

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 with Cindy Schwehr, Vicky Lovell, Bill Carlblom, John Froelich, and Shawn Olauson present. Chairman Carlblom called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the Agenda was reviewed.

Emergency Management – Flood Forecast / Preparation

Sue Lloyd, Emergency Manager, updated the Commission on the flooding forecast. There is a 50% chance of flooding, under current conditions. The County has 156,000 sandbags on hand. Ms. Lloyd asked for permission to purchase additional sandbags, if necessary. Cindy Schwehr moved to allow Ms. Lloyd to purchase additional sandbags at 14¢ per bag; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Social Services – ND Heart Gallery / Upcoming Events

Dana Lindemann, Social Worker, requested permission to have the North Dakota Heart Gallery on display in the Courthouse rotunda during County Government Week. The Commission expressed their support of this request.

VC-BC Development Corporation – Land Request

Jennifer Feist, Valley City – Barnes County Development Corporation Director of Development, appeared before Commission and informed them that 2.5 acres, more or less, have been set aside for the construction of the new correctional and rehabilitation center in the I-94 corridor. Cindy Schwehr moved to request the land in the I-94 Corridor staked out at the cost of \$1; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Sheriff – Service Credit Request / Sanitizer

Randy McClafin, Sheriff, requested permission to extend Correctional Officer Jesse Burchill’s time to use his accrued vacation past the “use or lose” date. He has 123 hours excess vacation hours, plus holidays accrued. John Froelich moved to deny the request; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. Chief Correctional Office Jeremy Wolff indicated that he would have Mr. Burchill take the majority of this time off by the end of March. Cindy Schwehr moved to approve purchase of a sanitizer from Culinox at a cost of \$6,429.10 plus freight of \$83.20; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. Sheriff McClafin requested that the Commission grant CCO Jeremy Wolff reinstatement of past benefits for prior service. John Froelich moved to defer the decision until the 6-month trial period is over; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. CCO Jeremy Wolff updated the Commission on jail status. Night Differential for Corrections employees, as well as the 24/7 program administrator will be discussed at the next meeting. Sheriff McClafin requested that the Commission grant Correctional Officer Jennifer Youngblood credit for her years with the ND Department of Corrections. Cindy Schwehr moved to honor the request; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Auditor – Minutes

Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the March 5, 2019 minutes; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried.

County Government Week - Proclamation

Cindy Schwehr moved to proclaim April 15 – 19, 2019 as County Government Week; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**County Government Week
April 15 – 19, 2019
“Connecting the Unconnected”**

WHEREAS, the nation’s 3,069 counties serving more than 300 million Americans provide essential services to create healthy, safe and vibrant communities; and **WHEREAS**, counties provide health services, administer justice, keep communities safe, foster economic opportunities and much more; and

WHEREAS, **BARNES COUNTY** and all counties take pride in our responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare and safety of our residents in efficient and cost-effective ways; and **WHEREAS**, through National Association of Counties President Greg Cox’s “Connecting the Unconnected” initiative, NACo is demonstrating how counties deliver “people-centered” services to our residents nationwide; and **WHEREAS**, each year since 1991 the National Association of Counties has encouraged counties across the country to elevate awareness of county responsibilities, programs and services; and **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I**, Bill Carlblom, Barnes County Commission Chairman, do hereby proclaim April 15 – 19, 2019 as County Government Week and encourage all county officials, employees, schools and residents to participate in county government celebration activities.

Bill Carlblom
Barnes County Commission Chairman

Beth M Didier
Barnes County Auditor

Highway Department – Construction Engineering : Raritan Bridge Replacement

Kerry Johnson, County Highway Superintendent, updated the Commission on the snow removal on County and Township roads. Shawn Mayfield, Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, presented a Construction Engineering Contract for the Raritan Bridge Replacement in the amount of \$15,500 for approval. Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the contract; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson - Engineering

Kris Bakkegard, Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, visited with the Commission regarding Shawn Mayfield’s transition to Rapid City SD. Jason Manlove will be working with the County now. Matt Lang was introduced, as well. He does county design work.

Eckelson Township – County Tax Sale Property

Joe Pesek, Eckelson Township Supervisor, informed the Commission that the township should not accept the property until it has been cleaned up. The Commission agreed to work with Eckelson Township to facilitate the transfer and cleanup of the property.

Building & Grounds – Rotunda Ceiling Repairs

Stan Horst, Building & Grounds, presented estimates for the rotunda ceiling repairs from Connie Geinert at an estimated cost of up to \$9,400. Cindy Schwehr moved to proceed after the thaw, once it’s certain that the roof won’t leak; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Commission Discussion

Commissioners should be thinking of policy issues that they would like discussed. Kerry Johnson will let the Commission know when he plans to put road restrictions in place. There will be an area meeting here next week regarding the upcoming Social Services changes. Barnes County Township Officers Association meeting will be March 28th. A jail committee meeting will be scheduled next week. Jeff Williams, Social Services Eligibility Worker, visited with the Commission regarding the inclement weather closure policy and suggested a policy and notification method, in the event that there is an emergency.

With no further business, John Froelich made a motion, seconded by Vicky Lovell, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Bill Carlbom, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

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