

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 with Cindy Schwehr, Vicky Lovell, Bill Carlblom, and Pete Paulson present. Shawn Olauson was unable to attend. Chairman Carlblom called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m., roll-call was taken, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the Agenda was reviewed.

**Planning & Zoning – Variances**

Jessica Jenrich, Planning & Zoning Coordinator, presented an application for a Variance – Setback 175' from County Road #21 from Curtis E Bunn (Marsh Township, Lot 2 Riverbend View Subdivision 9-139-58). Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the application at 200'; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Ms. Jenrich presented an application for a Variance - Trees from Michael J Rufsvold and Leslie W Hansen (Spring Creek Township, Auditor's Lot 1 of NW ¼ 24-137-59). Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the application; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Ms. Jenrich presented an application for a Variance - Trees from Ken A Schmitz (Valley Township, W ½ 1-140-58). Vicky Lovell moved to approve the application; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Ms. Jenrich presented an application for a Variance – Setback 130' from center of township road from Nick Noeske (Nelson Township, Auditor's Lots 1B and 2 of SE ¼ 7-138-58). Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the application; Bill Carlblom seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Ms. Jenrich presented an application for a Variance – Lot Size less than 5 acres from Jasmine C Nitschke (Nelson Township, SE ¼ SE ¼ 27-138-58). Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the application; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with Bill Carlblom voting "no".

**Weed Control - Building**

Jamen Windish, Weed Control Officer, and Sue Lloyd, Emergency Manager, approached the Commission requesting a heated storage building, along with a body cooler. The Commission asked that they go ahead and get some estimates.

**Highway Department – Resolution to Accept Bid for Mill & Overlay Project / Trailer Purchase**

Kerry Johnson, Highway Superintendent, and Bryan Tykwinski, Kadrmass, Lee & Jackson, presented a Resolution to accept the bid for the Mill and Overlay Project. Vicky Lovell moved to approve the Resolution; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

**BARNES COUNTY RESOLUTION 2022-5**

WHEREAS, the bid in the amount of \$1,975,628.71 from R J Zavoral & Sons Inc. received in the bid opening of April 08, 2022 for Project SC-0207(061) 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 R J Zavoral & Sons Inc. the contract for Project SC-0207(061) 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

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 April 19, 2022.

County Auditor

Vicky Lovell moved to purchase a low-boy trailer at a cost of \$47,500 and add it to this bill batch, Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

**VC-BC Development Corporation – Work Force Development**

Jennifer Feist, Valley City – Barnes County Development Corporation Director of Development, requested approval of \$25,000 per year for two years to support workforce development, specifically an EKG – CNA instructor position, to be located on the Valley City State University campus, with funds to be sourced from the Barnes County mill

levy fund dedicated to economic development. Discussion was tabled until a future meeting.

**Auditor – Minutes / Board Appointment**

Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the April 5, 2022 minutes; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vicky Lovell moved to appoint DuWayne Didier to fill the District 4 unexpired term on the School Annexation Committee; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes:”.

**Commission Discussion**

Commission discussion included portfolio updates.

With no further business, Pete Paulson made a motion, seconded by Cindy Schwehr, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

Bill Carlbom, Chairman  
Barnes County Commission

Beth M Didier  
Barnes County Auditor