

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, June 19, 2018 with Cindy Schwehr, Mike Metcalf, Bill Carlbom, John Froelich, and Rodger Berntson present. Chairman Carlbom called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the Agenda was reviewed.

Sheriff – Patrol Logs / AED's

Randy McClafin, Sheriff, visited with the Commission about how they keep track of where they spend time patrolling, for record-keeping purposes. Funding for the Sheriff's department is not related to the number of calls or patrols that are logged. Rodger Berntson approved ordering 2 AED's with grant funding from Alliance Pipeline; Mike Metcalf seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

MIS – CPU Contract

Jason Thiel, MIS Director, the contract with CPU for Financial, Tax, and Payroll software support for approval; there were no changes in rates or terms from the previous contract. Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the three-year contract; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Building & Grounds – Maintenance / Repair Projects

Stan Horst, Building & Grounds, informed the Commission of a few repairs that need to be made. There is a pipe leaking on third floor, which is being repaired. An estimate for sidewalk repair was presented, and the terrace needs work. An ad will be placed in the paper requesting estimates. An estimate in the amount of \$14,706 from TectaAmerica for a roofing repair was presented. A new roof is roughly \$80,000 to \$100,000. Other funding sources will be sought.

Highway – Rail Crossing / Project Certification / Road Hazards

Kerry Johnson, Highway Superintendent, presented a request to upgrade the CP Rail North Valley Crossing to LED lighting (County share \$2,000) for approval. Mike Metcalf moved to approve the lighting project; Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes". Mike Metcalf moved to approve the Certification of Local Match from our Road and Bridge fund; Rodger Berntson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes". Mr. Johnson informed the Commission of an incident with a farmer leaving a large amount of dirt at night on County Highway #21. The Commission expressed their support of charging the farmer for the cost of removal of this, as it posed a hazard and public nuisance.

Auditor – Minutes / Gaming Site Authorization / Board Appointments / Local Permit

Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the June 5, 2018 minutes; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried. Cindy Schwehr moved to approve a Gaming Site Authorization from the Frank S Henry VFW Post 2764 for a site at Ashtabula Crossing; Mike Metcalf seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes". Mike Metcalf moved to approve the July 1, 2018 Board Appointments, as presented: Housing Authority – Kenneth Beach; Library Melissa Remick; School Annexation, Reorganization and Dissolution Committee (District 4) – Henrik Voldal; and Social Services – Theresa Will; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes". Cindy Schwehr moved to approve a Local Permit from Sodbuster Club; Mike Metcalf seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Commission Discussion

The Water Board denied the extension request from the Hobart Lake contractor; the project needs to be completed as scheduled. People in the City of Sanborn are having issues with water, and have asked if the Sanborn Lake drain could be re-opened; this would be a State Water Commission issue. The 2018 Primary Election was discussed. Road right-of-way issues were discussed. County Burial costs from across the State were reviewed, and will be discussed at the July 3rd meeting.

With no further business, Mike Metcalf made a motion, seconded by John Froelich, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

Bill Carlbom, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

Beth M Didier
Barnes County Auditor