Barnes County Commission
September 17, 2024
Valley City, ND 58072

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, September 17, 2024 with Bill Carlblom, Cindy Schwehr, Vicky Lovell, 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.

VC-BC Economic Development

Jennifer Feist requested funds of $50,000.00 natural gas line extension to the south side of the interstate at 8th Ave SE. Shawn Olauson made a motion to approve the funds for the natural gas line extension contingent upon existing homeowners are notified and have the opportunity to participate in the gas line extension; Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll call vote with Cindy, Shawn, and Bill voting yes and Pete and Vicky voting no.

MIS

Jason Thiel and Shane Kalbrener met with the commission to discuss having an outside company monitor our fire alarm system. Currently there is no one monitoring the fire alarm system after hours. There would be a onetime cost of $1,874 for a Communicator and a yearly monitoring fee of $558.07. Jason will check to see if the fire alarm system could notify Dispatch rather than have an outside company monitor the system.

Sheriff's Office

Two layout plans were presented for the conversion of offices in the courthouse for the Sheriff's Office. The layout was discussed. They will also look into more companies giving quotes on the project work.

Planning & Zoning

Jessica Jenrich presented four variances for consideration. Thomas Steffan is asking for a variance 140' from the center of the township road on the SE¼ of the SE¼ Section 7-140-56. Shawn Olauson made a motion to approve the variance; Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting yes. Jon Owen is asking for a setback variance of 45' to have three drain tile lines withing 75 ft of 19th St SE. The tile lines will not be withing 33' pf 19th St SE. Cindy Schwehr made a motion to approve the variance; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting yes. Jack Bruns is seeking permission for a setback variance on W½ SW¼ 36-141-58 to have a drain tile line and surface intake cage within 50' of the center of County Road 18. Cindy Schwehr made a motion to approve the variance; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting yes. Perry Burchill is requesting a setback variance 47' from the section line on 3.44 Acres of SE¼ 17-142-57 for a quilting shed. Cindy Schwehr made a motion to approve the variance; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting yes. Various building permits were also presented for review.

Auditor's Office

Vicky Lovell moved to approve the September 3, 2024 minutes as presented. Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll call vote.

Budget Discussion

Budget discussion will continue Thursday, September 26th at 5:00 pm. The public budget hearing is tomorrow, September 18th at 6 pm.

Commission Discussion

Pete Paulson reported that the Veterans Service Office is still looking for a part-time driver. The driver that was hired did not work out. Cindy Schwehr reported the contract for hay at the Airport is up for bids. The gas sales were good throughout the summer. Vicky Lovell will be attending meetings this week. The audit on South Central came back with a few minor things to change. The library meeting is coming up this week. She will give the commission an update on that at the next meeting. Bill Carlblom attended the derby at the Winter Show building on Saturday and the derby appeared to be a big hit. The derby was well attended, and the concession stands were running out of food and beverages. The park board would like approval to purchase a new utility tractor which will be discusses at the next commission meeting.

With no further business, Shawn Olauson made a motion, seconded by Pete Paulson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Bill Carlblom, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

Julie Mindt
Barnes County Interim Auditor