

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 with Cindy Schwehr, Vicky Lovell, Bill Carlblom, John Froelich, and Shawn Olauson present. Chairman Carlblom called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the Agenda was reviewed.

Planning & Zoning – Conditional Use Permit

Jessica Jenrich, Planning & Zoning Coordinator, presented an application for a Conditional Use Permit for a Utility Tower located in Marsh Township E½ SE¼ 15-139-58. Cindy made a motion to approve the Conditional Use Permit. John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Highway Dept-Staffing Reorganization

Kerry Johnson presented a restructuring plan for the Highway Department staff. Cindy Schwehr made a motion to approve a 3-month trial period being retroactive to the February 9, 2019 payroll period, if the restructuring works as planned. John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

MIS-Sheriff Camera

Jason Thiel requested purchasing replacement cameras in the Sheriff Department vehicles at a cost of \$49,601.60. Cindy Schwehr made a motion to proceed with the camera purchase. John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Highway Dept-Sand/Snow Truck Purchase

Kerry Johnson presented a new truck with sander purchase request. The full cost of the truck will be \$227,582.00. Request includes paying \$120,000. and finance the remainder of the proposed cost for 3 years. Bill Carlblom made a motion to approve the purchase of the new truck with sander as requested. John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Auditor – Minutes

Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the January 8, 2018 minutes; Shaun Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Part Time help was discussed. The need for part-time help was too vague. John Froelich made a motion to come back to the board when part time help is needed. Shaun Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4-H Awards Sponsor

Sue Milender was present to say thank you for the sponsorship of the Farnquist Otterness award.

Dispatch-Emergency Management / Addressing Issues & Hazard Mitigation Plans

Citizens from the Wimbledon area were present regarding concerns on how people were notified of their new 911 addresses.

Commission Discussion

John Froelich shared information on the over run on mapping dollars for the new 911 addressing project. Vicky Lovell reported the Valley City Public Library needs a new heat pump for their furnace. Bill Carlblom reported that Barnes County is currently looking for a new jail location. We may need to do bids for the jail project. Angela Hunt shared information regarding a Suicide Roundtable discussion at the Fargo VA Hospital. 911 Dispatch was updated to let the VSO know if there is a veteran that calls in for help.

Department Head Meeting

Theresa Will updated the commission that there is legislation for increasing state aid for public health districts in ND. There will be leadership training in Atlanta, GA in March. There is some updating being done on the upstairs in the CCHD. The nurse practitioner that comes to the City County Health will now be only on Wednesdays. An Enrollment Provider will be available every other Friday for people that need to sign up for Health Insurance. Angela Hunt reported that there were 27 attendees at the Suicide Provider Training. Jessica Jenrich informed the commission the Ashtabula Wind will be installing bigger blades on their wind towers. Wanda Larson stated that food stamps will be issued a month early because of the government shutdown. Barnes County tied with Region 6 for best visitation rates. Stacy Leier reported the Bismarck Winter Workshop Legislative Committee concerning tax valuations are recommending a Do Not Pass vote. Ag land valuations will be going up and Residential valuations will not have much change and Commercial valuations will be lowered. Randy McClafin stated that the deputies are on the road quite a bit due to transporting inmates. Jason Thiel stated that non-exempt employees cannot work off the clock or take work home and not report those hours as worked hours. All off the clock work performed must be added to their time sheets. Photo ID's on emails will stay as is.

With no further business, Bill Carlblom made a motion, seconded by Vicky Lovell, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

Bill Carblom, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

Julie Mindt
Barnes County Auditor