

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, July 17, 2018 with Cindy Schwehr, Mike Metcalf, Bill Carlbom, John Froelich, and Rodger Berntson present. Chairman Carlbom called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the Agenda was reviewed.

**VC-BC Development Corporation – 2019 Levy Request**

Jennifer Feist, Valley City – Barnes County Development Corporation Director of Development, along with Paige Bjornson and Wade Bruns (board members) requested 4 mills for their 2019 levy request.

**State's Attorney – Appointment of Interim State's Attorney**

Carl Martineck, State's Attorney, visited with the Commission regarding the possibility of resigning his position prior to his term being completed. Mr. Martineck expressed his intent and commitment to fill out his term.

**Planning & Zoning – Variances & Zoning District Amendments**

Jessica Jenrich, Planning & Zoning Coordinator, presented an application for a Zoning District Amendment (Residential to Commercial) from Mike Heinze (Veteran's Subdivision – Sibley Trail Township, 13-143-58). Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the application; Mike Metcalf seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes". Ms. Jenrich presented an application for a Variance – Setback 15' from the North property line from Wayne S Barreth (Ashtabula Township, Lakeview 2<sup>nd</sup> Subdivision 16-142-58). Mike Metcalf moved to approve the application, contingent upon the correct distances being maintained between the neighboring properties; Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes". Ms. Jenrich presented an application for a Zoning District Amendment (Agricultural to Recreational) and a Variance – Setback from Mark Woodbury (Sibley Trail Township, Auditor's Lot 3 SE ¼ 34-143-58). Mike Metcalf moved to approve the application; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

**Social Services – County Burials**

Wanda Larson, Social Services director, along with Jeff Nathan (Oliver Nathan Funeral Chapel) and Mike Lerud (Lerud Schuldt Mathias Funeral Home) appeared before the Commission to discuss the rate charged for County Burials (for those individuals without the means to pay for the services, as determined by Social Services). John Froelich made a motion to set the rate for a County Burial in Barnes County at \$3,000 for cremation and \$3,500 for traditional burial; Mike Metcalf seconded the motion. John Froelich withdrew his motion; Mike Metcalf withdrew his second. John Froelich moved that the County will pay for cremation only, with the cremains to be buried, and that the County will pay up to \$3,000; the motion died for lack of a second. Mike Metcalf moved to provide a County Cremation with no burial at a cost of up to \$3,380; Rodger Berntson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with John Froelich voting "no". Social Services will update their policy, to be effective August 1, 2018.

**Highway Department – Surplus Vehicles**

Kerry Johnson, Highway Superintendent, informed the Commission of a few surplus vehicles to get rid of. John Froelich moved to put them out for sale on bids; Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes". Mike Metcalf moved to approve a shingling bill for the Dazey Shop; Bill Carlbom seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes". Shawn Mayfield, Kadmas, Lee & Jackson, updated the Commission on the Hobart Lake grade raise project through the Highway Safety Improvement Program. The State has indicated that it might be on schedule for a February 2019 bid opening. The County share would be approximately \$150,000.

**Auditor – Minutes / Local Permit – Raffle (Waldheim WELCA)**

Mike Metcalf moved to approve the April 5, 2018 minutes; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried. Cindy Schwehr moved to approve an Application for a Local Permit from Waldheim Lutheran Church WELCA for their raffle drawing 9/16/2018; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

**Water Resources – Resolution 2018-2: Eckelson Lake Snagging & Clearing**

Mike Opat, Moore Engineering, discussed the proposed establishment of a Snagging and Clearing project for Eckelson Lake. Mike Metcalf moved to approve Resolution 2018-2, as presented; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

**RESOLUTION #2018-2 DECLARING THE NECESSITY TO CREATE  
ECKELSON SNAGGING AND CLEARING DISTRICT NO. 2018-01**

WHEREAS, the Barnes County Commission (the "County") and the Barnes County Water Resource District (the "District") have cooperated regarding the creation of ECKELSON SNAGGING AND CLEARING DISTRICT NO. 2018-01.

WHEREAS, the District's jurisdictional boundaries include Eckelson Lake, and the District has concluded certain snagging, clearing, cleaning, and maintenance is necessary in Eckelson Lake.

WHEREAS, more specifically, the District previously declared the necessity to create ECKELSON SNAGGING AND CLEARING DISTRICT NO. 2018-01, a snagging and clearing district under N.D. Cent. Code § 61-16.1-09.1, for

purposes of financing and funding a snagging, clearing, and maintenance project on Eckelson Lake, as depicted in the map attached to this RESOLUTION as **Exhibit A** (the "Project").

WHEREAS, the District previously analyzed and investigated the Eckelson Lake watershed in the vicinity of the Project to determine what parcels of real property would benefit from the Project, and approved a preliminary assessment list for ECKELSON SNAGGING AND CLEARING DISTRICT NO. 2018-01 comprised of real properties that will benefit from the Project.

WHEREAS, the District and the County cooperated to conduct a joint public hearing regarding the Project and the proposed creation of ECKELSON SNAGGING AND CLEARING DISTRICT NO. 2018-01 on July 9, 2018, preceded by all requisite notices in accordance with Section 61-16.1-09.1.

WHEREAS, at the hearing, the District and its engineer explained the necessity for the Project; the lack of a sufficient alternative funding mechanism to fund snagging, clearing, cleaning, and maintenance of Eckelson Lake; the benefits the Project will provide to certain properties within the Eckelson Lake watershed; and the need to create ECKELSON SNAGGING AND CLEARING DISTRICT NO. 2018-01 under Section 61-16.1-09.1 to finance and fund the Project.

