

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 with Cindy Schwehr, Vicky Lovell, Bill Carlbom, John Froelich, and Shawn Olauson present. Chairman Carlbom called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the Agenda was reviewed.

County-Owned Property Lease-Letting

The County had several FEMA properties available for leasing. Bill Carlbom opened the lease-letting. No interested parties appeared to bid on the lease properties. Cindy Schwehr moved to declare the lease-letting closed; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Planning & Zoning – CUP and Variances

Jessica Jenrich, Planning & Zoning Coordinator, presented an application for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) and Variance – Setback from Cass County Electric Cooperative (Edna Township, SE ¼ 10-142-60). Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the application; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes". Ms. Jenrich presented an application for a Variance – Trees 100' from center of township road from Reuben Bontrager (Edna Township, NE ¼ 13-142-60). Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the application; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Social Services – Zone Template

Wanda Larson, Social Services Director, presented the zone template for Commission approval. Cindy Schwehr moved to sign the zone template for the proposed Buffalo Bridges Human Service Center; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Auditor – Minutes / Traffic Safety Contract

Shawn Olauson moved to approve the October 1, 2019 minutes; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried. Cindy Schwehr moved to approve Traffic Safety Contract No. 12191198 with the North Dakota Department of Transportation for the Sheriff's Department; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Commission Discussion

Water issues were discussed. County Museum fundraiser went well. Sanborn Lake drain is closed for the time being, due to current run-off situation. Ten Mile Lake is currently at three times the acre-feet that it was at this time last year. Clausen Springs Dam will be re-grouted and a vent-pipe replaced, most likely next spring. The Water Board will be asking for General Fund assistance for Snagging & Clearing.

Department Head Meeting

Discussion included: Courtroom security changes, storm and emergency response and flood monitoring, upcoming Jail inspection November 13th, plaster and painting repairs in the rotunda, farm stress resources, updated farm residence exemption guidelines, basic first aid/CPR course, address & mapping, budget updates, and County Christmas Party.

With no further business, Vicky Lovell made a motion, seconded by John Froelich, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

Bill Carlbom, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

Beth M Didier
Barnes County Auditor