

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 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.

**Planning & Zoning - Variances**

Jessica Jenrich, Planning & Zoning Coordinator, appeared via teleconference and presented an application for a Variance - Setback from Paul C Christenson (Sibley Trail Township, Lot 9 Block 2 Whatchacallit Sub of Sections 12 & 13-143-58). Cindy Schwehr 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 BEK Communications (Baldwin Township, Various locations in 143-57). Vicky Lovell moved to approve the application; Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

**Highway Department – Approach Application / Engineering Contract & Agreement**

Kerry Johnson, County Road Superintendent, presented an Approach Application from Dwight & Karin Boom for an approach to be located at 2-137-61 and recommended it for approval. Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the recommendation; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes". Cindy moved to approve an Agreement with ND Department of Transportation and Kadmas, Lee & Jackson (KLJ) for Preliminary Engineering Services for Project # CER-0221 (080), the hill slide north of Kathryn, as well as a Contract with KLJ for Engineering Services for an emergency bypass, Project #CER-0221 (079), the erosion site north of Kathryn; Vicky seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes". The State pays 80% on both, with the County share being 20 percent.

**Auditor – Minutes**

Vicky Lovell moved to approve the April 7, 2020 minutes; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Legge Abatement Application**

Auditor Beth Didier presented Applications for Abatement and Settlement of Taxes from Jeffrey J Legge et al for parcel # 21-0220200 in Meadow Lake Township for property tax years 2018 and 2019. Mr. Legge requested that the true and full value of the property be reduced from \$106,310 to \$88,936 for 2018 and from \$110,915 to \$93,209 for 2019. Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the applications as presented; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Jail Discussion**

Scott Fetting, Ryan Weber and Ken Koense, from Klein McCarthy, and Brian Kunz, Konrad Johnson, Matt Doerge and Madison Young, from Adolfson & Peterson, appeared electronically and presented the proposal for new Correctional Center, including a Dispatch Center, as well as a facility for the Sheriff's Department. John Froelich moved to go forward with the bid process, with the Law Enforcement Center as an alternate; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

**US Fish & Wildlife Service – Potential Land Acquisition**

Kurt Tompkins, US Fish & Wildlife Service District Manager, presented information about a 626-acre property in Hemen Township (21-139-60) that's been offered for sale as a potential US Fish & Wildlife Service land acquisition. Bill Carlblom moved to allow US Fish & Wildlife Service to pursue the purchase, as long as there is adequate fencing, if pastured; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

**Commission Discussion**

Shawn Olauson reported that Water Resources has been contacted regarding possible assistance for a stock dam on the Hobart Drain that is washing out. Cindy Schwehr reported that the Airport's fuel tank is taking on water and needs repair or replacement, and that the Airport renewed their 5-year contract with Kadmas, Lee & Jackson for engineering. Bill Carlblom reported on a planning meeting to determine how Barnes County would handle transporting and sheltering needs for COVID-19.

With no further business, Vicky Lovell made a motion, seconded by Shawn Olauson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

Bill Carlblom, Chairman  
Barnes County Commission

Beth M Didier  
Barnes County Auditor