WHEREAS, if both the District and the County approve the creation of ECKELSON SNAGGING AND CLEARING DISTRICT NO. 2018-01 by two-thirds votes, the District can levy special assessments against properties that will benefit from the Project, up to a maximum of \$0.50 per acre for ag lands, and \$0.50 per \$500 of taxable valuation for non-ag property.

WHEREAS, under Section 61-16.1-09.1, the total amount of assessments the District collects for the Project must be less than \$100,000.00; following expenditure of all assessments levied for purposes of the Project by the District, if the District wishes to conduct additional snagging and clearing in the same natural watercourse, the District must create a new snagging and clearing district, and must follow all procedures under Section 61-16.1-09.1 to create the new district, including an additional joint hearing with the County.

WHEREAS, the County has reviewed the proposed Project; the County has considered the benefits the Project would provide to certain property within the Eckelson Lake watershed; and the County has considered the necessity to create ECKELSON SNAGGING AND CLEARING DISTRICT NO. 2018-01.

WHEREAS, under Section 61-16.1-09.1, creation of ECKELSON SNAGGING AND CLEARING DISTRICT NO. 2018-01 requires approval by two-thirds of the County and two-thirds approval by the District.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners, Barnes County, North Dakota, declares it necessary to create ECKELSON SNAGGING AND CLEARING DISTRICT NO. 2018-01 for the benefit of the properties within the Eckelson Lake watershed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners, Barnes County, North Dakota, authorizes, approves, and orders the creation of ECKELSON SNAGGING AND CLEARING DISTRICT NO. 2018-01.

ATTEST:

Bill Carblom, Chairman  
Barnes County Commission

Beth M Didier  
Barnes County Auditor

#### Budget Discussion

Budget was discussed briefly.

#### Commission Discussion

The generator has an electrical issue; repair is waiting on parts. Repair of the roof flashing would cost approximately \$14,000. The new roof will cost up to \$150,000. Mike Metcalf moved to purchase a wheelchair for the Courthouse lobby; Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes". Upcoming Events: July 24, 2018 at 10 a.m. Clay County Jail opening; State Water Commission at Gaukler Wellness Center on July 25<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. The Commission agreed to provide a Letter of Support to the City of Wimbledon regarding establishment of a Renaissance Zone. John Froelich moved to work with Dakota Business Solutions for production and mailing of the 2018 Estimated Tax Statements; Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes". We will review the actual numbers after this run to determine whether or not to have them process the actual Tax Statements, depending on the actual cost savings.

#### Department Head Meeting

County Department Heads shared information regarding their departments.

City-County Health District report: July 25<sup>th</sup>/Crazy Daze, we will have the NDSU pharmacy students doing free stroke risk assessments at CCHD. We will also be encouraging and promoting tetanus updates. Family Healthcare, the Federally Qualified Health Center in Fargo, will be sending a nurse practitioner 2 days per week who will see patients at CCHD. They will see anyone, with or without insurance, will bill on a sliding scale. It isn't a free clinic but will increase access, particularly for those who have Medicaid or who don't currently have insurance. We have worked with Essentia, Sanford and CHI Mercy throughout the planning and all are supportive. Family Healthcare may start a dental clinic on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor in the future for the same reason, to increase access for those with Medicaid or without insurance. They will assist patients/clients to complete the necessary paperwork to get insurance as well. They will provide: Primary care, Annual check-ups, Medication prescribing, and Medication Assisted Treatment for substance use disorders. Community Health Needs Assessment: we are working with CHI Mercy to complete this assessment. The surveys will be out August 20-September 14. We are working on the distribution plan but would like to get more out into the county and to the lower income population. Please share

any distribution thoughts you may have. PLEASE complete the survey (it will be sent by email and will also be available by paper copy). This helps us determine community needs and how to utilize funding to best meet those needs. Barnes On The Move Project: \$200,000/year for 3 years; HRSA grant to work in the community and in the schools to increase physical activity and improve nutrition. We are in the process of hiring a full-time coordinator. State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis grant: started a new contract \$160,000 for this year to work with the ND Department of Human Services to develop services and support for those with substance use disorders. We are working on a plan to help those coming out of our county jail, to better assimilate back into the community, assuring that they are aware of services, that they are taking prescribed medications, find a job, etc. We have trained over 100 local residents (healthcare and other community members) in Mental Health First Aid, an 8-hour training which teaches skills to recognize and assist those who may have a mental health concern. Partnership for Success Grant (alcohol prevention): working with the VC Police Department to provide server training monthly, have trained more than 50 in the past two months. We have purchased ID scanners, giving one to the PD and one to the Sheriff's Department and setting up a rent to own program which two of the retailers are currently taking advantage of. South Central Human Service Center is open and seeing clients so that any service that we used to have to go to Jamestown for, will now be provided in Valley City. They are located on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor in the CCHD building. The psychiatrist is here on Mondays, two counselors on Tuesdays, No one in the office right now on Wednesdays, Thursdays will be open access so clients/patients can have a full assessment to determine what services in our community they will benefit from (counseling, psychiatry, case management, peer support, medication management, etc.) and on Fridays two counselors will be here. There is an area of high NEED that was noted during our 2015/16 Community Health Needs Assessment. We are interviewing for an RN as Lori Thompson will be retiring and will only fill in on occasion after the first of the year. Cholesterol screening on September 19<sup>th</sup>. We are working on security of our building; Jason and Randy have been working with us on location of cameras and card readers.

With no further business, Mike Metcalf made a motion, seconded by John Froelich, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Bill Carlblom, Chairman  
Barnes County Commission

Beth M Didier  
Barnes County Auditor