Barnes County Commission
June 18, 2024
Valley City, ND 58072

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, June 18th, 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.

**Planning & Zoning**

Jessica Jenrich presented a replat of Lot 3 of Veterans Subdivision in Sibley Trail Township to rename it to Bender's Addition. Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the name change; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Cody Schultz applied for a setback variance on NE ¼ of 9; NW ¼ of 10; W ½ of NE ¼ of 10 in Weimer Township for Cass County Electric Utilities for installation of underground three-phase primary cable. Cindy Schwehr made a motion to approve the setback; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. The motion carried with all members voting yes. A setback variance was presented for SW ¼ of 25-142-56 for Kyle Olson for a proposed house/shop building. Cindy Schwehr made a motion to approve the variance; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting yes. A tree variance application was presented for Michael Wobbema on Auditor Lots 2, 3, and 4 in SW ¼ of 2-140-58 in Valley Township. Bill Carlblom made a motion to approve the variance; Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried with Cindy, Pete, and Bill voting yes and Shawn and Vicky voting no. Building permits were also reviewed.

**Emergency Management**

Jessica Jenrich presented a request to attend conferences and training courses in July, September, October, and November.

**Treasurer's Office**

Updates on interest and bank account balances were given by Debbie Magnuson.

**Auditor – Minutes**

Shawn Olauson moved to approve the June 4, 2024 minutes; Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting yes. Shawn Olauson moved to approve re-appoint Mark Formo and DuWayne Didier to the School Annexation, Reorganization, and Dissolution Committee Board; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll call vote with all members voting yes. Vicky Lovell moved to approve to appoint Hilde Van Gijssel and Kristi Anderson to the Valley City Public Library Board: Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll call vote with all members voting yes. Cindy Schwehr made a motion to approve the gaming site authorization for the Hungry Pelican at the Crossing for Hope Fire Department Gaming LLC; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting yes.

**Environmental Service**

Shane Kalbrener and Tonya Duffy appeared to discuss moving forward with a new boiler/cooling system at the courthouse. A Request for Proposal will need to be published for three consecutive weeks before advertising for bids. Cindy Schwehr moved to approve to proceed with this project; Bill Carlblom seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting yes.

**Commission Discussion**

Commission discussion included portfolio updates. Pete Paulson attended the Development Corporation meeting last week. Pete reported that there have been no new applications for a part-time VSO driver. Vicky Lovell made a motion to increase the starting pay for the driver to $20.00 per hour; Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried with all member voting yes. Interviews are ongoing for a VSO Office Assistant. Economic Development plans to request 2.5 mill for their budget and they are looking into multi-family housing. Shawn Olauson attended the annual museum meeting. Cindy Schwehr attended the City County Health District meeting. CCHD plans to request their max mills. They need to hire and pay a lawyer and a law firm and an accounting firm. Our Environmental Service Department has been cleaning at CCHD and that is going well. There have been reports of VCSU placing storage containers on FEMA property located close to the college as well as the lot being used for VCSU parking. The containers need to be removed and using the lot as a parking lot is also not permitted under FEMA laws. Bill will contact Alan LaFave regarding the issue. Vicky Lovell is still selling tickets for the library fund raiser. Bill Carlblom reported the City of Valley City would like to contract with Barnes County Dispatch. A Memorandum of Understanding is being worked on for the city and dispatch.

With no further business, Bill Carlblom made a motion, seconded by Pete Paulson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Bill Carlblom, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

Julie Mindt
Barnes County Interim Auditor