

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 with Cindy Schwehr, Vicky Lovell, Bill Carlblom, Pete Paulson, 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.

Treasurer – Cancel Outstanding Checks

Debbie Magnuson, Treasurer, presented a list of checks to be cancelled, per North Dakota Century Code §11-25-05: Check #5519 dated 10/8/2019 payable to Gwen Harris or Dennis Moore in the amount of \$14.75; Check #142728 dated 11/19/2019 payable to Michael Nelson in the amount of \$7.00; and Check #143626 dated 3/17/2020 payable to Lance Jenison in the amount of \$2.00. Vicky Lovell moved to cancel the checks; Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. If the party entitled to any such warrant shall appear and give good and sufficient reason for the party’s delay in calling for such warrant or in presenting the same for payment, the board may issue a new warrant in the amount to which the party is entitled, except for the statute of limitations.

Planning & Zoning - Variances

Jessica Jenrich, Planning & Zoning Coordinator, presented an application for a Variance – Utility Setback 65’ from centerline of road from BEK Communications (Grand Prairie Township, SW ¼ NW ¼ 34-142-57). Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the application; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. Ms. Jenrich presented an application for a Variance – Setback 50’ from the center of the subdivision road from James R Weinmann (Ashtabula Township, Lee’s 2nd Subdivision, 21-142-58). Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the application; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Auditor – Minutes / NDA Co Conference Delegate / SCDRC Joint Powers Agreement

Shawn Olauson moved to approve the August 3, 2021 regular commission meeting minutes and the August 11, 2021 special meeting minutes; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Cindy Schwehr moved to appoint Debbie Magnuson to serve as NDA Co Conference Delegate for this year’s conference; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. Vicky Lovell moved to approve the South Central DAKOTA Regional Council Joint Exercise Governmental Powers agreement; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Highway Department – Approach Application

Kerry Johnson, Highway Superintendent, recommended approval of an Approach Application from Wes Elston for an approach located in 23-139-60. Vicky Lovell moved to approve the application; Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. Mr. Johnson provided project updates.

AP – Construction Update

Madison Young, Adolfson Peterson Construction, provided construction updates for the Correctional Center. Construction is 95% complete, in good shape and still on schedule, looking to turn over the 27th of August. Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting will likely be September 7th from 12-3 PM.

Corrections – CO Applicant

Jeremy Wolff, Chief Correctional Officer, requested permission to offer a potential hire with experience \$22 per hour. Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the request; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Commission Discussion

Commission discussion included portfolio updates, as well as the dry conditions and the elevator repairs.

With no further business, Cindy Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Vicky Lovell, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Bill Carlblom, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

Beth M Didier
Barnes County Auditor