

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 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.

**Sheriff - Laptops**

Pat Sand, Chief Deputy, informed the Commission that one of the GTacs is failing and requested approval to purchase one Panasonic ToughBooks laptop at a per unit cost of \$3,500 plus the docking system and port for a total cost of \$4,887.90 per unit, mounted in a vehicle, and to budget for replacement of the rest in the future. These would replace their office laptops, as well. Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the request for one unit; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

**Sanborn Lake Easements**

John Froelich informed the Commission that all the easements for Sanborn Lake have been signed. The total cost of the easements to be paid is \$104,820. John Froelich moved to approve transfer \$104,820 to the Water Resource Board fund for payment of the easements; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

**Department Head Salaries**

John Froelich made some recommendations for increases for a few department heads; discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

**Auditor – Minutes**

Vicky Lovell moved to approve the February 4, 2020 minutes; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Faust Park**

Barnes County Wildlife Federation would like to build a 12x24 picnic shelter on a cement pad at Faust Park. John Froelich moved to approve the request, pending verification that this is within the requirements set forth by FEMA; Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

**Commission Discussion**

Commission discussion included upcoming meetings and flood potential.

**Jail Financing Options**

Scott Wegner, Arntson Stewart Wegner bond counsel firm, presented financing options for the proposed Correctional Center.

**ND Livestock Alliance - Introduction**

Amber Boeshans, Executive Director of North Dakota Livestock Alliance, introduced herself and explained the mission of their organization: Support, enhance and promote animal agriculture in North Dakota.

**Building & Grounds - Repairs**

Stan Horst, Building & Grounds, updated the Commission on interior repairs and painting that were recently completed and discussed the remaining repair budget.

**Highway – Bid Award Resolution**

Kerry Johnson, Highway Superintendent, presented a bid award Resolution for approval. Cindy Schwehr moved to adopt Resolution 2020-1; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

**RESOLUTION 2020-1**

WHEREAS, the bid in the amount of \$1,299,359.81 from Gowan Construction Inc. received in the bid opening of February 07, 2020 for Project HEC-0222(080) was the low bid received.

WHEREAS, this bid is considered reasonable.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of BARNES County will award to Gowan Construction Inc. the contract for Project HEC-0222(080) and hereby authorizes the Chairman of the Board to sign said contract.

It is further understood that the County shall reimburse the North Dakota Department of Transportation for any payments made under this contract, which are not collectible from the Federal Highway Administration.

ATTEST:  
County Auditor

Chairman, Board of County Commissioners  
County: BARNES

This is to certify that the above resolution was adopted and passed at a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners at Barnes County on February 18, 2020.

County Auditor

With no further business, Cindy Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Bill Carblom, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

Bill Carblom, Chairman  
Barnes County Commission

Beth M Didier  
Barnes County Auditor