

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 with Cindy Schwehr, Bill Carlblom, John Froelich, and Rodger Berntson present. Mike Metcalf was present via conference call for parts of the meeting. Vice-Chairman Carlblom called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the Agenda was reviewed.

Social Services – Director Recommendation

Tom Overn, Social Services Board President, presented the board recommendation to extend Rick Bolonchuk's probation an additional three months. Mike Metcalf moved to accept the board's recommendation; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Sheriff – Truck Regulatory Equipment

Randy McClaflin, Sheriff, requested \$45,751 for truck regulatory equipment. John Froelich moved to approve the request, and requested a monthly report of truck regulatory activity; Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Position Descriptions – Tax Director / Planning & Zoning Administrator

John Froelich made a motion to approve the Planning & Zoning Coordinator position description as a full-time position; Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes". Cindy Schwehr moved to put a \$5,000 bid in on the Truck Regulatory vehicle; Rodger Berntson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes". Cindy Schwehr made a motion to approve the Director of Tax Equalization/GIS Supervisor position description as presented; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Auditor – Minutes / Vote-By-Mail / Auction / Raffle Permit Request

Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the January 5, 2016 minutes; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried. The December 29, 2015 minutes were tabled until the next meeting. Beth Didier, Auditor, requested permission to go to Vote-By-Mail for the 2016 Primary Election. The Commission chose to table this decision until the February 16, 2016 meeting. The County was given the opportunity to participate in an auction during the North Dakota Winter Show on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at 10 a.m. County consignments should be directed to Tony Heinze, Auctioneer. Cindy Schwehr moved to approve an Application for a Local Permit (raffle) from the Page Fire Department for an event on Lake Ashtabula February 7-8, 2016; Rodger Berntson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Planning & Zoning – Variance and CUPs

Betty Koslofsky, Tax Director, presented an application for a Variance – Setback for structure 154' from center of Township Road from LeRoy L Suhr (Hobart Township, NE ¼ 26-140-59). Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the application; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes". Ms. Koslofsky presented an application for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Ag to Residential and Variance for Lot Size from Gloria & Hope Swart (Hobart Township, NW ¼ 32-140-59). Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the application; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes". Ms. Koslofsky presented an application for a CUP – Ag to Residential from Jodi Olson (Laketown Township, NW ¼ 23-143-60). Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the application; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Tax Director – Rasmusson Abatement

Betty Koslofsky, Tax Director, presented a Request for Abatement from Howard Rasmusson. Mr. Rasmusson requested a reduction in the 2014 valuation of parcel 24-3140400 from \$37,400 to \$34,000 and parcel 24-3140410 from \$44,600 to \$34,000. The Noltimier Township Board recommended denying the request, as did Ms. Koslofsky. John Froelich moved to deny the request; Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes". Ms. Koslofsky requested approval of a bill from Vanguard in the amount of \$2,900 which was included in her budget. Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the request; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Dispatch – Mapping / CPR Class

Holly Neuberger, Dispatch Supervisor, Sue Lloyd, Emergency Manager/Dispatch Coordinator, and Duane Kahl, Kadmas, Lee & Jackson, provided an update on the mapping project. John Froelich made a motion to continue with the project to correct the 911 addresses, with no error tolerance; Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Cindy Schwehr made a motion to reimburse Holly Neuberger for CPR materials for any County employees who choose to take the class on March 7, 2016; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Commission Discussion

Commission discussion included upcoming vacancies in District Court Judgeships No. 2 and No. 7, and the closure of the Valley City Job Service office.

Department Head Meeting

City-County Health District is wrapping up the Community Health Assessment, and is putting on diabetes prevention classes in conjunction with the Extension office. The Sheriff's Department is having their AED's replaced through grant funds. The jail is currently at capacity. Dispatch will be doing some community outreach. Local Assessors will be meeting February 2nd.

With no further business, Cindy Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Bill Carlblom, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

Bill Carlblom, Vice-Chairman
Barnes County Commission

Beth M Didier
Barnes County Auditor