

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, December 20, 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.

Swearing in of County Officials

Newly-elected County Officials were sworn in by Judge Schmitz.

Reorganization / Portfolio Assignments

Vicky Lovell nominated Bill Carlblom to serve as Chairman; Pete Paulson seconded the nomination. Cindy Schwehr moved that nominations cease and that a unanimous ballot be cast for Bill Carlblom for Chairman; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. Bill Carlblom took control of the meeting as Chairman. Bill Carlblom nominated Cindy Schwehr as Vice-Chairman; Vicky Lovell seconded the nomination. Pete moved that nominations cease and that a unanimous ballot be cast; Bill Carlblom seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

The Commissioner Portfolio Schedule for 2023 was reviewed, and assignments were made, as follows:

<u>Department & Boards</u>	<u>Portfolio Holder</u>
Auditor	Cindy Schwehr
Building & Grounds	Bill Carlblom
MIS	Cindy Schwehr
City-County Health	Cindy Schwehr
Clerk of Court	Cindy Schwehr
Community Service Board	Bill Carlblom
County Agent/Extension	Bill Carlblom
County Highway Dept & Co Engineer	Bill Carlblom / Shawn Olauson
County Park	Bill Carlblom*/ Pete Paulson / Vicky Lovell
EMA	Pete Paulson / Bill Carlblom
Veterans Services	Pete Paulson
911	Pete Paulson / Bill Carlblom
Recorder	Vicky Lovell
Sheriff/Corrections/Joint Law Enforcement	Cindy Schwehr / Bill Carlblom
Social Services	Shawn Olauson
States Attorney/Judicial	Bill Carlblom
Treasurer	Vicky Lovell
Tax Director	Shawn Olauson
Weed Control	Pete Paulson
Personnel Policy Review	Vicky Lovell
Airport Authority	Cindy Schwehr
City Planning/Zoning	Bill Carlblom
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County Housing Authority	Vicky Lovell
Economic Development/Chamber	Bill Carlblom / Pete Paulson
Museum	Pete Paulson
National Guard Military Affairs committee	Bill Carlblom *(follows the Chairman)
Public Library	Vicky Lovell
Senior Citizens	Cindy Schwehr
South Central Dakota Regional Council	Vicky Lovell
Water Res/Devils Lake/Upper/Shey Advisory	Shawn Olauson
Winter Show	Bill Carlblom

City-County Health District Update

Theresa Will and Katie Beyer, City-County Health District, discussed a number of their programs: Bridges to Rural Recovery, a federally funded grant program using evidence-based practices to improve outcomes for individuals at risk for addiction and/or co-occurring mental disorders, their families, and communities; Ms. Will suggested that Mental Health training be provided to all County employees; Theresa Will is participating in the 2022-2023 Behavioral Health Training Institute for Health Officials, a national health training; and the Healthy Brain Initiative, a partnership of organizations across the country working collaboratively to improve the understanding of brain health as a central part of public health, designed to increase knowledge and awareness about Alzheimer’s as a public health issue, expand the understanding of the impact and burden of cognitive impairment, and advance public health strategies to address cognitive health, cognitive impairment, Alzheimer’s and other dementias, and dementia caregiving. Also discussed the parking lot rehab.

Ambulance - Funding

Scott Miller, and Melissa Miller, Barnes County Ambulance, appeared to discuss the 2023 budget request and mill levy. Cindy Schwehr moved to give the Ambulance Service an additional \$89,396.25 from the State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Planning & Zoning – Variance

Jessica Jenrich, Planning & Zoning Coordinator, presented an application for a Variance - Setback from BEK Communications (Minnie Lake Township5, 11, 12, 14, 22, 25, 27, and 34-142-56). Bill Carlblom moved to approve the application; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Auditor – Minutes / Amazon Account

Shawn Olauson moved to approve the December 6, 2022 minutes; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried. Cindy Schwehr moved to open a County Amazon Prime Business account, for purchases not available locally, with Julie Mindt to administer use of the account; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Board Appointments

Cindy Schwehr moved to make the following board appointments: Airport – Shawn Anderson; Housing Authority – Larry Leier and Renee Ronsberg; Park – Bobby Koeplin and Dallas Dockter; Planning & Zoning – Mike Schwehr and Vernon Roorda; Buffalo Bridges Zone Board – Allison Swenson; Water Resources – Scott Legge; and Weed Control – Mark Schlotman, Bob Wieland and Joel Zietz; Bill Carlblom seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. The District 2 Planning & Zoning position remains open until filled.

Beer / Liquor License Renewals

Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the applications for Liquor and Beer Licenses from Hungry Pelican, LLC for the Hungry Pelican at the Crossing and the Hungry Pelican at the Dam, as well as the Sodbuster Club; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Park Board Department Management Contract

Shawn Olauson moved to approve the Park Board Department Management Contract, as presented; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Highway Superintendent Position Description

Vicky Lovell moved to approve the updated Highway Superintendent position description, as presented; 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, Vicky Lovell made a motion, seconded by Pete Paulson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

Bill Carlblom, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

Beth M Didier
Barnes County Auditor