

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 with Cindy Schwehr, Vicky Lovell, Bill Carlbom, Pete Paulson, and Shawn Olauson present. Chairman Carlbom called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m., roll-call was taken, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the Agenda was reviewed.

Planning & Zoning – Variance

Jessica Jenrich, Planning & Zoning Coordinator, presented an application for a Variance - Setback from CHS Dakota Plains Ag (Hobart Township, SE ¼ 26-140-59). Cindy Schwehr moved to deny the application and recommend a 200’ setback; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Executive Session – Veterans Service Office

Cindy Schwehr moved to go into Executive Session; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Executive Session opened at 8:20 a.m. Cindy Schwehr moved to adjourn the Executive Session; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Executive Session closed at 8:39 a.m.

Cindy Schwehr moved to relocate the Veterans Service Office to a vacant office space adjacent to the Sheriff’s Office, if the space is still available, as well as to hire movers; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with Vicky Lovell voting “no”.

Corrections – Service Agreement

Jeremy Wolff, Chief Correctional Officer, and Jason Thiel, IT Director, recommended contracting with Vertiv for UPS battery backup for Dispatch and Corrections at a cost of \$6,088.00. Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the contract; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Auditor – Minutes / Court Facilities Grant / BC 150th Book

Vicky Lovell moved to approve the November 1, 2022 minutes; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Cindy Schwehr moved to request an extension for the Court Facilities Improvement Grant; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. Bill Carlbom moved to pay up to \$10,000.00 out of the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for printing of the Barnes County 150th Anniversary book; 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, Cindy Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Shawn Olauson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:49 a.m.

Bill Carlbom, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

Beth M Didier
Barnes County Auditor