

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 with Cindy Schwehr, Vicky Lovell, Bill Carlbom, John Froelich, and Shawn Olauson present. Chairman Carlbom called the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the Agenda was reviewed.

**Abatement Application - Eggermont**

Kevin Eggermont, Hobart Township resident, presented an Application for Abatement and Settlement of Taxes on Parcel #17-2410103, requesting reduction in the True & Full Value for the 2019 Tax Year from \$576,800 to \$549,400. Bill Carlbom moved to approve the request; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with Shawn Olauson and Vicky Lovell voting "no".

**Planning & Zoning – Variances & Changes to Commercial Feedlot Ordinance**

Jessica Jenrich, Planning & Zoning Coordinator, presented changes to the Commercial Feedlot Ordinance. Shawn Olauson moved to approve the changes; 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 80' from center of County Road 10 from Allen Marler (Stewart Township, NW ¼ 4-141-59). 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 – Setback 160' from center of County Road 7 from Thomas J Johnson (Meadow Lake Township, SE ¼ 26-138-61). John Froelich moved to approve the application; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes". Ms. Jenrich presented an application for a Variance – 5' from the north property line from Brad W Johnson (Ashtabula Township, Lot 1 Lee's Subdivision 142-58). Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the application contingent upon the disclaimer being signed by all parties; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes". A Preliminary Plat of Replat of Lots 5 through 10 of Veteran's Subdivision in the NE ¼ 13-143-58 was presented for preliminary review. Bill Carlbom moved to have the Planning & Zoning Coordinator issue building permits, as has been done in the past, and to have the Coordinator follow up with physical inspections, in order to ensure that requirements are being met; Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

**Auditor – Minutes**

Vicky Lovell moved to approve the May 5, 2020 minutes; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Commission Discussion**

John Froelich stated that Kerry Johnson, County Road Superintendent, should be commended for staying on top of the road situation. Shawn Olauson reported that the repair on the stock dam damaged by the Hobart Lake Drain outflows has been completed, and updated the Commission on Sanborn Lake and 10-Mile Lake. Vicky Lovell reported on possible soft-reopening for the Library. Bill Carlbom presented a proposal submitted to Building & Grounds for repair and replacement of concrete around the Courthouse block and the Courthouse terrace; other estimates will be sought out.

Harold Rotunda, CPA, discussed year-end options.

With no further business, Shawn Olauson made a motion, seconded by Vicky Lovell, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

Bill Carlbom, Chairman  
Barnes County Commission

Beth M Didier  
Barnes County Auditor