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

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, with Bill Carlblom, Cindy Schwehr, Vicky Lovell, Pete Paulson, and Shawn Olauson present. Chairman Bill Carlblom called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m., roll call was taken, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the agenda was reviewed.

Cindy Schwehr was presented with a clock and cake as a thank you for 24 years of service as a Barnes County Commissioner. Cindy is stepping down as county commissioner and this is her last meeting as a county commissioner. Thank you, Cindy, for your dedication and caring for the county during all these years.

Department Head Meeting

Emergency Manager, Jessica Jenrich, is working with City County Health District to set up Emergency Shelters. County Extension Agent, Alisha Harstad, is working on the crop show for the next Winter Show, Ag Day in December, 4-H just had their award banquet. 911 Dispatch Coordinator, Sarah Miller, is working on radio's for SIRN, there will be a county wide responder meeting, the State would like to put up another tower, employees are using vacation, so they don't lose it. Highway Superintendent, Jamie Smith, has the highway crew wrapping up projects, planning for next year's projects and they are ready for winter. Park Manager, Scott Kohler, reports the parks are closed for the season and thank you to the Highway Department crew for fixing the road at Little Yellowstone. Treasurer, Debbie Magnuson, has sent out courtesy notices and tax reminders for three-year delinquent taxes. Veteran Service Officer, Tammy Jacobson, is working on getting another van driver and the Camp Grafton deer hunt. Tax Director, Stacie Leier, reported Liz and Taylor have been going out to do inspections. Sheriff Randy McClaflin would like to thank Cindy for all her years at Barnes County, reports he may be losing a deputy at the end of December, they have had several jail transports. Recorder, Jody Pfaff, has been working on back scanning miscellaneous documents and are back to 1983, they will also have Passport Training coming up which will be online. Chief Correction Officer, Jeremy Wolff, reported US Marshall holds have increased from six to 12, taking up to eight overflows, has one new hire, DOCR inspection is this week, and he has no female applications. Weed Officer, Jamen Windish, is fixing and repairing equipment and working on end of year grants. Shane Kalbrener reported the Social Service workers have finished moving from the northwest office to the southeast office and remodeling will start right away, thank you to the Highway Department for helping finish the sidewalk edging. MIS Director, Jason Thiel, brought in his new employee, Jordyn Everson. Welcome Jordyn. Adobe Acrobat was going to licensing per person, so he was researching and found a new product called PDF Gear he is going to try which is free. Jessica is also reminding employees to get the numbers in for attending the Christmas Party.

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Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the minutes as presented; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried upon all members voting "aye". A Local Permit Raffle for the Cole Koppang Benefit at the Sodbuster's on January 11th, 2025, was presented. Vicky Lovell made a motion to approve the permit; Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. The motion carried with all members voting yes. The canvassing board met on Monday. There will be new election software so there will be training coming up on that next year.

Commission Discussion

Pete Paulson reported on the VSO still looking for a van driver. Development Corporation was having their annual banquet tonight in Nome, and he attended the annual Winter Show Board meeting. The Winter Show had a good year. Shawn Olauson attended the Water Board meeting. The Little Dam project is completed. There will be a meeting on Thordenskjold Drain on January 13th questioning maintenance funds. Hobart water quality is not good to complete snagging and clearing. Cindy Schwehr has City County Health District meeting next week. Horses are out quite a bit along River Road and questioned whether something could be done. Vicky Lovell reported on the canvassing process. She will be attending the annual Township Meeting on Thursday, there will be two interviews coming up. Bill Carlblom announced the Economic Supper will be tonight and reiterated the Winter Show had a good year and will be doing the derby again.

With no further business, Cindy Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Shawn Olauson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

Bill Carlblom, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

Julie Mindt
Barnes County Auditor