

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 with Cindy Schwehr, Vicky Lovell, Bill Carlblom, Pete Paulson, and Shawn Olauson present. Chairman Carlblom called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m., roll-call was taken, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the Agenda was reviewed.

Planning & Zoning – Variance / Development Code Changes

Jessica Jenrich, Planning & Zoning Coordinator, presented an application for a Variance – Setback 35’ from center of subdivision road from Joshua W Schroeder (Sibley Trail Township, 34-143-58). Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the application; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the Development Code changes as presented; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Emergency Management – Spring Outlook / Update

Jessica Jenrich, Emergency Manager, updated the Commission on the spring flooding outlook, which is good, as well as road flooding.

US Fish & Wildlife – Possible Land Acquisition

Kurt Tompkins, US Fish & Wildlife, presented a potential US Fish & Wildlife Service Land Acquisition proposal for the NW ¼ 16-142-59 in Rogers Township belonging to Paige and Darren Bjornson. Cindy Schwehr moved to support the acquisition; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

MIS – Bank Lock Box / CAD Server Replacement

Jason Thiel, MIS Director, requested replacement of the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) server. Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the lowest quote from Dell of \$4,343.71 as well as the required licensing, at a total cost of \$15,906.85; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. Vicky Lovell moved to allow Jason Thiel authority to close the safe deposit box at Wells Fargo; Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. TIN is 45-6002198. Barnes County, 239 or 230 4th St NW, Valley City ND 58072, County Government, Jason Thiel, MIS Director.

Tax Equalization - Binders

Stacie Hansen-Leier, Tax Director proposed reducing the paper use for the Equalization Meeting binders. They will print fewer hard copies and send the rest electronically.

Highway Department – Holcim / Lafarge Seasonal Load Restrictions

Jamie Smith, Highway Superintendent, and McKenzie Nordland, Holcim/Lafarge, discussed seasonal spring road restrictions on North Valley Road. Ms Smith will find out what it takes to beef up that road year-round. Mr Nordland will follow up with Holcim/Lafarge and CP Rail to see what, if anything, they are willing to come up with financially to improve the road, possibly with concrete. Restrictions remain in place, as is.

Auditor – Minutes

Shawn Olauson moved to approve the April 4, 2023 minutes; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commission Discussion

Commission discussion included portfolio updates.

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 9:55 a.m.

Bill Carlblom, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

Beth M Didier
Barnes County Auditor