

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 with Cindy Schwehr, Vicky Lovell, Bill Carlbom, Pete Paulson, and Shawn Olauson present. Chairman Carlbom called the meeting to order at 8:15 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. No interested parties appeared to bid on the lease properties.

NDSU Extension - Retirement

Randy Grueneich, NDSU Extension Agent in Barnes County, announced plans to retire at the end of this year, with December 30th as his last day. Lesley Lubenow, East District Director, will work with the County to hire the next agent.

Planning & Zoning – Rezone & Violation Complaint Form

Jessica Jenrich, Planning & Zoning Coordinator, presented an application for a Rezone (agricultural to industrial) from Tim W Eggert (Hobart Township, SW ¼ 13-140-59). Bill Carlbom moved to approve the application; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. Cindy Schwehr moved to approve use of the Zoning Ordinance – Violation Complaint Form; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Auditor – Minutes / Wellness Coordinator

Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the November 2, 2021 minutes; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Cindy Schwehr moved to appoint Carol Grenz as Wellness Coordinator; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Commission Discussion

Commission discussion included portfolio updates. Cindy Schwehr moved to purchase a Caterpillar Skid Steer Loader from Butler Cat at a price of \$49,731.62, contingent upon answering questions about the warranty options; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with Pete Paulson voting “no”.

Highway – Project Updates

Kerry Johnson, Highway Superintendent, and Brian Tykwinski, Kadmas, Lee & Jackson, provided project updates. Cindy Schwehr moved to apply for TAP funds to overlay the bike path south of town; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Jail – Nursing MOU

Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the Memorandum of Agreement/Understanding with City-County Health District to Provide Jail Nursing Services; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

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 9:52 a.m.

Bill Carlbom, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

Beth M Didier
Barnes County Auditor