

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 with Cindy Schwehr, Mike Metcalf, Bill Carblom, and Rodger Berntson present. John Froelich was unable to attend. Chairman Carblom called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the Agenda was reviewed.

Planning & Zoning – Variances / CUP / Zoning District Amendment / Subdivision

Jessica Jenrich, Planning & Zoning Coordinator, presented an application for a Zoning District Amendment (Ag to Recreational) and a Subdivision (JTS Subdivision) from Jeff Gilbertson (Sibley Trail Township, SW ¼ 35-143-58). Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the application; Mike Metcalf seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. Ms. Jenrich presented an application for a Variance – Trees 100’ from center of township road from Chris M Davies (Valley Township, 3-140-58). Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the application; Mike Metcalf seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. Ms. Jenrich presented an application for a Variance – Setback from Matthew R Powers (Grand Prairie Township, NW ¼ 36-142-57). Mike Metcalf moved to approve the application; Rodger Berntson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. Ms. Jenrich presented an application for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) from Mark J Woodbury (Sibley Trail Township, SE ¼ 34-143-58). Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the application; Mike Metcalf seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Social Services – Salary Information / Personnel Issues

Wanda Larson, Social Services Director, and Dana Lindemann, Social Worker Supervisor, presented recommendations for salary increases for three of the six Social Workers, based on performance reviews and comparisons with Stutsman County. The recommendation was tabled for further review and discussion. Ms. Larson informed the Commission that they are short three Eligibility Workers, and they are going to have to pay some overtime.

City-County Health – Employee Introductions

Theresa Will, City-County Health Director, introduced nurses Julia Anderson, Renee Larson, Nicole Kvalnes, and Kerry Due, to the Commission. Rose Knutson was introduced as the new finance assistant.

Auditor – Minutes

Mike Metcalf moved to approve the September 4, 2018 minutes; Bill Carblom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commission Discussion

A potential foreclosure property was discussed, as well as the upcoming election. County/FEMA lease properties will be bid out at the next meeting. Preliminary Budget hearing will be at 6:00 p.m. tonight. Mike Metcalf mentioned the possibility of cooperating with another county for Veterans Services. Mike Metcalf suggested raising Vicki Zinck Metcalf’s grade from Grade 9 to Grade 10; This will be discussed during an upcoming budget discussion. Cindy Schwehr moved to appoint the NDWS Manager and NDWS Board President as State Fair delegates at their annual meeting; Mike Metcalf seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. Mike Metcalf moved to include third-floor State Court employees in the Christmas Party invitation; Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. Other discussion included road right-of-way and mowing requirements.

With no further business, Rodger Berntson made a motion, seconded by Cindy Schwehr, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

Bill Carblom, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

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