

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, May 21, 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.

Social Services - Redesign

Wanda Larson, Social Services Director discussed the redesign project. John Froelich moved to set up a meeting with Stutsman County to determine the expectations of the Zone; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes". Tom Overn was presented a plaque for 40 years of service on the Social Services board.

Planning & Zoning - Variances

Jessica Jenrich, Planning & Zoning Coordinator, presented an application for a Variance – Setback of 85' from center of township road from Mark Johnson (Meadow Lake Township, SE ¼ 26-138-61). Bill Carlblom moved to approve the application; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Ms. Jenrich presented an application for a Variance – Utility Setback from the center of the road from BEK Communications (Anderson, Ashtabula, Baldwin, Brimer, Dazey, Eckelson, Edna, Ellsbury, Grand Prairie, Hemen, Laketown, Mansfield, Potter, Rogers, Sibley Trail, and Stewart Townships). Bill Carlblom moved to approve the application; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Preliminary Subdivision for Foell's Meadow Subdivision in the NE ¼ of the NW ¼ 23-140-59 was discussed.

VC-BC Development Corp – Requests for Funds

Jennifer Feist, Valley City – Barnes County Development Corporation Director of Development, requested approval of \$22,040 for membership in the South Central Dakota Regional Council. Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the request; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Ms. Feist requested approval of \$5,000 to support the Chamber of Commerce. Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the request; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Auditor – Minutes / Site Authorization / Special Event Permit / Suffrage Marker

Shawn Olauson moved to approve the May 7, 2019 minutes; Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Cindy Schwehr moved to approve a Gaming Site Authorization from Hope Fire Department, Inc. at Ashtabula Crossing; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Vicky Lovell moved to approve an Application for Special Permit to Sell Alcoholic Beverages at a Special Event at Designated Premises from My Bar LLC for a June 7th wedding at Riverbend Farms; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Susan Wefald, Coordinator of the National Votes for Women Trail requested to place a sign on the courthouse grounds honoring Elizabeth Prestone Anderson for her work in North Dakota for Women's Suffrage. Bill Carlblom made a motion to approve the request; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Commission Discussion

Commission discussion included the Snagging and Clearing Project which was approved by the Barnes County Water Board, Mitigating Fish and Wildlife acres, policy changes regarding inclement weather suggestions, the Library parking lot security, bidding process on the new jail, putting timeclock on computers, and Eckelson Township's demolition of the tax-sale property has been completed. Randy McClafflin presented a letter of resignation for an employee.

With no further business, Cindy Schwehr made a motion, seconded by John Froelich, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Bill Carlblom, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

Julie Mindt
Barnes County Deputy Auditor