

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, December 17, 2024 with Bill Carlbom, Mike Schwehr, Vicky Lovell, Pete Paulson, and Shawn Olauson present. Chairman Bill Carlbom 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 one variance for Joe Killoran for drain tile setback of 25' from the center of township roads 40<sup>th</sup> St SE and 131<sup>st</sup> Ave SE. Bill Carlbom moved to approve the variance; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. The motion carried with all members voting "aye". Building permits were reviewed.

#### **Sheriff's Office**

Randy McClafin presented a quote for rekeying doors to the Sheriff's Office in the courthouse. The courthouse is on the historical registry, so the locks are required to stay looking original as much as possible. Bison Lock and Key can do this work, but the cost will be approximately \$10,000.00. Shawn Olauson made a motion to hire Bison Lock and Key to do the work; Mike Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting yes. Pat Sand presented a quote of \$1,396 for a desk from Valley Officeworks. Bill Carlbom made a motion to approve the desk purchase; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. The motion carried upon roll call vote with all members voting yes.

#### **Highway Department**

Jamie Smith introduced new employee Eugene Rice. The Highway Department is currently staffed but there will be a retirement in January. Shane Olauson and Jason Metcalf received Road Scholar Achievement awards and Jamie would like to take them to the NDACE conference in Fargo to receive their awards.

#### **Auditor's Office**

Shawn Olauson moved to approve the December 3<sup>rd</sup> and December 11<sup>th</sup> minutes as presented; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll call vote. Liquor Licenses and Beer Licenses were presented for the Hungry Pelican at the Dam and the Hungry Pelican at the Crossing, for Bayshore Resort and Marine and for the Sodbuster Club; Vicky Lovell made a motion to approve all the Liquor Licenses, and the Beer Licenses presented; Mike Schwehr seconded the motion. The motion carried upon roll call vote with all members voting "yes". Jennifer Feist with Economic Development will discuss the Joint Exercise Governmental Powers with South Central Dakota Regional Council at a future date.

#### **911 Dispatch**

Sarah Miller introduced new dispatcher Ian Kupitz. Most dispatch employees have the same shifts as that is what the employees like the best.

#### **Commission Discussion**

Pete Paulson stated there is still a Purple Loosestrife Weed problem and landowners will be receiving letters on the issue. The Weed Board conference is in February. The VSO van grant is finished the end of December. They are working to see if it can be re-approved. The Troubadour concert at the courthouse was well attended. North Star Classic had a good turnout. Mike Schwehr has some questions concerning when the CCHD board meets. Vicky Lovell reported the library is still working on fundraising. There were some plumbing issues in the downstairs area of the library. P-traps would most likely take care of the issue. There was also an issue with furnace piping that was not glued together. Bill Carlbom reported that he found a snowblower attachment for the Bobcat at the courthouse for \$4,700.00. Bill Carlbom made a motion to purchase the snowblower attachment; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. The motion carried with Bill, Shawn, Mike, and Vicky voting "yes" and Pete voting "no".

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 8:43 a.m.

Bill Carlbom, Chairman  
Barnes County Commission

Julie Mindt  
Barnes County Auditor