Barnes County Commission
March 19, 2024
Valley City, ND 58072

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 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.

Correctional Department

Jeremy Wolff presented boarding contracts with several counties excluding Trail County. Cindy Schwehr made a motion to approve the boarding contracts including Trail County's contract when received; motion was seconded by Shawn Olauson. Motion carries upon roll call vote. The Correctional Center has received a grant of $4,700.00 for covid supplies. Anna Berntson presented work scheduling software packages from several companies. Cindy Schwehr made a motion to approve purchasing the scheduling software from Pace Scheduler at a cost of $1,600.00 per year. Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll call vote.

Weed Board

James Windish provided new building updates. The next step is to bid let for stamp plan.

States Attorney

Tonya Duffy stated Valley Office is working on getting quotes for desks. Shawn Olauson made a motion to offer an annual salary of $95,000.00 for an Assistant State's Attorney; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote.

Highway Department

Employee personnel at the Highway Department were introduced by Jamie Smith with praising accolades for their work for their department and the county and how much they are appreciated. There was one resignation at this time. They are staying on top of big repairs to vehicles and equipment which comes at a cost. Jamie presented an Approach Application from Matthew Van Bruggen in Greenland Township. Cindy Schwehr made a motion to approve the application; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Jamie also presented purchasing Mobile Radios with a SIRN Grant to stay in contact with state radio. She would like to purchase Motorola to stay uniform with Dispatch and the Sheriff's Office. The cost to the county would be $42,865.00. Bill Carlblom made a motion to approve the ordering of the radios; Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Auditor – Minutes

Vicky Lovell moved to approve the March 05, 2024 minutes; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting yes.

Commission Discussion

Pete Paulson reported Scott Kohler will run the parks. Bobby Koepplin will continue with the grant projects. Job descriptions have changed since the last park board meeting in December which also revamped the wages offered. It was proposed to offer $19.00 per hour for Cayden Amerman and Jason Joy; $25.00 per hour for Scott Kohler; and $25.00 per hour for Duane Peterson on a call as needed mechanic. Pete Paulson made a motion to approve the wages; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Shawn Olauson stated Buffalo Bridges has started a food pantry and is going well. Water Board has opened bids for the Little Dam project. The museum will be holding a piano concert in April to help raise money for the foundation. Vicky Lovell reported March 28th the library will be opening bids for the roofing project. Bill reported the Winter Show had a record-breaking rodeo crowd.

Pat Sand and Gunner Tangen reported on the Truck Regulatory patrol is seeing more speeding than overloads.

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 10:48 a.m.

Bill Carlblom, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

Julie Mindt
Barnes County Interim Auditor