

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, December 18, 2018 with Shawn Olauson, Bill Carlblom, John Froelich, and Vicky Lovell present. Cindy Schwehr was unable to attend. Chairman Carlblom called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the Agenda was reviewed.

Wellness Committee – Wellness Programming

Sue Milender and Theresa Will, Barnes County Wellness Coordinators, presented information regarding the Wellness Committee programs, as well as Barnes County on the Move. The Commission expressed their continued support of the programming.

Planning & Zoning - Variances

Jessica Jenrich, Planning & Zoning Coordinator, presented an application for a Conditional Use Permit (Residential to Recreational Campground) and Zoning District Amendment (Rezone to Recreational) from Lance J Peltier (Ashtabula Township, 22-142-58 Lot 3 Block 2 Jewetts Beach 2nd). John Froelich moved to deny the application; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

City-County Health District – New Employee Introduction

Theresa Will, City-County Health District Director, introduced Mahmoud Toumeh, Opioid Prevention Coordinator, funded by an HRSA grant, and Kami Schumacher, Registered Nurse, working with Family Healthcare and Home Visits.

Sheriff – Vehicle Bids & Cage

Don Fiebiger, Chief Deputy Sheriff, was present for the opening of the bids from Puklich, Miller Motors, and Stoudt Ross Ford. The Sheriff will review the bids and make a recommendation at the next meeting. A quote from Streicher’s for a half cage for the Truck Reg vehicle at a cost of \$1,103.98 was presented for approval. Bill Carlblom moved to approve the request; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Tax Equalization – Vanguard Contract

Stacie Hansen-Leier, Tax Director, presented the service contract from Vanguard Computer Systems for their appraisal software in the amount of \$1,000. John Froelich moved to approve the contract; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Auditor – Minutes

Bill Carlblom moved to approve the December 4, 2018 minutes; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Board Appointments

Bill Carlblom moved to approve all the incumbents for the January 1, 2019 Board Appointments: Airport – Jamie Bryn, City-County Health District - James B Buhr MD, Coroner – David Hochhalter MD, Housing Authority – Jeff Nathan, Park – Scott Tichy, and Planning & Zoning – Mike Schwehr (District 1), John Behm (District 2) and Vernon Roorda (District 4), Senior Citizens Council – Deb Kohler, Water Resources – Bruce Anderson (District 4), and Weed Control – Jacob Devries and Mark Schlotman; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. The openings on the School Annexation, Reorganization & Dissolution Committee, School Tuition Committee and Water Resources board will be advertised again.

Beer / Liquor License Renewals

Bill Carlblom moved to approve the applications for Liquor and Beer Licenses from Ashtabula Crossing, the Hungry Pelican, Crossroads Steakhouse & Lounge, and Sodbuster Club; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Economic Development – Administrative Contract

Jennifer Feist, Valley City – Barnes County Development Corporation Director of Development, requested approval of the economic development contract for the calendar year of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, including the 2.23 mills as approved by the Commission and \$27,000 for administrative services. John Froelich moved to approve the contract; Bill Carlblom seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Weed Board – Part-time Employees

Jamen Windish, Weed Officer, requested approval to extend the season for one of the part-time workers from April through November. John Froelich moved to approve the request; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

State’s Attorney - Salary

Carl Martineck, State’s Attorney, presented a recommendation for the starting salary of the incoming State’s Attorney. John Froelich moved to start Tonya Duffy at \$10,000 less than requested, to be reviewed at six months. John Froelich rescinded his motion. Vicky Lovell moved to start Ms. Duffy at \$75,000 a year, to be reviewed after

six months; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Commission Discussion

John Froelich shared some information regarding a possible location for a new jail facility in the I-94 Corridor. Shawn Olauson provided an update on the State Water Commission. The jail will become a 96-hour facility on December 20, 2018, due to the situation with the current jail.

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 10:38 a.m.

Bill Carlblom, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

Beth M Didier
Barnes County Auditor