corrections; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried. Agenda publishing costs and deadlines were discussed, and alternatives to expensive box ads, such as larger font or bold text, will be investigated.

Park Board – Mower Request

Bobby Koeplin, Barnes County Park Board Chairman, requested \$15,274.91 to trade two 2014 mowers for two new Husqvarna mowers. Bill Carblom moved to purchase the two mowers out of the 2018 park board budget; Mike Metcalf seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Extension / VSO Office Discussion

Angela Hunt, Veterans Service Officer, and Randy Grueneich, Extension Agent, appeared before the Commission to discuss the possibility of moving Veterans Services to first floor for better accessibility for veterans, which would also alleviate some of the over-crowding in Extension. All options are being considered.

Commission Discussion

On behalf of Barnes County, Bill Carblom presented Mike Metcalf with a clock as a token of appreciation for his 4 years of Commission service. In recognition of his 20 years serving as Barnes County Commissioner, Cindy Schwehr presented Rodger Berntson with a Dick Hansen original wood-carving clock and thanked him for his service. Mike Metcalf will be serving chili and pumpkin bars to County employees on Wednesday.

With no further business, Cindy Schwehr made a motion, seconded by John Froelich, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

Bill Carblom, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

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