

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 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., roll-call was taken, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the Agenda was reviewed.

Library Update

Hilde van Gijssel, Barnes County Public Library board member, provided an update of library happenings.

Planning & Zoning – Variance / Anhydrous Ammonia License Application

Jessica Jenrich, Planning & Zoning Coordinator, presented an application for a Variance – Setback 54' from the center of County Road #3 from Stephen J Lund (Raritan Township, 25-137-56). Bill Carlblom moved to deny the request at 54' and approve the application at 75', with the pump station to be moved as soon as feasible after harvest; Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Cindy Schwehr moved to approve signing the Anhydrous Ammonia License Application for Robert Latt's anhydrous container at SW ¼ 29-138-59; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

VC-BC Development Corporation – Budget Request

Jennifer Feist, Valley City – Barnes County Development Corporation Director of Development presented information in support of their 2023 budget request.

Weed Board – Storage Building

Jamen Windish, Weed Officer, discussed location options with the Commission. They suggested other options to be researched.

Emergency Management – Active Shooter Training

Sue Lloyd, Emergency Manager, discussed a full-scale active shooter training exercise planned for September and requested funding of up to \$11,380.00 towards the training. Shawn Olauson moved to cover up to \$11,380.00 from the State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Commission Discussion

Commission discussion included portfolio reports. Bill Carlblom moved to purchase a trash pump at a cost of \$20,210.00 from Ferguson Waterworks for Emergency Management; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Budget Discussion

New materials were added to the budget binders, including salary option proposals and valuation data.

Gallagher – Compensation Study Introduction

Mike Verdoorn, Gallagher, visited with the Commission regarding the processes and expectations for the upcoming salary study.

Auditor – Minutes

Shawn Olauson moved to approve the July 5, 2022 minutes; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

With no further business, Pete Paulson made a motion, seconded by Bill Carlblom, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

Bill Carlblom, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

Beth M Didier
Barnes County Auditor